

# Paws-It!

## Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter

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### Warm & "Fuzzy" New Home

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On May 27, WFRS and its 49 fuzzy residents will pack their little valises and move to their new, permanent home after a year and a half search, explained Megan Reuther, the shelter's director. Approximately 20 people are expected to help move to the new facility in Kirkland just five miles southwest of the Bothell location. She trusts the ferrets to handle the transition in their happy-go-lucky way but says she'll pack a little Pepcid AC for any tummy upsets.

such a ferret-friendly location. "Though we love our current location, the surrounding tenants and landlords aren't ferret people. It'll be good to be in a location that wants and likes having a ferret shelter," she says.



The shelter's medical director and veterinarian, Dr. Cathy Johnson-Delaney, spotted the perfect space in Kirkland while looking for place to open her veterinary practice. She later extended an invitation for WFRS to share the building. Needless to say, the invitation was gratefully accepted.

Megan said they are fortunate to be moving to

The shared space seems like a win-win situation. Megan cited several major benefits of the move, including the people they'll share the space with and daily on-site veterinary care. Though the old Bothell location had a surgery room, a vet wasn't always available on weekends, nor was the xray machine on hand. There

will be a larger ferret-dedicated room and use of a large shed in the back for storage, as well as a cage retail area. Also, more parking will be available. The shelter will receive exposure to people coming in with their ferrets to see a vet or to those with companion animals and who are considering adopting a ferret.

The clinic will benefit from contact with all WFRS volunteers, applicants and adopters, so it is in a good position to gain new patients. "Often, adopters haven't yet selected a veterinarian, and it will be wonderful to be able to direct them to our building," Megan said.

Many of the volunteers are expected to continue at the new location. Because it is moving to a veterinary facility, the shelter may lose some of its younger volunteers, (those under 14 years old) unless they bring their parents. Those are

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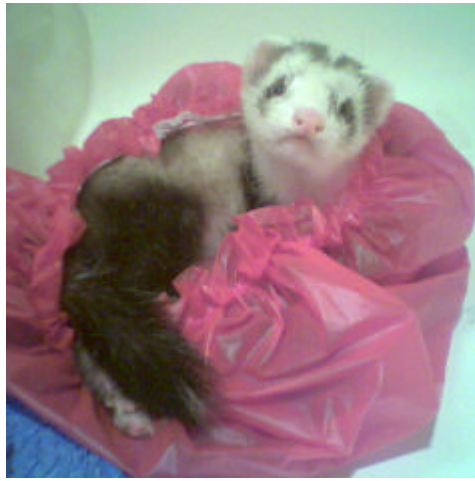
**Shelter Email:**  
washingtonferret@yahoo.com

**Website:**  
<http://washingtonferret.org>

just some of the details being worked out.

Megan believes that others involved with the shelter are excited and overwhelmed with all that needs to be done. "Once the move is over and everyone's settled in I think we're all going to like being there," she said.

When asked how she felt about the new location and future changes, Megan replied: "I'm excited and nervous. It's a big move, and moving is never a small undertaking! Once we get in and settled though, I know it will be a success. I've spent a lot of hours



there this month and will be much relieved to get the shelter and its 49 fuzzy-butts moved and settled

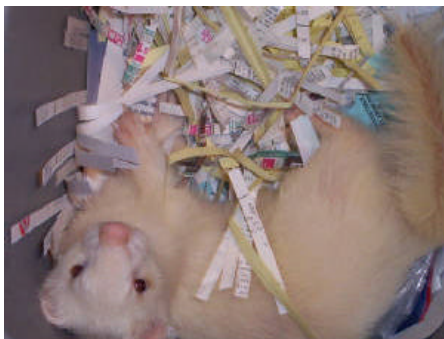
in so I can take a vacation."

You're invited to come by and visit the new shelter during its regular Saturday hours from 10 A.M. – 4 P.M. at:

Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter (Eastside Avian & Exotic Animal Medical Center); 13603 100<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98034

The shelter will retain its name, Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter, voicemail number, 206-442-2025 and email, [Washingtonferret@yahoo.com](mailto:Washingtonferret@yahoo.com). A shelter cell phone or on-site phone may be added in the near future.

## What's New?



### Location, location, location!

We will be closed for adoptions & surrenders this Saturday, May 27th and hope to reopen in our new home the following weekend (June 3rd). The shelter will be located in the old Kingsgate Veterinary Clinic in Kirkland, and will soon have a sign for the new Eastside Avian & Exotic Animal Medical Center and the Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter. For directions and a map, you can visit:

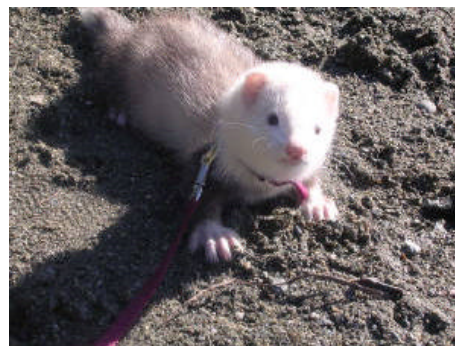
[www.waferret.com/contact.html](http://www.waferret.com/contact.html)

**Whistle while you work:** If you'd like to help us move this weekend, beginning May 27th, we will be meeting on Saturday at the old shelter in Bothell at 10am. We'll be back and forth many

times during the day, so feel free to stop by either location.

**Pass it on:** Please spread the word about the new Eastside Avian & Exotic Animal Medical Center. We're excited to share a building with such great people and veterinarians! Dr. Cathy Johnson-Delaney & Dr. Elizabeth Kamaka will begin seeing patients when the clinic opens in June.

[www.avianexoticmedcenter.com](http://www.avianexoticmedcenter.com)



**Extreme Gratitude:** The shelter has SO many people to thank again and again and again... So, thank you all. Again. From the bottom of my heart.

**Labor of Love:** Volunteers, we love & appreciate all of you—thank you all for participating in making this such a successful ven-

ture for the ferrets. The shelter really does keep getting better and better as it grows. We're still working out the logistics for volunteering & shifts, but the calendar should be back online next month so you can sign up for shifts again. Thank you for your patience during this transition!

[furrylogic.org/app/calendar.html](http://furrylogic.org/app/calendar.html)

**Wayward Weasels:** We've done 48 adoptions to date this year—we're well on our way to our annual, easily reachable goal of 100 placements. Surrenders seem to be picking up, as is typical for this time of year, and we're hopeful our new space will be just as instrumental in finding all these ferrets new homes as it is in directing them to us in the first place :)



## 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).

**Bones & Widget** could not stay in their home and have come to the shelter to be adopted. Bones is a 2 year old silver/sable boy and Widget is a 2 year old dark sable boy. They are sweet, sweet boys and would make great first ferrets for someone.

**Chai** is a cute 2.5 year old light sable female. She gets along well with other ferrets and is all set to move to a new home.

**Chaquita** is a 2 year old chocolate ferret. She plays well with some ferrets, but would also do fine as an only child. She's great with people and is a wonderful, little girl.

**Charlie & Waffles** were turned over to our shelter from Animal Control. They seem like sweethearts and we'd love to see them find a new home.

**Cicero** is a cute dark sable boy and **Dip** is a sweet black mitt boy. Both ferrets are extremely nice and would make someone a

fun pair. Come visit them today!

**Codo** (2.5 yr old silver female) & **Podo** (2.5 yr old sable male) are adorable ferrets. They are UTD on vaccines, have been spayed/neutered and are all set to go to their new home.

**Dante** is a 6 year old lovebug of a ferret. He has been an only ferret for some time, and will likely need to find a home by himself. He seems to be a very nice boy!

**Dude** is a 3 year old silver male & **Zoey** is a 4 year old sable female. These ferrets are \*CUTE\*, fluffy & silly.



**Gabbi** is a 2 year old sable female. She enjoys the company of other ferrets and loves to cuddle when she's not bouncing around with other ferrets.

**Gimili** (3 yr old chocolate male) & **Consuela** (2 yr old dark sable female) were recently surrendered to our shelter. They are very nice ferrets. We'd love to see them find a home of their own soon!

**Goliath** is a huge, loveable hunk of a ferret. He doesn't get along well with other ferrets, but would absolutely love a new human that will spoil him rotten! Goliath is about 2 yrs old, and was recently returned to our shelter. He is a

bit whiter now than in his picture, but that expression is just classic.

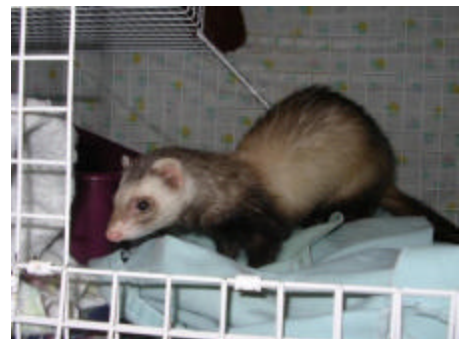
**Jekyll, Hyde, Tyson & Hannibal** are from the UW, and two of the boys are very sweet, and the other two are (presently) nippers. They get along well with other ferrets and are currently learning their manners in the shelter.

**Kiwi** is a 2 year old chocolate female. She gets along well with other ferrets and is a very sweet, petite girl.

**Lizzie & Fidget** are five month old chocolate girls. Lizzie has

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.

**Loki** (DEW, m, 4 yrs) & **Chai** (sable, f, 4 yrs) are older ferrets looking for a home. They are





healthy, fat & fluffy at this time and would be great first ferrets for someone.

**Pepe** (sable, m) & **Panic** (sable/white, f) just arrived at our shelter. They're very well-mannered and would love to go to a new home together.

**Roxy** & **Foxy** are two cute, little spitfires. They are very young, and are pretty nippy and will need a ferret-savvy owner. Foxy bites when scared, and Roxy is very mouthy/nippy in general, but she's just having fun and it's simply a matter of teaching her manners. We'd love to see them go together, as they so enjoy each other's company, but they can be split up if necessary.

**Slink** is an adorable 5 year old chocolate female. She is very



sweet and has a wonderful personality. We'd love to see her get into a new home soon!

**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.*

**Ike** is a 4 year old sable male & **Sara** is a 3 year old chocolate girl. Sara has recently been diagnosed with adrenal disease and will need to return to the shelter once each month for a Lupron injection.

**Mina** (chocolate, f, 3 yrs) & **Neo** (silver, m, 4-5 yrs) were surrendered recently together. They enjoy the company of other ferrets and have wonderful temperaments. Neo will need to return to the shelter once each month for a Lupron injection.

**Mish** & **Mash** are twin sable boys. Mish is a sweetheart and is very cuddly. His brother, Mash, can bite very hard. They will need a ferret-experienced owner to work with Mash until he gets over his need to bite people. He is getting better with extensive handling, but he still needs work. Both are being treated with Lu-



pron for adrenal disease and are doing just great.

**Ranger** (sable, m) & **Peaches** (albino, f) were surrendered together over a year ago. They are both around 3-4 years old. Peaches has cataracts in both eyes and has limited vision. She may bite if scared. Ranger is a chubby cutie and is a sweetheart. They do not care for other ferrets, and will need to be an only pair.

Poor **Shasta** has lost all of her fur! She's had adrenal disease symptoms for some time now and was started on Lupron this past weekend. Hopefully it will do some good. She had a buddy, but he passed away before coming to the shelter. She may do ok with other ferrets. We'll test her soon.



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[www.washingtonferret.org](http://www.washingtonferret.org)

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

**13603 100th Ave NE**

**Kirkland, WA 98034**

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 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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