



OC Fert Alert - Mid-January 2007

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2007 – The Year of the Ferret! We hope that your holidays were joyous and relaxing and that you are ready to help make this year, the most positive year yet in the struggle to help legalize the domestic ferret in California! Read on for the most up-to-the-minute information on what OCFerrets is doing to help achieve its goals of Legalization, Information, and Public Awareness of Domestic Ferrets in Orange County, California and beyond.

*Lance M.
Founder - OCFerrets*

Lance M. To Run For Ferrets Anonymous President

At the coming Ferrets Anonymous Round Up in March, Lance M., the Founder of OCFerrets is planning to run for President of Ferrets Anonymous in order to have a pro-C.L.I.F.F. board member working behind the scenes at Ferrets Anonymous. This is yet another reason why we need all of the support we can gather at the Round Up in Sacramento. Despite recent negative statements made by the current President of Ferrets Anonymous, we still feel that changes are needed in FA, and we're not afraid to help work to achieve the goals set forth in the letter posted and rebutted by the current President of Ferrets Anonymous in their recent issue of "The Ferret Paw Print". If you would like to read the issue for yourself, please visit <http://www.ocferrets.org/images/Jan07pawprint.pdf> and download the most recent Paw Print for yourself. Search your heart, and go to Sacramento to vote your conscience so we can truly do our best to make 2007 – The Year of the Ferret!

Ferrets Anonymous Round Up – March 31, 2007

Saturday, March 31, 2007: 14th Annual Ferrets Anonymous Round Up - Being held at the California State Association of Counties Conference Center, 1020 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 - Phone: (916) 498-9800. Doors Open At 11:00 a.m., \$10.00 Entrance Fee. - For more information call: (626) 358-6027 or email: Famail@ferretsanonymous.com

As a chapter of Ferrets Anonymous, all members of OCFerrets (and all other chapter members) are allowed to vote in the general election for Ferrets Anonymous that happens each year at the Ferrets Anonymous Round Up. We need each and every member of OCFerrets to attend the Round Up. We are doing our part to get involved with the way that Ferrets Anonymous is run at the very core of the operation, and we can't do it without your votes! Please make it a point to keep the last Saturday of March 2007 open on your calendar, and plan to attend the Ferrets Anonymous Round Up. Information can also be seen on our News page online at <http://www.ocferrets.org/ferret-news.html>. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate head count, and plan accordingly.

OCFerrets Meeting February 10, 2007

Bring a friend to the February meeting! We have a lot of ground to cover since by the time the next meeting rolls around we'll have about a month and a half to organize ourselves before the Ferrets Anonymous Round Up happens at the end of March. If you want to get involved and haven't done so yet – now is the time! The holidays are over, and there's so much to get done! We need your help to make sure that all of OCF in on the same page and working towards our common goals.

Field Poll Funding Completed!

Fundraising has now been completed, thanks to a generous donation by an anonymous source to allow for a poll to be conducted by Field Research that will gauge public interest or disinterest in legalizing ferrets by asking three pointed questions of 1,000 registered California voters. Depending on the outcome of this poll, C.L.I.F.F will either move forward with a ballot initiative, or decide that we should definitely put all of our efforts and energies into getting yet another Assembly Bill written to replace Assembly Bill 647 that died this past year without proper representation. More information: <http://www.legalizeferrets.org>

Legalize Ferrets T-shirts, Mugs, Stickers and Pins for Sale!

We are helping www.LegalizeFerrets.org by selling T-shirts and coffee mugs, as well as bumper stickers and Pro-Legalization lapel buttons. They are available now for purchase, and we'll have them at our upcoming meeting for sale. T-shirts are \$20 and mugs are \$14. Don't forget to bring some extra money to the February meeting of OCFerrets - for your own tools that really help get others talking about Legalization of Domestic Ferrets!



Take a Ferret to the Vet

We have a few members who sometimes find it difficult to take their ferrets to the vet due to having no transportation or being stuck without a car at the last minute. Instead of members running from South County to North County and to all points in between – we are asking that several members from throughout the region step up and provide transportation for ferrets and their owners to their local vet's office. This will allow for all of the ferrets in our organization to receive adequate care, as well as keep the mileage down on the core members who seem to be constantly running around Southern California trying to do their best by the members of OCFerrets. Please email us at info@ocferrets.org if you are willing to provide rides to local vets for OCF members in your area. Thank you in advance for your willingness to provide help for those owners who need a little help to be the best “ferrents” (ferret parents) they can possibly be. If you need to find an excellent veterinarian in your area, please see our vet list online at <http://www.ocferrets.org/ferret-vets.html> for more information.

Online Safety with Ferrets

There are many forums and other areas online that people use consistently to interact with other ferret enthusiasts. There are many websites, online communities and message boards that are quietly patrolled by users that have no interest in ferrets. Rather, these users are working behind the scenes to track down ferret enthusiasts who are keeping ferrets in their homes. Please be careful of who you share your personal information with, since you never know who you are talking to, unless you have cleared them by meeting with them personally. Be safe, be smart – and always be careful!



Sleep Sacks Now Available!

We're adding quality ferret sleep sacks to our lineup of hammocks and knitted sleep sacks for sale on the OCF website. The OCFerrets Fundraising Staff has a large selection of hammocks in two sizes, as well as new knitted sleep sacks and sleep sacks to compliment our hammocks. You can see them all at www.ocferrets.org and order using PayPal, or by contacting us directly by mail at: **OCFerrets, P.O. Box 53306 Irvine, CA 92619-3306.**

Are Your Ferrets Winterized?

This winter has already proven to be one of the coldest on record for Orange County, California. Do you have extra blankets; sleep sacks and hammocks to keep your furkids warm? Remember, if you're cold – so are your ferrets! Ferrets maintain a higher body temperature than humans do – at around 102 degrees Fahrenheit.

Upcoming Ad for Legalizing Ferrets in Development:

Since our New Year's Day Rally in Van Nuys, we have since found out that Ed Gale (www.EdGale.com) is agreeable to working with us to develop an advertising spot to help promote legalization efforts. More information on this will be posted as it becomes available, but be on the lookout for this much-needed piece of public information. OCFerrets will be hosting this ad in its entirety once completed on our website.

Time Running Out for Permit

Time is running out to file for a restricted species permit. The current permit expires this year. So far, there has been no one to fill the positions that will work to help relocate seized ferrets in California. This position reports to the California Department of Fish & Game, but is our only line of defense in keeping DFG from moving ferrets out of California on their own. Please see the following information on this extremely important role that needs to be filled before the end of January 2007:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/specialpermits/restrictedspeciespermitapplication.htm> - Permit information

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/pdffiles/fg1518.pdf> - Laws & regulations

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/index.html> - Regions covered

Contacts:

Ms. Kathi Kline, kkline@dfg.ca.gov (916) 928-5845 – To discuss applying for a permit.

Lori Heier, Analyst, Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 1740 North Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834 - (916) 928-4665, Fax (916) 419-7587, e-mail: lheier@dfg.ca.gov

Welcome to Central Valley Ferret Club!

OCFerrets extends a very special welcome to the Central Valley Ferret Club, the newest chapter of Ferrets Anonymous! You can see their mission statement as well as meeting information and club information listed on their website at www.cvferrets.org. If you happen to know any ferret lovers in the Central Valley of California, please steer them towards this new chapter. For more information, please call Bonnie at (559) 805-5962 or email: ferretzrule@cvferrets.org.



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