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# Paws-It!

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## What's new?

### Vote for Washington Ferret Rescue and Shelter to receive \$100,000

Help Washington Ferret Rescue and Shelter win Petfinder's \$100,000 Holiday Shelter challenge.

Until December 19, you can vote once a day. By clicking on The Animal rescue site, each click provides a food donation for needy shelter animals. Afterwards you will be directed to the voting webpage where you can click Vote and enter "Washington Ferret Rescue and Shelter" in Kirkland as your selection.

WFRS is supported entirely on a volunteer basis. The lack of any paid staff makes this rescue operation unique. With 90 surrendered ferrets to provide a second chance for, the volunteer staff and shelter space are operating at maximum capacity.

WFRS has provided over 700 re-homing adoptions for ferrets and their happy owners. Your simple effort of voting once per day for WFRS could make a dramatic impact for the shelter and the lives of adoptable ferrets.

Your support makes a difference.

Please vote: <http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive/shelterchallenge.faces?siteId=3>



## What to Expect as a WFRS Volunteer - by Veronica Cannady

Last weekend, Volunteer Coordinator Jessica greeted four newbie volunteers for orientation and training at the Washington Ferret Rescue and Shelter (WFRS) in Kirkland. Today, WFRS is operating at maximum capacity of 90 ferrets and is staffed entirely by dedicated volunteers.

The volunteer orientation and training is 45 minutes to an hour. Afterward new volunteers have the option to stay or return when their schedule allows. Volunteers are usually over the age of 18, but may be 16 if accompanied by an adult. Volunteer hours are weekdays from 9am until 6pm and weekend afternoons.

If you're curious about fostering, adoption, or just want to learn more about ferrets, what better way to get to know them?

An important and fun part of a volunteer's duty is to play with the ferrets. A relative of the inquisitive weasel, these animals need interaction with humans and other ferrets in order to be healthy and happy. In addition to play and shelter maintenance, volunteers are also needed for administration, marketing, and community outreach.

There is no minimum commitment to join – come for 3 hours a month or 3 hours a week. Just be sure to appear when expected or let the Volunteer Coordinator know about a schedule change as soon as possible.

Experiencing ferrets respond to you and each other is a genuinely fun way to spend a few hours. The majority are here because they didn't win the human-parent lottery... yet. Your help will change that!

To sign up please visit [http://www.washingtonferret.org/volunteer\\_app.htm](http://www.washingtonferret.org/volunteer_app.htm).

## Ferrets Seeking Homes

WFRS currently has 88 ferrets in-house and 94 being fostered. Please see the [adoptable pet list](#) on our website for more information.

The WFRS extends a hearty THANK YOU to all of our volunteers, foster homes, supporters, and patrons. Without you, the WFRS would not be able to keep the doors open and continue to care for ferrets in need. Many weasel dooks and war dances to each of you!

## Featured Ferrets - Snowball, Cupid, & Hershey!



Snowball is a 5 year old dark eyed white girl, Hershey is a 4 year old silver girl and Cupid is a 4 year old chocolate boy. These three are easy-going and cuddly. They respond well to being handled and are gentle ferrets. They all love to run through tubes and play with socks! They are cage mates and should not be separated. They have lived with cats in a previous home. Please note, even lower-energy ferrets still need at least three hours outside of their cage each day. These three will reward your attention with much love in return!

Come visit this cuddly trio at Washington Ferret Shelter and Rescue on Saturday from 10am - 3pm.



## Upcoming Ferret Events!

### Lakewood Petco Ferret Derby! – Saturday October 23

11:00 - 3:00 pm - **WFRS Booth** & also **Halloween Photos** \$5.00 each

2:00 pm **Ferret Derby** (practice rounds begin at 1:30 pm). Contestants race through a maze of tunnels! Please note: participating ferrets must be up to date on all shots and vaccinations. A handler must be present for each participating ferret at all times during the event. Only two ferrets per household may participate in the derby. Petco - Lakewood (Tacoma), 5700 100th St SW #200, Lakewood, WA 98499

### Small Animal Cage Sale & Holiday Photo Booth - Sunday November 21

WFRS needs more room, so we're selling our large inventory of donated small animal cages. All will be priced to sell! WFRS will also be hosting a \$5.00 Holiday Photo Booth perfect for any small pet. Look for more details arriving in your inbox soon!

## Fuzzy Photography

Do you have a great picture of one of your fuzzies looking especially adorable or getting into (safe) ferrety mischief? Send it, along with a description or one or two paragraph short story, to Jessica at [ferretnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ferretnewsletter@gmail.com) You can also upload fan photos to the [WFRS Facebook page!](#)



*"I loved my ferrets, we had several, but this picture I'm sending in is of my baby who passed away when she was a ripe old age of 9, but this picture was when she was just 1 year old and was always hiding somewhere, but I had left the drawers to my desk open on purpose for her to hide in. It worked and I took several pictures of her hiding there. Her name was Miss Bear." - Donna Groskopf*



*"Whoever thinks that animals don't love, don't think, or cannot communicate with us simply does not capture the meaning of life, or the beauty of a loving pet, who simply wants only to be loved in return . . . they are a part of our family . . . the memories will always be with us...and that is as it should be. Thank you all again for you kind notes on our recent loss." - Darrell & Gay Singleton*

## Yes, I want to help Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter!

### Enclosed is my donation of:

- \$5.00 ( )
- \$10.00 ( )
- \$20.00 ( )
- Other ( )

Please make your donation payable to Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter (or WFRS) and mail to:

**13603 100th Ave NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034**

OR

**Use any credit card to donate through WFRS's Paypal link now!**

Contributions are tax-deductible under 501(c)3 regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. Appropriate receipts will be mailed for your records.

### Our Wish List:

- **Donations** of money or time are always needed and greatly appreciated!
- **Hammocks, Security Cubes**—homemade or store bought, we can always use hanging sleep sacks of some sort.
- **Wood stove pellets** for litter (found at Safeway, local hardware stores, Bothell Feed, etc.)
- **Cages or carriers**- clean, dirty, we don't care!
- **Volunteers** to wash laundry, scoop boxes, scrub cages and cuddle ferrets.
- **More foster homes!** Do you have room in your home for a few extra fuzzies for a few days/weeks? Do you have any medical training or are you interested in learning? Let us know!
- **Ferret Food** (Mazuri, Totally Ferret, Marshalls, 8 in 1's Ultra & Ultimate Blends)

( ) I am moving! Please see below:

( ) Yes, I know of someone else who would like to receive the newsletters.

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**Thank you for your support!**