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Comments

Violeta Savchenko

Comment:

I hope they will legalize ferrets in NYC...

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Karen G

Comment:

New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Gotham Center, 42-09 28th Street – CN 31 Long Island City, NY 11101-4132 Re: Animals (Article 161) and Reportable Diseases and Conditions (Article 11) Proposed Rules/Ferrets Dear Commissioners: I want to support amendments to the above Articles to allow neutered/spayed domestic ferrets in New York City and to require they are vaccinated for rabies. I care about ferret welfare. Domestic ferrets are not a risk to the public. They are nice pets for owners who understand their needs. Pet store personnel, especially in chain stores, do not properly educate customers when they sell ferrets. I do not think they should be sold in any stores. The best way to get a ferret is to adopt it from a humane society or ferret shelter where they know a lot more about them and teach people to care for them well. Allow altered ferrets; do not allow pet store sales. Thank you. sin1roze2@comcast.net Karen G

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Yvonne DiVita

Comment:

Please please please overturn the ferret ban. These delightful creatures are fun, loving and harmelss.

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Amy Casner

Comment:

The ban on domestic ferrets should be lifted. These fun loving animals need to be able to go to the vet without their owners worrying about them being confiscated or being robbed by vets that don't have the education to care for them. The ferret helped to build NYC by running wires before 1934 it also was used in rodent control. They have earned their place long before an irate Mayor lost his wits about him. With the ban in place I can not visit NYC as I travel with my ferrets and would love to be able to see the city for myself. so please consider eliminating the ban. Thank You.

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Miranda Kalonarou

Comment:

Dear Commissioner! I disagree with grooming salons inquire proof of vaccinations other than rabies! As we all know our animals are already over-vaccinated, let's not make them sicker! There are hundreds of "animal clinics/grooming salons" that are operated by non-licensed veterinarians/groomers that are thriving on vaccinations and other "procedures" making thousands of dollars!! Same with the cage dryers, the dryer is not the problem but the person who operates! There should a strict certification that'll require compassion, extensive knowledge and proven common sense in order for somebody to become a groomer! I have been grooming for a few years now and I've seen so much neglect towards these poor animals!

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Bernadette Keith

Comment:

Ferrets make wonderful pets! I've had ferrets for around 15 years and they've always brought me great happiness and satisfaction in my life. I can't imagine living without them and feel that everyone should have the right to have such fun and enjoyable pets. Thank you for your consideration.

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L. Vanessa Gruden

Comment:

Due to a personal emergency I could not attend today's session to provide my testimony personally. I am attaching it to this comment along with the supporting documents that were to be provided to the committee: Exhibit1; Publication1; Bites; and a total of 30 signed letters that were to be presented at today's public hearing. Respectfully, L. Vanessa Gruden Executive Director, Ferret Association of Connecticut

Supporting Document:

 [consolidatedtestimonyexhibitslettersofsupport.pdf](#)

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Kimberly Morales

Comment:

I request that the ban on private domestic ferret owner be lifted because they are small, clean and quite animals which makes it suitable for life in NYC. They make great pets and are very calm. They are more asleep than awake most of the time. I have had ferrets over 5 years and I am prove that they are not vicious animals. Since my baby brother was born, I have had ferrets and they never did any harm to him. I have heard of cats and dogs biting children more than ferrets. If this ban is lifted, I really wish that ferrets won't be sold in ANY pet store because I don't want none to fall in the wrong hands of people that don't have the time and care that ferrets really need. Ferrets are lovable creatures but like I said before they need a lot of care. They need to be vaccinated and so on but how can ferret owners in NYC bring their little ones to a vet without being afraid of getting caught with them?. I have gone through this and it's the worst thing ever, I love my ferrets and wouldn't want the city to take them away from me just because they believe they are dangerous. There should have done a deep research about ferrets when they banned them. Also, a lot of pet stores sell ferret food and supplies which means that a lot of New Yorkers own ferrets. I also ask that this ban is only lifted for private owners who will be required to own spayed and neutered animals, without allowing permits for breeding or pet shops in order to protect the animals and reduce the risk of ferrets becoming a fad animal that can overwhelm our shelters. Thank you for your time.

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Charwyn David

Comment:

I agree with Nancy Chinchar. The only vaccination I think should be a requirement is rabies and that's for preventative measures in the event a groomer gets bitten. Bordetella is not required unless dogs are visiting a daycare or boarding facility. Dogs are not typically in contact with each other in a grooming parlor so the risk of disease transmission is slim.

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Jay Cas

Comment:

The ban on ferret ownership in NYC should be lifted. In areas outside the city limits where ferret ownership is legal, there are no instances where ferrets reproduced in mass numbers outside the home, attacked the public, or engaged or were involved in any other situation that would justify a ban. Furthermore, ferret owners in NYC exists regardless of the health code, and the ban on ownership is doing nothing but marginalizing them. Policy should not be arbitrary but based on facts and science, and there are plenty of data that suggests owning ferrets is no more harmful than owning dogs, cats or any other pet currently allowed in NYC.

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