

December 5, 2006

OC FERT ALERT!!

Meeting This Saturday!

Don't forget, we're having our December meeting this coming weekend at 2 p.m. at Heritage Park in Irvine, CA. All of the information is on our website at <http://www.ocferrets.org>. Don't miss out; we have TONS to talk about to kick off 2007 – The Year of the Ferret! For more information, please call (949) 241-1189.

Ferrets Anonymous Leadership:

Recently, we've been thinking that perhaps a change is needed in the state Ferrets Anonymous elected positions. It seems that much of that which keeps others in the state moving forward has become stagnant, including the state website and the push to accomplish all that Ferrets Anonymous was set up to accomplish in the first place. This is why I have written a letter stating my position this past weekend and am forwarding it to you, for your blessing. If you would like to read it, I have added it to the end of this Fert Alert. Come this March, I do intend to run for the position of President of Ferrets Anonymous. Will you support my efforts? Will we be able to finally make a difference in the legal status of ferrets in California? Who is with me? Can I rely on your support this coming March at the statewide meeting of Ferrets Anonymous at the Humane Society in Pasadena, California?

San Diego Ferrets Anonymous Visit:

This past Saturday, we had the opportunity to visit Pat Wright for the monthly meeting for the San Diego Ferrets Anonymous Chapter. We were also very fortunate to meet Bonnie, the chapter head of the newly formed Central Valley Chapter of Ferrets Anonymous. After a wonderful evening of interacting with other ferret enthusiasts, we have determined that things are indeed looking up in California! There are so many new faces that are willing to work towards legalization of domestic ferrets! It's exciting to see the interest growing and growing! Let's keep it up, and show the world that domestic ferrets really are worth making legal and being proud of!

New Year's Day Rally:

On New Years Day in Van Nuys, California – there will be a rally to support the legalization of domestic ferrets in California. We need all of the moral support we can get to pull this off. Please consider spending New Year's Day with the Fuzzy Minority! More information on the New Year's Day Rally at: <http://www.ferretsanon.com> or call (619) 303-0645.

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Fundraising For December:

All proceeds from OCF Hammock sales will be donated to C.L.I.F.F. to help fund the statewide poll that is being planned. So far, we're far from the goal of \$6000 needed to fund the poll. Buy your hammocks ASAP so we can reach our goal!

For more information on OCF Hammocks, please visit:

<http://www.ocferrets.org/ferret-supplies.html>.

The Giving Tree

We've added the link for The Giving Tree to the OCF website. The Giving Tree allows people to be a secret Santa to ferrets living in shelters. You can select a needy ferret and provide that little fuzzy with holiday cheer in the form of items that the ferret has on his own "letter to Santa". We promise that once you adopt a fuzzy for Christmas as his own secret Santa – you will feel the warmth of the holiday season fill you to overflowing. For more information, click on The Giving Tree at the OCF website, or go directly to The Giving Tree website by going to

<http://www.mkaresq.com/Giving%20Tree%202006/ShelterFerretsGivingTree1.htm>.



**The Ferret Shelters Giving Tree
– Won't you be a ferret's Santa this season?**

**SEE YOU AT THE OCF MEETING ON
SATURDAY!!**

December 3, 2006

Dear Ferrets Anonymous Supporter,

I have been involved with ferrets to some degree now for the past 4 to 5 years. Approximately one year ago, I became involved with several others in the Orange County, California area who were also avid ferret enthusiasts. This past year, I founded Orange County Ferrets, www.ocferrets.org - a ferret club based in Orange County, California. Soon thereafter, I sought for OCF to become a chapter of Ferrets Anonymous. Since that time, OCF and I have been working under the bylaws of Ferrets Anonymous and uphold all of the bylaws to the letter. To-date, OCF is some 30+ members strong and growing steadily. We have some of the most energetic members you're likely to find anywhere, and they're all jumping at the chance to make a difference for domestic ferrets in the state of California. In the short time of OCF's existence as a chapter of Ferrets Anonymous, I have seen that there is quite a bit that can be done to further the goals of Ferrets Anonymous that has not yet been accomplished.

How do we make this happen? According to Ferrets Anonymous bylaws, new officers may be elected at the Annual Meeting, which is open to all Ferrets Anonymous members. I propose to run for the position of Ferrets Anonymous President under the following agenda.

1. **Unify** - All existing chapters of Ferrets Anonymous must unite, regardless of their position or feelings towards any single person that has existed in the organization to this point. *"A house divided against itself, cannot stand."* – Abraham Lincoln, 1858 & Matthew 12:25.
2. **Update** - The state FA website is our direct link to the world. For too long, the state website has been in a dire state of disrepair. It must be updated to reflect up-to-the-minute changes to the status of ferret legalization and Ferrets Anonymous goals.
3. **Organize** - All chapters regardless of opinion or orientation will be organized to further the impact that Ferrets Anonymous can have to accomplish its goals.
4. **Inform** – All information from month-to-month will be disseminated freely and immediately through the state Ferrets Anonymous website to keep all chapters up to date on anything that can possibly impact their duties as chapters of Ferrets Anonymous.
5. **Support** – We will work proactively with all chapters, to show support for one another at all times. There will be differences of opinion, and that should be an organization's strength, not its primary weakness.
6. **Expansion** – There hasn't been any documented growth of Ferrets Anonymous chapters that anyone can see, although I do know that several new chapters have formed. Who is working with these chapters to assist their growth potential? We will work to move the formation of new chapters forward, and become a force that can accomplish its objectives.

If we all work together, Ferrets Anonymous can finally succeed where so many times in the past we have failed. It all seems pretty simple, but will take a massive effort. Are you ready to finally succeed? I am. Please join with me to make sure that these propositions become reality.

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