

Paws-It!

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An Inviting Open House!

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Since WFRS moved this past May, I've had a lingering post-it note by my computer reminding me to check out its new home. It turned out my note was moot. It wasn't until I received the open-house invitation from Eastside Avian & Exotic Animal Medical Center that I got my booty in gear and showed up on Oct. 21 with my husband, Jim, in tow. We met the staff, toured the clinic, checked out a number of festive ferts and of course snacked on some decadent chocolate cake.

Upon entering the clinic's front door an inviting waiting room and reception area with a large sunlit window (that functions beautifully when the sun is actually out) welcomed us. Parrot motif wallpa-

per and other animal-inspired décor, the vision of Dr. Johnson-Delaney, created an upbeat and cozy atmosphere. Both the staff veterinarians, Dr. Johnson-Delaney and Dr. Elizabeth Kamaka, and Megan Reuther, Director of WFRS, gave



us a warm welcome. Jim and I instantly felt comfortable.

Dr. Johnson-Delaney gave us a very enthusiastic tour of the space. Her pride in the clinic was both evident and well deserved. After all, it took the good doctor nearly two years to find the spot that won her

heart. The addition of Dr. Kamaka, and WFRS Director Reuther sealed the deal.

The clinic seemed well organized, and many smaller rooms offered functional task areas. A good size operating room showcases the healing arts in style. My favorite room was the bathroom, which sported cool blue colors and a fish bowl motif. When you visit, ask to use the facilities -- I'm sure you'll enjoy taking in the aquatic flair.

The tour ended with the ferret playroom and shelter area. My first impression was how well organized it was. Neatly stacked cages housed plenty of adoptable ferrets. I couldn't believe there were about 70 in residence. I

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actually started counting because it just didn't seem possible, even though I know they are petite animals. All seemed to be in excellent spirits, blissfully unaware of their cold-blooded neighbors slithering around nearby. Many fuzzies were sleeping, and some were playing frantically in the playroom stationed beside the shelter room.

The highlight of my day was meeting Elmer, a sweet fuzzy, who won my heart. This lover

boy stuck to me like the glue, his namesake. The minute I picked up his supple body he stretched himself out against my chest and there he stayed for about ten heartwarming minutes. Needless to say, it was very difficult returning him to his cage, since I'd already fallen in love. If this charmer is still available for adoption, I suggest you scoop him up right away. Tell him Christine sent you.

The day yielded a steady stream of people between the hours of 3 – 7 P.M. Many were treated to a guided tour by a resident vet and plied with sushi, sandwiches and cake. If you choose to use the clinics services, rest assured your ferret or exotic pet will be in loving, capa-

ble hands with the crew at Eastside Avian & Exotic Animal Medical Center. While you're at it, come meet the ferrets and remember to say hello to Elmer for me. Now go spread the word!

[Editor's note: Elmer has been adopted!]



What's New?

Ferret Depot: Fantastic news! WFRS won Ferret Depot's grant to help cover the cost of vaccinating all of our charges. Way to go! Ferret Depot has always been very supportive of our rescue efforts and we would heartily encourage you to purchase ferrety supplies there and support them in turn.

* www.ferretdepot.com

Giving Tree: Eastside Avian & Exotic is hosting a Giving Tree for WFRS and several other not-for-profit animal rescues. Come check out our cute ferret ornaments and see what's on the shelter's wish list this year! In addition to needing money to go toward our ever-growing vet bill, we can always use garbage bags, paper towels, cleaning supplies (cleaners, laundry soap, sponges, etc.), Mazuri

Ferret Food and wood stove pellets for litter.

Santas: We'd also like to thank our Santas from the Ferret Shelter's Giving Tree! Our fuzzies (Sadie, Isis, Foxy, Codo, Bones & Widget, Tyson & Hannibal) had a blast with their new toys and good eats! Thank you so much! We'd also like to thank Jennifer B for suggesting the tree :)

* www.mkaresq.com/Giving%20Tree%202006/Tree-%2031.htm

Let's talk numbers! As of December 25, 2006, the Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter is currently housing 69 ferrets on-site at its facility, has 6 ferrets in temporary homes and has 99 in permanent foster care. This year, to date, the Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter has received 192 ferrets, has adopted 141 ferrets and has placed 14 in permanent foster care.





We've grown steadily larger this year and have recently purchased 2 more 3-story Quality Cages to expand our rescue. We're thankful to have such a wonderful location, fabulous volunteers and compassionate veterinarians that keep our fuzzy charges healthy & happy as they pass through our doors to your homes. We look forward to 2007 and from our hearts to yours, wish you a the happiest of holidays.



So young to be behind bars ... a homecoming tale.



sure enough, the athletic young sable proved he was an accomplished athlete and escape artist. His sweet-looking little sister frolicked adorably, and the two little outlaws stole my heart. Bandit and Justice came home that same day.

Dark and dashing, Bandit was soon re-named "Zorro." With a lively redheaded temperament, Justice was perfectly suited to the name "Mickey." They both had a grand time exploring the wonders of the unfamiliar environment, with its tunnels and blankies and bags and boxes and toys. Fast-paced chases and much hopping, bouncing and dancing let me know that they approved of their new home.



kisses. They are both a joy and a delight, and we are so happy they are home. And they seem to be happy, too--a win-win situation.

But they still have to go behind bars when it's time to go back in the cage. However, they don't seem to mind as long as they have each other!

"May all your ferret tales end 'happily ever after.'"

~ Kate (newly-owned by "George & Michaela," nicknamed "Zorro & Mickey"--a dark-and-dashing big sable boy and a sweet-and-spunky tiny red-headed girl)

Two masked faces peered out at me from their cage. Two curious pairs of eyes—one burgundy and the other jet-black--watched my every move. "Those two have to go together," said Kristin, and out of the cage they came, into the pen.

"Watch out--he can jump out of the pen!" Kristin warned, and

Zorro set a new record when he deftly climbed to the top of a four-foot-high cage. His sister, a quick study, amazingly learned to do likewise. Their new dad had to build them a ramp so that the little outlaws could get down safely.

Although they can be rowdy rambunctious rootin' tootin' wild weasels romping around at playtime, they are also two extremely sweet and loving little friends. Devoted to each other, they soon bonded to the humans as well, and gave both their new mom and new dad



Ferrets Seeking Homes ...

Adoptable Ferrets

Please see the [adoptable pet list](#) on our website for current availabilities. Adoption fees are \$100 for one ferret, \$150 for two, and we have a [foster program](#) as well. All ferrets have been vaccinated against Canine Distemper & Rabies and have been spayed/neutered and descented (the latter is unless otherwise noted).

These cuties arrived shortly after Thanksgiving this year ... thus the themed names! **Apple Crisp** is a 1.5 year old sable boy with white paws, **Ham** is a 1.5 year old sable boy, **Giblet** is a 1.5 year old sable boy & **Yams** is a 1.5 year old champagne male. They can be split into pairs or adopted as one big, happy group!

Bear (2 yrs, sable f) & **Noodles'** (2 yrs, dark sable m) owner sadly could no longer keep them. They are very sweet, sociable kids and would love a new home for the new year!

Meet the candy group! **Butterfinger** is a 3 year old silver male, **Caramel** is a 1 year old chocolate/sable male, **Snickers** is a 1.5 year old sable with bib. These cuties can be paired up or



adopted as a sweet ferret trio.

Desi is a 4 year old sable girl and **Tootsie** is a 4 year old chocolate girl. They get along wonderfully with other ferrets and are all ready to go to a new home.

Doodles (3 yrs, m, silver), **Inspector** (4 yrs, m, silver sable) & **Snacks** (4 yrs, f, dark sable) arrived at our shelter on Sat, 9/9. We would love to find them a home together. They're all wonderful ferrets!



Ferris (1.5 y/o black mitt male), **Dexter** (2 y/o chocolate male) & **Chloe** (3 y/o sable female) have been at the shelter since the end of September. They are sweet kids and are ready to find a new home together. Please come visit this ferret family soon!

Foxy is an adorable 10 month old sable girl. She came to our shelter as a biter though she only bites now when she's scared. She gets along wonderfully with other ferrets, especially her play buddies in the baby biter cage. :)

Gimili (3 yr old chocolate male) & **Consuela** (2 year old dark sable female) have been at our shelter since April. They are very nice ferrets and we'd love to see them find a home of their own soon!



This group came in together in the middle of November. **Harry** is a 2 year old sable boy, **Hermoine** is a 2 year old sable girl, **Newbie** is a 2 year old light blaze female and **Sally** is a 2 year old champagne female. They can be adopted in pairs or as a ferret family.

Isis is as cute as a button, and has a great personality. She doesn't like other ferrets, and will need to be an only fuzz. She is a sable mitt girl that's around 4 yrs old.

Juliet is a 3 year old sable girl, **Twik** is a 2 year old sable female, and **Twiker** is a 2 year old light sable. The girls came in together and we would like to find them a home together. Please come see them if you're interested in adopting these sweethearts!

Latte is a sable female between 3-4 years old. She is a feisty, silly girl that loves to play. She would love a home for the holidays!

Lili is a 10 month old sable girl. She's new to the shelter, but would probably fit in just fine with a new ferret family! Come meet this cutie today!

Lilly (4 yr DEW female), **Lilo** (4 yr silver female), **Sammy** (4 yr silver male) & **Chami** (5 yr



sable female) were surrendered to our shelter in June. We've love to see them find a new home soon so they don't have to spend much time at the shelter. Please let us know if you'd like to meet these sweethearts.

Lizzie & Fidget are one year old chocolate girls. Lizzie has severely bitten one of our volunteers, and the girls should go to a ferret experienced home. They love other ferrets, and have a lot of fun playing with them.

Marshmallow is a 3 year old albino boy & **Cocoa** is a 4 year old dark sable girl. They are a lovely pair of ferrets and would love a new home.



Mystery is an adorable, young albino girl and **Clue** is a cute sable. They are sweet, fat & fluffy girls. Come see them today!

Rascal is a 3.5 year old sable boy & **Buddy** is a 3.5 year old sable guy with white toes. They would love to go home for the holidays - come meet them today!

Springer is a 2 year old blaze girl and **Cocoa** is a 4 year old chocolate female. Springer is the most kissy ferret on the planet and these girls are just too cute to keep getting passed on. Come meet & adopt these lovely ladies!



Sprite is a 4 year old sable female, **Frick** is a 2 year old silver boy, **Shadow** is a 3.5 year old silver boy, **Kodo** is a 3.5 year old chocolate boy & **Lady** is a 4 year old cinnamon female. This group can be broken into pairs or adopted all together.

Sushi is a 4 year old light silver boy, **Socky** is a 4 year old dew girl, **Surrobi** is a 4 year old dew boy & **Mischief** is a 4 year old sable girl. This group can be adopted all together or split into pairs.

Tyson & Hannibal are large dark sable

boys that came from the UW. They're still occasionally nippy, but are learning their manners in the shelter. They'll need a loving and patient home, but should make wonderful pets.

Vlad & Slinky are 2-3 year old chocolate colored ferrets. They would love to find a home of their own with humans to spoil them rotten. They've had a rough go of it these past few months and sure deserve a good home.

Foster Ferrets

Note: We do not charge an adoption fee for our foster ferrets, though many of them will require a vet visit (or several!) in their golden years. The Shelter provides medical care and any medications, obtained at the shelter, that your ferret will need in exchange for a monthly donation to help cover your ferret's medical costs. Even just a few dollars, once a month, helps keep our foster program running, so that we are able to continue helping elderly/ill ferrets.

Suzie (3.5 yr sable female), **Daisy** (3 yr silver mitt female) & **Lucy** (3.5 yr chocolate mitt female) were surrendered to our shelter together. They are adorable and we'd love to place them all as a big group. If you're interested in adding a ferret family to your home, please contact us soon!



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Our Wish List:

Donations of time or money are always gladly accepted & 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, the Grange, etc.)

Cages or carriers—clean or 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 & The Ferret Store's Superior Choice)

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