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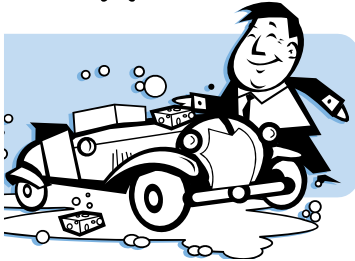
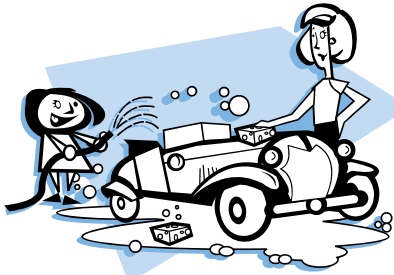
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What's new?



Carwash, Bakesale and Raffle were a great success!

The May 24th Carwash/Bakesale/Raffle fundraising event earned the shelter an impressive \$987.

Despite an overcast day, the July 5th Carwash/Bakesale earned \$280.00!

All supplies for both carwash/bake sale/raffles were donated. So 100% of the profits made during the events went directly to

the shelter for food, litter, rabies vaccines, distemper vaccines, Lupron and toward rent.

Way to go everyone!

The shelter couldn't exist without the support of her volunteers and patrons.

Thank you for all of your help in keeping the shelter afloat.

Did You Know

*Do you have a great pic of your adopted fuzzy?
It could win ferret supplies for you or the shelter!*

Drs. Foster and Smith, the online pet supply store (and new source for The Ferret Store Ferret Food) is having monthly Photo Contests in honor of their 25th anniversary. Ferrets are one of ten categories with three fuzzy winners each month!

Judging by the monthly winners so far, the judges prefer cute close-up shots of ferrets in colorful, non-cage environments.

June - <http://www.drsofostersmith.com/general.cfm?gid=735>
May - <http://www.drsofostersmith.com/general.cfm?gid=727>
April - <http://www.drsofostersmith.com/general.cfm?gid=712>

Be sure to read the official rules, including file size restrictions and copyright waivers before submitting pics online.

<http://www.drsofostersmith.com/general.cfm?gid=689>

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ENTER OUR ANNIVERSARY PHOTO CONTEST!

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE PHOTOS & WIN NO PURCHASE NECESSARY!

30 WINNERS EVERY MONTH!

ENTER NOW ► MONTHLY WINNERS ►

Winners will be announced online by the 15th of each month

Monthly 1st Prizes: \$300 Drs. Foster and Smith Gift Certificates (10 winners every month)

Monthly 2nd Prizes: \$200 Drs. Foster and Smith Gift Certificates (10 winners every month)

Monthly 3rd Prizes: \$100 Drs. Foster and Smith Gift Certificates (10 winners every month)

Monthly 1st prize winners also eligible to be awarded:

CONTEST 1ST PRIZE Win a trip for 2 to Maui, Hawaii!

CONTEST 2ND PRIZE Win a trip for 2 to Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL!

CONTEST 3RD PRIZE Win a trip for 2 to Sea World, San Diego, CA!

Enter your favorite photos of your pets, ponds, wild birds, aquariums - 10 categories in all!

Furry DIY - A more comfortable (and less expensive!) ferret collar

Materials:

- Old adjustable bra straps, or “elastic straps” sold in craft stores
- Superglue or needle and thread
- Ruler or tape measure
- Optional embellishments / contact info

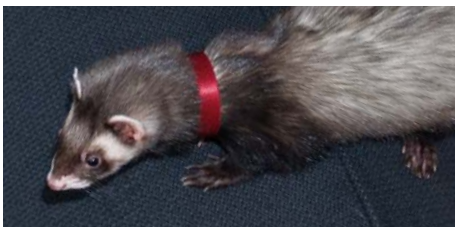
Cost: \$0-2.00

Time: 2 minutes

I'm a strong advocate of pet ferrets wearing collars as much as possible; it helps to remedy the ignorant perception that domestic ferrets are “wild animals”, and can provide essential contact information in the event that a cherished pet is lost. But I am often dissatisfied with the ferret collars sold in pet stores, which are basically small dog collars, and fail to take into consideration the unique anatomy of a ferret or the fact that a collar alone would never be used to “walk” a ferret (only a harness). The collars are often much thicker (and stiffer) than they need to be and incorporate uncomfortably large and unnecessary clasps, bells, and loops. This DIY collar does away with all of that, and results in a collar that your ferret won't mind wearing, costs less, and doesn't look half bad!

Additional Notes:

Size the collar for a specific ferret so that your finger can fit under it (between the ferret's neck and the collar) without stretching the elastic. It should slide on over your ferret's head but not further down their body. If your ferret isn't used to wearing a collar you may have to work them up to wearing it all of the time.



If you liked this DIY, please follow the link below to the article on eHow. **You can help the shelter earn money** by rating, commenting, and linking to it! Thanks!

http://www.ehow.com/how_4452036_adjustable-ferret-collar.html

STEP 1

Cut both bra straps right next to the two attachment points and remove the buckles so that you have one loose piece of elastic and two loose adjustment buckles. (Discard any rings- they won't allow the elastic to lay flat enough on a ferret.)



STEP 2

Measure and cut the piece of elastic to be about 9 to 10 inches long. With 1/2 inch overlaps on the glued ends, we will end up with a collar that adjusts from about 4 to 7 inches in diameter.



STEP 3

Loop one end through a buckle and glue or sew flat. (Keep fuzzies away if using glue!)

STEP 4

Thread the other end of the elastic strap through the other buckle as pictured, curling back toward the overlap on the other end.



STEP 5

Thread through the empty side of the first buckle as pictured.

STEP 6

Loop back around into the second buckle..

STEP 7

Thread back through the other side of the second buckle and glue or sew flat.

All done!



STEP 8 - OPTIONAL

Embellish the collar so that it has more pizzaz or is easily identified as belonging to a particular ferret. You can use sparkly paint, permanent markers, iron-on jewels or details; have fun, but I'd recommend against pending too much time or money, as there is always a chance the collar will disappear!

STEP 9

Last but not least, add your contact info so that your pet can be returned to you if he or she escapes. You can write your phone number on the inside with a laundry marker (watch out for bleed-through), or print out your info on transfer film and iron on to a section that doesn't stretch or go through a buckle.



Do you have a ferret-related project that you would like to share with the WFRS community? Send instructions (preferably with pics) to Jessica at ferretnewsletter@gmail.com.

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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).



Allen (1y 9m sable M), **Fidget** (2y 5m sable F), **Flora** (1y 6m sable F), & **Lizzie** (2y 5m sable F) have just arrived at the shelter. They do not necessarily have to be adopted out all together, but will need other ferret playmates in their new home.



Bam (3 yr Silver M) and **Sandy** (4 yr Silver F) have just arrived at the shelter. They are bonded and will need to be placed together.



Loki (Chocolate 6 yrs M) and **Saturn** (Sable 6 yrs M) are two quiet aging boys who really break our hearts being here. These sweethearts don't seem used to human comfort and affection, but they are gratefully taking what little we can offer at the shelter. Please rescue two little guys who deserve a loving home in their golden years (pic bottom left).



Nibbles (2y 3m black F) and **Gizzy** (2y 4m silver F) have just arrived at the shelter. They are bonded, and will need to be adopted together.



Ret (2y albino M) & **Foxy** (1y 2m, champagne F) will need to be adopted together. They are prone to biting, so should go to an experienced home. They get along well with other ferrets.



Rosie (4.5y albino F) and **Violet** (5y silver F) are two mellow girls who are very soft and well behaved, except when having their photo taken LOL! They also keep a tidy cage. (pic bottom left).



Spike (dark sable) and **Lady** (sable) are two sweet-natured middle-aged girls (4y) who are depressed being at the shelter. They are bonded and will need to stay together. Please help us keep their stay here at the shelter a short one!



Zoey is a VERY human-oriented little gal who does NOT like other ferrets, but loves nothing more than chasing and playing with her human buddies. She is a happy little thing who talks up a storm too!



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Jane is a beautiful, highly energetic 2.5 year dark sable female. She has bright eyes and a distinct personality. She doesn't play well with the other ferrets at the shelter, so it would be best for her to go to a home with no other ferrets. She will make a great companion for someone! (pic pg 4)



Frederick is a 2 year old dark dable boy & **Nicole** is a 2 year old light sable girl. They need to go to a new home together. Come see these cuties soon!



Punky is a cute silver girl and **Smudge** is a pretty dark silver girl. These cuties should go to a new home together. Visit them at our shelter between 10am-4pm any Saturday!



Chance is a 5 year 6 month chocolate boy & **Possum** is a 3 year old silver boy. These sweet boys should go to a new home together. Please help us keep their stay here at the shelter a short one! (pic bottom left)

Fitch is a 2 year 2 month old sable boy; **Johann** is a 2 year 7 month old black female; **Homer** is a 1 year 11 month old sable male; Clyde is a 1 year 11 month old sable blaze boy. This ready-made ferret family is all set to go home with you! They're a fun and crazy group! (no pic)



Kiki is a 4 year 4 month old chocolate boy. He is now available for adoption ~ come see him on Saturday from 10am-4pm!.



Slinky is a 2 year old heavy silver boy with mitts & a bib and **George** is a 2 year old sable male. Both boys are now available for adoption ~ come see them on Saturday from 10am-4pm!



Kodiak is a 1.5 year old dark sable female. **Gladrial** is a 4 year old albino female. They are now available for adoption ~ come see them on Saturday from 10am-4pm!



Aiber is a 5 month old light sable boy & **Wedy** is a 5 month old dark sable girl. They are now available for adoption ~ Please help us keep their stay here at the shelter a short one!



Jack is a 4 year old chocolate male & **Jerry** is a 2 year old dark silver boy. They are now available for adoption ~ come and meet them soon!

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Al is a 3 year old albino boy & **Tweek** is a 3 year old sable boy. They are now available for adoption. Come see them on Saturday from 10-4pm.



Biggs is a 2 year old dark sable boy. He is now available for adoption.



Chili is a 1.5 year old silver boy & **Cocoa** is a 6 year old chocolate female. Cocoa will need to return to the shelter once each month for a Lupron injection.

Elena is a 9 month old silver girl. She is now available for adoption (no pic).

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



Bonzai is a 4 year 2 month old silver boy. He is now available for adoption.



Duncan is a 3 year old sable blaze boy; **Connor** is a 3 year old chocolate boy & **Meghan** is a 3 year old dark sable girl.



Hannibal is a 10 month old silver boy. He is now available for adoption ~ come see him on Saturday!



Benji is a 2 year 7 month old chocolate boy & **Frankie** is a 2 year 7 month old sable girl. They are now available for adoption ~ come see them on Saturday from 10am-4pm. (pic bottom left)



Delilah is an 8 month old sable girl with bib. She is now available for adoption - Come and meet her soon!



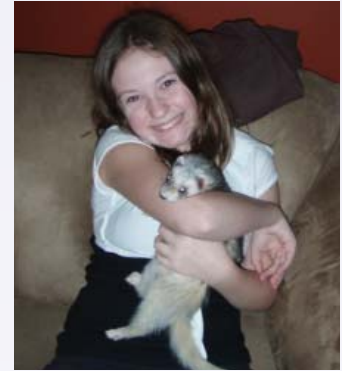
Bruce is a 3 year 2 month old silver boy with mitts. He needs a loving home - please help us keep his stay here at the shelter a short one!



Spike is a 1 year old dark sable boy & **Angelo** is a 1 year old sable boy. They are now available for adoption ~ come see them on Saturday from 10am-4pm.

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



Above and Left: from Liz Doyle, owner of Johnny and June (adopted as Bear and Noodles), Panda (adopted as Georgia), and Kodiak (adopted as Squizzel)

Above: from Craig and Judy, owners of Coconut and Coffee (adopted as Ferris and Dexter), who are doing fabulous at their new home in Canada. Thanks for the updates everyone!

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

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