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What's new?



Let's talk numbers!

As of March 8, 2008, the Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter is currently housing 18 ferrets on-site at its facility, has 14 ferrets in temporary homes and has 62 in permanent foster care.

This year, to date, the Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter has received 22 ferrets, has adopted 32 ferrets and has placed 4 in permanent foster care.

In 2007, WFRS received 188 ferrets, adopted 170 ferrets and placed 19 in foster care.

*Way to go everyone!
Those are fantastic numbers!*

Fundraising meeting: calling all creative thinkers!



We need your ideas to help fundraise for the shelter!

We are holding a meeting on March 29th at 5pm to brainstorm some fundraising strategies to keep our shelter thriving.

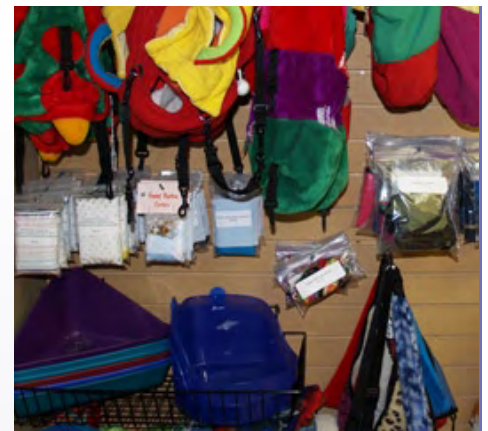
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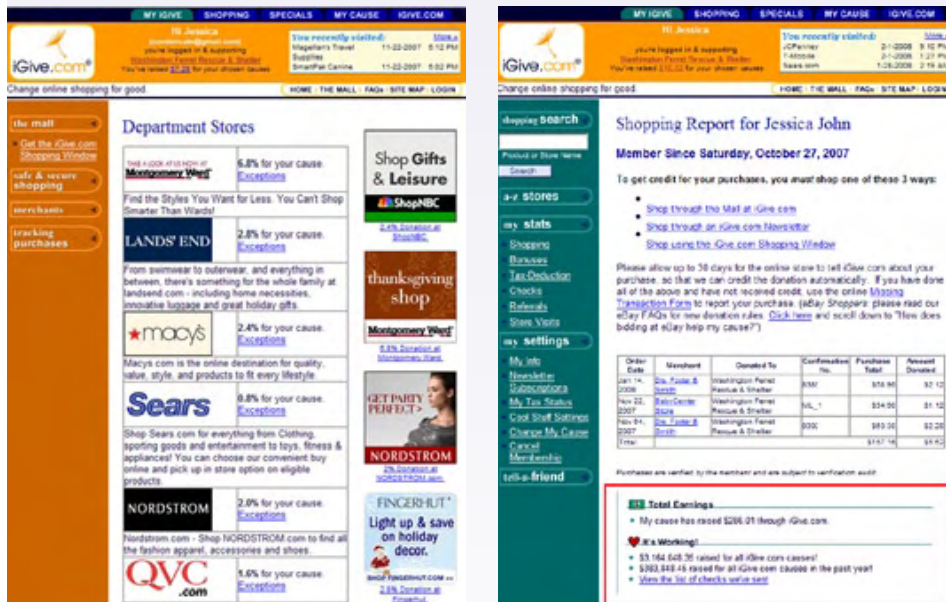
*Did you know that the shelter has many used and new ferret supplies that the shelter can't use for sale at **very** low prices?*

These include; hammocks and bedding, litter boxes, harnesses and leashes, toys, suppliments, training aids, treats and food, cleaning supplies, ferret art, books, and much more!

*Stop by any Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm to stock up (address on page 5).
All purchases are tax deductible!*



Furry Review



Dear WFRS Community,

I wanted to share my experience and two screenshots from using iGive with you, in the hope that more of us will try it out. I have been VERY pleased, and I hope that WFRS will be the beneficiary of more people's online shopping.

Using the link on the WFRS website, I joined iGive last fall (below). The sign-up was fast and easy, and the Washington Ferret Rescue and Shelter was automatically set up as the charity that merchant donations would go to. I used a secondary e-mail account because I didn't know much about iGive, and I was afraid of being spammed. It was completely unnecessary. I haven't received any spam, and iGive itself only sent me a newsletter every few days, which I welcomed as a reminder to use iGive during the busy Christmas shopping season. After the holidays I unsubscribed, and I haven't received an email since.

While I downloaded the "iGive Shopping Window", a program that automatically routes my online purchases through iGive when applicable, it's not really necessary, and can be annoying since it reroutes you to the home page of eligible sites. Shopping through the iGive online "mall" is easy and satisfying. Most of the larger online merchants, including department stores and travel sites, and many, many specialty stores are participating (see *some* examples at right and screenshot 1), and promise donations from 0.8 - 14% of your purchase! The mall also has a convenient search feature that will find specific products within the hundreds of participating stores and lets you compare prices and donation percentages.

iGive keeps track of donations and shows the cumulative money earned by you and everyone for WFRS (screenshot 2; content in the red box came from a different page). So far the shelter has earned \$286.01, with \$7.28 coming from my *one* purchase of pet food from Drs. Foster and Smith (\$2.28 + \$5.00 iGive Welcome Bonus). If everyone on our mailing list made one purchase through iGive, it would clear the shelter's debt in one swoop, *at no cost to any of us!* Together we could earn thousands of dollars for the shelter through our normal online shopping!

To try it out use the iGive button on WFRS's site under "Shopping for Pet Supplies"
<http://www.washingtonferretrescue.org/support.html#shop>

Do you have a ferret-related product that you would like to review for the WFRS community? Send your review (preferably with a couple of pics) to Jessica at ferretnewsletter@gmail.com

Some of iGive's Merchants:

- 1-800-Pet Meds - 4.8% for WFRS
- Ann Taylor - 2% for WFRS
- Apple iTunes - 2% for WFRS
- Apple Store - 0.8% for WFRS
- Babies "R" Us - 1.2% for WFRS
- Banana Republic - 2% for WFRS
- Barnes & Noble - 2.8% for WFRS
- Bed Bath Store - 3.2% for WFRS
- Best Buy - 1.2% for WFRS
- Bloomingdale's - 1.6% for WFRS
- Bosco's - 2% for WFRS
- Brookstone - 4.8% for WFRS
- Dell Home & Office - 1.6% for WFRS
- Discovery Channel Store - 4% for WFRS
- Disney Shopping - 2% for WFRS
- Drs. Foster & Smith - 3.6% for WFRS
- eBay - Special Rate
- EBGames.com - 2% for WFRS
- ESPN Shop - 2% for WFRS
- Expedia.com - 0.8% for WFRS
- Ferret.com - 3.6% for WFRS
- GameFly - 4% for WFRS
- Gap.com - 1.6% for WFRS
- Godiva Chocolatier - 3.2% for WFRS
- GUESS.com - 3.2% for WFRS
- Hilton Hotels - 1.6% for WFRS
- Home Depot - 1.6% for WFRS
- Hotwire - 0.8% for WFRS
- JCPenney - 1.2% for WFRS
- Joann.com - 3.2% for WFRS
- Kmart.com - 0.8% for WFRS
- Kohl's - 1.6% for WFRS
- Lands' End - 2.8% for WFRS
- LaneBryant.com - 2% for WFRS
- Linens 'N Things - 1.2% for WFRS
- Macy's - 2.4% for WFRS
- Montgomery Ward - 6.8% for WFRS
- Musician's Friend - 2.8% for WFRS
- NORDSTROM.com - 2% for WFRS
- Office Depot - 2% for WFRS
- OfficeMax.com - 1.6% for WFRS
- OldNavy.com - 1.6% for WFRS
- Orbitz - Special Rate
- Overstock.com - 2.4% for WFRS
- PETCO - 3.6% for WFRS
- PETSMART - 5.2% for WFRS
- REI - 2% for WFRS
- Saks Fifth Avenue - 2% for WFRS
- Sears.com - 0.8% for WFRS
- Sierra Club - 4% for WFRS
- Staples.com - 2.8% for WFRS
- Starbucks Store - 4% for WFRS
- Sur La Table - 4% for WFRS
- T-Mobile - Special Rate
- TaxCut - H&R Block - 8.8% for WFRS
- The Body Shop - 4.8% for WFRS
- Toys "R" Us - 1.2% for WFRS
- Travelocity.com - 0.8% for WFRS

It goes ON and ON- See iGive for their list of 680+ stores: <http://www.igive.com>

Ferrets Seeking Homes

Please see the adoptable pet list on our website for current availabilities. Adoption fees are \$100 for one ferret, \$175 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).



Bandit is a 6 year old dark sable boy & **Misty** is a 6 year old light sable girl. They are very attached and will need to stay together. They also LOVE squeaky toys! Misty sprints around like a kit!



Daphne is a 2 year 4 month old sable female & **Dora** is a 3 year 3 month old old albino female. These two are such great girls! Daphne loves to play soccer with empty plastic easter eggs and any little ball she can find. Dora is a very sweet and cuddly ferret, she really likes to snuggle.



Chagito is a 3 year old silver female who just arrived at the shelter. She seems timid and unused to handling, but may just be stressed because of the unfortunate change in her environment. She's a sweet little girl who would flourish in a loving home.



Itchy and **Scratchy** are both 3 year old sable females. These two are fun ferrets that do need a little work on their manners. They are sweet and would be very easy to teach. If you are willing to work with them they will no doubt work for you.



Lil' Homey is a young (9-month-old) dark sable male who loves to play hard, then lounge and cuddle. His companion, **Integra**, is a light sable male, also 9 months old, who loves to steal beanie babies. They are very playful and will wrestle each other endlessly. These two will bring a lot of joy to some lucky person's home!



Ret (2y, albino male), **Roxy** (1y 2m, champagne female) & **Zorro** (1y 2m, dark sable female) will need to be adopted as a group. Ret & Foxy are prone to biting, so should go to an experienced home.

Thank you to all of the loving families who have provided forever homes for needy fuzzies in the past!

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

One day I heard someone strangely plucking my guitar, when I was alone in the house—except for Pete, my naughty ferret. I ran upstairs to discover that he was performing from INSIDE the instrument. He also found that the strings gave a great head scratch. I snapped a couple of pics, had to remove a string in order to “rescue” him, and then watched him immediately crawl back in!

*Jessica
proud owner of Pete & Surprise*



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.

Please send one to the following:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

OR

Email the above information to WFRS:
washingtonferret@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support!