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The Official Newsletter of Orange County Ferrets

14TH ANNUAL FERRETS ANONYMOUS ROUND UP



This past weekend, the 14th Annual Ferrets Anonymous Round Up was held in Sacramento, CA. There were plenty of vendors' tables set up with all kinds of ferrety goodness to be had. On every single table, the OCF Board Members placed a complimentary sleep sack and a business card. Each person was given a free sack for their furkids to enjoy after the event. If you wonder why we go through so many sewing machines, well now you know why!



Bob Church, known the world over for his passionate observances of ferrets did a wonderful presentation that had the room laughing constantly. There were other guest speakers and vets present as well with interesting facts and info about the science regarding ferret illnesses. This was lengthy, but very informative. We wish that the Round Up lasted longer than a day, since much of what the day was supposed to accomplish wasn't given the time it deserved.



- Mike D. and Pat W.

- a table set for FA members

- Bonnie and Jake T.



Bob Church's "Undercover DFG" series of slides - He's a loon!

(2007 FA Round Up cont'd):

After the last speaker had finished, the FA Business Meeting was conducted. The meeting started more than an hour later than scheduled and several persons stood up to make statements that also lasted longer than they should have. Unfortunately, OCF's Founder who was running for the Presidency of FA was unable to deliver the speech he had prepared due to lack of time before he and many others had to leave to hop planes back to the OC. A rushed batch of elections was held and Claudia T. retained her position as Ferrets Anonymous President by a margin of four votes. Congratulations to Claudia T! On a positive note, after Founder Lance M. left the Round Up, he was elected to a position as a Board Member at Large. Lance looks forward to working with FA in this capacity and hopes to learn volumes as well as initiate positive change.

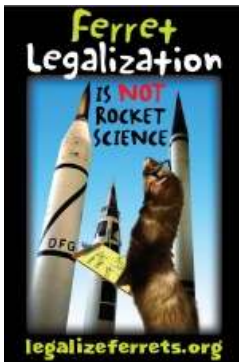


2008 ROUND UP – IN OC ?

We want to go on record and throw our “hammocks” into the ring to volunteer to host the 2008 Ferrets Anonymous Round Up! There hasn't been a Round Up in Orange County since



1994 and we think that its time to bring the Round Up back to the OC! We feel so strongly about wanting to see everyone here again, we're willing to do all work! We want to bring the positive, energetic spirit of OCF to everyone in Ferrets Anonymous! We're not your average ferret club, and we'd like others to enjoy the fun we have every time we get together! We're more than ready! - Let's do it!



THE FUTURE OF THE 3,000 CLUB?

The results of the **Field Research Survey** were made public, and the results were less than exciting. Due to the results, the Initiative is a dead issue. The results shows us that we're far from where we need to be to make an assembly bill pass in favor of legalizing ferrets in California.

Would You Support Changing the Law to Make Ferrets Legal?

- Make them Legal - 37%
- Keep the Ban - 51%
- No Opinion - 12%

Would You Support a Ballot Measure to Legalize Ferrets?

- Yes - 38%
- No 54%
- No Opinion 8%

If we scored a 38%, then we've failed to this point. There's no school in the world that will allow a person to pass a class with that kind of grade! What's next? - We need to educate others, learn from our mistakes, and grow as an organization. It may take us a few more years to gather the support and go full steam ahead with another bill, but the ballot initiative is just not the way to go. Knowing where we stand though, as a report card of our progress is very important however! After speaking with the Founder of the 3,000 Club, it's a shared opinion that the 3,000 Club should go on, but become a rallying point for information and education.

OCF APRIL MEETING AT THE OC PETEXPO!



Saturday, April 14, 2007 at the Orange County Fairgrounds, we'll not only be enjoying the OC Pet Expo, but all OCF members are invited to enjoy the day together as our regular meeting. We'll keep it informal, but we'll make sure we have the same kind of fun we always do at OCF meetings. Make sure not to miss it! If anyone's able, we'll also need persons on Friday and Sunday to help man the tables for Legalize Ferrets and

Ferrets Anonymous. Wanna help make a difference? We hope to see you there! More information on the OCF website and at www.petexpoc.com!

WEBSITE UPDATES!

We've been working like mad to keep the OCF website informational and full of up to date information. If there's anything you would like to see made a part of the website, please let us know by sending an email to info@ocferrets.org and we'll get right on it!



LEGALIZE FERRETS VIDEO ONLINE!

OCF/FA member Mike D. put together a video that has been played over 3,000 times on the internet over the past week. Kudos to Mike for this wonderful video! If you would like to see the video that everyone's watching, and seeing the wonderful message of how wonderful ferrets really are, simply go to Google Video or You Tube and type in "Legalize Ferrets". (We also have it on the home page of the OCF website!)



Don't forget to rate the video!!

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