

Washington Ferret Rescue and Shelter

We've Moved!

From a single cage inside of Liane's garage, just look at how far we've come! We moved the shelter this past weekend to a retail location in Bothell, WA.

"We're finally looking like a *real* shelter!" says director Liane Beckwith. She cannot believe our good fortune in finding a great new location with a landlord fully backing our cause.

We'd like to thank all of our volunteers for coming out and helping! Our wonderful group laid new flooring, tore up carpets, cleaned the place from top to bottom and managed to get the fuzz moved into their new homes, and all the boxes unpacked.

Brandy & Teri, thanks so

much for the use of your vehicle! These lovely ladies got the fun job of hauling all the cages to the car wash to be scrubbed down before their ferrety occupants moved back in. Thanks go out to Melissa as well for helping us dry all the cages!

Lorayne & Charlie, thank you so much for your expertise, your time & help designing the new place.

Jason & Charity worked hard on ripping out the old flooring & replacing it with new tile. They also constructed our new playpen which the ferrets were stoked to get out & use.

Misty B. helped lay down the new floor, scrubbed cages & litter boxes and helped get

everything unpacked.

Beth & Lori were right in the thick of things ripping out flooring and helping stick down tiles.

Misty G., Cara & Sarah unloaded our supplies, stocked the kitchen, cut new carpet for the cage floors, etc.

Jeff & Randy drove the moving truck and helped us lift all the heavy stuff.

PJ helped cut carpets for our cages.

Megan & Geoff lended a hand moving stuff, washing litter boxes, cutting carpet and anything else we were told to do!

Liane, thanks so much for getting us in & settled. We simply can't thank you enough for all that you do!

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Welcome Spring!

What's New at Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter?

New Hours:

We'll be open both weekend days from 10AM-4PM. Come out & see us at our new location! 18724 Bothell Way NE, Bothell, WA 98011.

Adoption Day:

Join us at the Redmond Petco May 3rd & 4th from 10am-4pm for an adoption day!

Ferret Show:

There's a ferret show in Spokane on June 7th. Ferrets must be current on rabies & distemper and proof of ADV status must be shown. Contact dsinsley@verizon.net for more info.

Forum:

Want to chat? Check out our new forum! Say hello to local ferret lovers & ask any questions that you may have.

Used Cages:

We have several used cages for sale. All are cleaned & ready for you to use!

Calendars:

We still have leftover 2003 Calendars from the Ferret Company. Now just \$7 plus shipping!

Furnish the shelter:

Now that we've moved in to our new place, we need some furniture. Do you have anything we might be able to use? Let us know!

Yard Sale:

Coming this Spring, we are going to be hosting our first annual WFRS Yard Sale. We are currently gathering donations that could be sold to benefit the ferrets. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please contact Liane at liane@ferretlovers.com. Thanks

for your support! We will let you know as soon as a date is chosen.

New Volunteer:

We'd like to welcome back Misty Birdie! Misty has been on the ball helping out the shelter by assisting with the move, fostering ferrets for us and planning out new marketing venues.

New Volunteers:

Kaiti & Savannah come every weekend and help clean our entire shelter & play with the ferrets. Have we mentioned we love you guys?!

New Volunteer:

Elaine is absolutely fantastic! She sometimes comes every day of the week and cleans our the whole shelter for us! What a lady!

New Volunteer:

Thanks go out to Natasha for helping out with the big move. Roo's wondering when you're going to take him home!

New Volunteer:

Ean is our resident chew toy for our bitey boys. Thanks for helping us work with those 'fuzzy monsters'!

Donations:

Thank you Michelle E. for your kind donation. We'll definitely be putting that rice box to use decking out the new playpens.

Thank you Dr & Mrs. Edward U. for your wonderful donation. We might just have the perfect ferret for it—see Hera's info in the New Arrivals section.

Thank you Richard F. for donating the medical supplies, ferret food & litter. We

can definitely put those to good use!

Thank you Kim C. for sponsoring Toby in addition to Bandit! You're wonderful!

Thank you Wells Trucking & Leasing for providing the moving truck!

Continued Thanks:

Continued thanks to Misty G. for being our volunteer coordinator. She makes sure the fuzz get checked on every day, and we also make her ferry cages around because she has a truck. Thank you also to Shawn for letting us borrow Misty from time to time!

Thank you Cara & Jeff for checking the shelter email, for answering voicemails, for fostering, for moving stuff and for doing all those other jobs that I don't have room to list.

Thanks to Jeremy for doing the disgusting ferret laundry. Really, we cannot thank you enough!

Thank you Beth & Lori for all the wonderful care you take of your foster fuzzies. You mean the world to them.

Thank you Charity & Jason for all the help with the big move and for fostering so many of our lovelies!

Thanks Ryan for hosting our site & for fostering for us.

Thank you Lorayne for your foster help and for your help with the big move. Thanks Charlie too!!

Thank you Charleen for your years of help & for all the fostering that you do!

Thank you Liane for being you and helping out so, so much.

Litter Box Woes ...

So you finally got your new ferret home and now he's using everywhere but the litter box to do his business. UGH!

First of all, make sure you have a well-defined sleep area and potty area. You'll want a high-backed rectangular litter box, and some nice, soft bedding for the sleeping spots (old towels or sweat shirts work great, you don't need anything fancy!).

At the shelter we use wood stove pellets for litter because they're so cheap—\$3.50 for 40lbs (available at our

shelter!). Make sure his litter box is scooped out daily to encourage him to use it. Whenever your ferret wakes up, gently put him in the box. Keep putting him in the box until he goes. He will eventually learn that he does not get to come out of his cage until he goes to the bathroom. Reward each success with a treat. Careful—they do learn to "fake it" for their treat!

Clean up each mistake right away. If it smells like a bathroom, it is! Do not put your ferret's nose in his mess. He

will not remember what he's done that's wrong, and will not understand why he's being punished. If he acts like he's going to go in the wrong area (backs up, lifts tail), just pick him up & put him in the box. Give him a treat when he's finished.

Place food or bedding in trouble areas and he shouldn't continue to use those areas to potty in.

Start small—begin with the cage, then expand to larger areas & you will succeed.

Over the Bridge.

We would like to remember those fuzzies who brought so much joy into our lives and others. The time they spent with us was too short.

Brando—Brando was a mellow lump of a ferret that will be dearly missed by Megan & Geoff. He had a seizure out of the blue one evening, that we were unable to stop. Despite days of intensive care, the damage the seizures caused just couldn't be repaired and we chose to let him go.

Latte—Cara & Jeff are deeply saddened by the loss of Latte. She had multiple health issues, and Cara & Jeff did all they could to keep her going. Her mid-night dashes for treats and soup are very much missed.

Shady & Sasha—Shady was one of the foster girls that went home right away. She had a cyst that enveloped her kidney which burst, and she did not make it to

surgery. She was loved while she was with us and now joins her nine year old sister, Sasha, who passed away in the arms of her foster mom, Beth, several months ago.

Evie—Evie will be missed by Michelle. She was Ivana to all of us at the shelter, the little ferret that had so much work done that she was given that silly name. She had a sudden stroke and passed away in the arms of her new mom, Michelle.

Vanilla—Nilla started to feel a little 'off'. Megan & Geoff watched over her, and pampered her and she seemed to turn a corner. One evening, she had a seizure (not insulinoma related), and it was so severe that we chose to let her go. She's been with us since she was a tiny babe, &

we miss her so very much.

Sneakers—Sneakers succumbed to the flu that's been going around. She was a very pretty little shelter girl and despite intensive care, she didn't make it. We will miss her very much.

Cinnamon Bear—Cinnamon Bear will be dearly missed by Charleen. He was a beautiful ferret and had a wonderful life right up to the end.

It should be noted that all of our foster parents have been trained to give fluids & medication by injection. We'd like to thank them again for all that they do. They're priceless!

New Arrivals!

Darma—Darma's a young black sable girl who loves to snuggle when she's tired. She's very well mannered and would love to find a new home.

Skittles—Skittles gets along well with everyone and loves to play. She's an adorable chocolate girl that's only 9 months old.

Jill & Julie—These two girls are young and love to play! They're identical, but we're learning to tell them apart by their personalities.

Roo—Roo comes to us from the Kent Animal shelter. Thank goodness Cara just happened to be there to get him for us! Roo is only 6 months old and is a big-time kisser!

Abbott—Abbott came in from the Bellevue Humane Society. He's a beautiful champagne boy that gets along well with other ferrets.

Chloe—Chloe may need an experienced owner. She occasionally chomps fingers that come into her cage—hard enough to surprise you, but not hard enough to do any damage. She's young though & with

a little work, we're sure this will be overcome.

Hera—Hera was saved from being euthanized by Pam, an Animal Control Officer for the Kent Animal shelter. She comes to us with two huge tumors—one on the top of her head, and one under her chin. We're going to see what our vet can do for her.

Joey & Rosco—Joey & Rosco are two older gents that would love a new home. They're both up for foster. Roscoe will need to return to the shelter for monthly Lupron shots.

Trigger & Binks—Trigger is a tiny black sable girl. She's around 2-3 years old and must go with her buddy, Binks. Binks is a beautiful DEW boy that's about a year older than Trigger. Both are up for adoption.

Jake—Jake is a wild-man. If you want an active boy to join your crew, Jake is the fuzz for you! He's only around a year old and is full of pep.

Fats—Fats has one of the biggest treat bellies in the joint. He's around 2 years old and is a cuddle-bug.

Ferris—Ferris came in with Trigger, Binks, Jake & Fats. He's a cute black sable boy that's around two years old.

Pop & Plop—Pop & Plop are three and two years old respectively. Plop is a big black sable boy & Pop is a smaller black sable female. Both are up for adoption & are ready to go to their new home.

Pip—Pip came in with Pop & Plop. She's around four years old and is currently under observation to see that she's feeling 100%. We're waiting to see if a few weeks on some good food will improve her coat or if there's something else going on. Watch the website for updates.

Bandit & Bear—Bandit & Bear are new to the shelter. Bear is an adorable silvermitt male and Bandit is a dark sable female. Bandit will need a tumor removed from her tail before she can go to her new home, but they're otherwise quite healthy for oldsters. Bandit is 6 and Bear is 7.

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www.washingtonferret.org

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**18724 Bothell Way NE
Bothell, WA 98011**

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Our Wish List:

1. Hammocks, Security Cubes—homemade or store bought, we can always use hanging sleep sacks of some sort.
2. Wood stove pellets for litter (found at Safeway, local hardware stores, the Grange, etc.)
3. Cages or carriers—clean or dirty, we don't care!
4. Volunteers to wash laundry, scoop boxes, scrub cages and cuddle ferrets.
5. More foster homes! Do you have room in your home for a few extra fuzzies for a few days/weeks?
6. Walking and playing with the ferrets during the sunny, warm months
7. Ferret Food (Mazuri, Totally Ferret, Marshalls & The Ferret Store's Superior Choice)

() I am moving! Please see below:

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

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