

Issue: September, 2015 - Facebook Auctions, How the Shelter Directory Helps Ferrets...



## Paw Print eNews



### A Slow Summer

It was unusually slow with ferret intakes this summer, but the cooler weather and the ferrets are arriving!

We currently have a [Special Facebook Auction](#) going on to benefit the [Xavier Canine Distemper Fund](#). The CD Fund helps shelters around the world by shipping emergency supplies to any shelter that suffers an outbreak of this deadly disease. The fund can help shelters with a large influx of ferrets needing shots. It also offers mini-grants to shelters who sponsor canine distemper clinics. The Xavier CD Fund is fiscally-sponsored by FACT to ensure funds are secure and that they are tax deductible.

The mini-grants work like this: The shelter sponsors and publicizes a cd vaccination clinic. For each vaccine administered, the CD Fund will donate \$5 to the shelter. How easy is that? It helps the shelter AND helps ferrets in the community receive their shots. To read more or to inquire about a grant, visit <http://ferretcaninedistemperfund.weebly.com/>

To participate in the online auction, visit Facebook - it's always free to join if you aren't already a member - and search for the Ferret Assn. of CT Fundraiser page. You can view all the cool goods up for auction in the photo gallery. To bid, you simply have to ask to join the group, then post a message beneath the photo. Items have starting bids listed, but you can keep bidding on the item of your choice up until the event closing date. At that time, the highest bidder pays the bid, plus any shipping cost noted, via Paypal.

**Hurry! This auction ends September 19th!**

Thanks for your support and for loving ferrets.

**L. Vanessa Gruden, Executive Director**

### How the Shelter Directory Helps Ferrets

A major benefit of the [Ferret Shelters Directory](#) is the ability for shelters across the country to quickly connect to benefit animals.

One positive connection came by noticing a news item about an organization that rescues dogs from labs. We know ferrets are also frequently used in medical research. (We can't publicize the group's name because their work must remain confidential.) They hadn't realized Marshall Farms, who supplies dogs for research, also supplied ferrets! They were willing to help save any animals released, and promised to let their affiliates know ferrets could be placed.

As it happened, within a couple weeks someone called: they were working to rescue dogs, and there were two ferrets there, also. A call brought a nearby ferret shelter on board willing to accept the ferrets. The result was two animals saved and the potential for more on a monthly basis.



### Special Home for Special Ferret

Peanut was confiscated from an animal hoarding case in a neighboring state. There were about 100 cats in the home, and one little champagne ferret. Peanut is only about 3, but has slightly crippled back legs. He may never be able to run or climb ramps, but with exercise and TLC his mobility should improve. Right now he's a little messy, but he's a very sweet boy. He could live comfortably in a pet playpen and will tolerate other ferrets as long as they don't bother him.

Do you think YOU could be the person to give Peanut a second chance at a happy home? Please [email us](#) for an adoption application!

**Donate Today**

The second case was the aid to three unaltered males who were to be surrendered to a shelter in Pennsylvania. The problem was that the local vet fees would be \$200 each to neuter and vaccinate the boys, and the PA shelter couldn't afford it. FACT's local vet offered a much better rate and we are experienced with whole ferrets, so we offered to take them. We ended up with three handsome, pretty stinky fellows. They were brought to the vet first thing! But they had to be kept apart in pens while their hormones subsided. None had ever been allowed to live with others, even out of season.

Two of the brothers live together now and it was truly touching to see them reunited. At first Dylan was SCARED and lunged to bite at other ferrets, but when his half brother Jackson arrived, Jackson ran around kissing every ferret he saw. Dylan ran around kissing Jackson. Now they constantly sleep together and are so clearly very, very happy. A success story like this is directly attributable to shelters working together for ferrets.

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## FerretAssn.Org

The Ferret Association of Connecticut focuses on the welfare of domestic ferrets. To improve their lives, we provide factual information, advocate for their protection and safe treatment, and support shelter efforts for lost or abandoned animals.

Among the activities designed to fulfill our mission, FACT:

- Endorses responsible, humane guardianship;
- Maintains a shelter which re-homes those adoptable and ensures lifetime care for special needs and elderly ferrets;
- Publishes unbiased care, behavior and general healthcare information; and
- Offers technical assistance to other shelters and organizations caring for companion ferrets.

**TShirts:** This design has been around a bit, but is still pretty cute! Be aware these are not the "original" 100% cotton t's available online for \$13-\$25. Those are a stiff cotton and are only available in men's or child sizes. We happened across a seller in China offering a special sale, but this version is different. While the design is the same, the fabric is actually a much softer, silkier & stretchy poly blend. The fit is slim and while still hip-length, we **strongly** recommend you order a size larger than usual. Our supply is very limited! Sizes available: Medium; Large, XLarge, XXL.

Tshirt: \$20 including shipping



## Upcoming Events:

**Facebook Auction** - begins in late September. To benefit FACT and the Texas Ferret Lovers Rescue. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/factsferretrescuefundrasiers/>

**Ferret Treasures Store Sale** - Sunday, Dec. 6, noon - 3 pm. Held at FACT, 14 Sherbrooke Avenue, Hartford.