



OCFERT ALERT - JUNE 2007

The Official Newsletter of Orange County Ferrets

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FERT ALERTS IN MAY?

Life has been so busy for us that there was little time to do anything other than just keep up these past two months. Our apologies to those wondered what happened to their Fert Alert last month. Read on to find out more about OCF and what's going on with the fastest growing chapter of Ferrets Anonymous anywhere!

OCF JUNE MEETING 6/9/07 @ 2 P.M.

Next weekend (June 9th), we'll be holding our third meeting of 2007 at Heritage Park in Irvine, CA at 2 p.m. We anticipate a big turnout since we had such a large number of signups at the OC Pet Expo in April. We've even begun to work with several of the people we met while working the Pet Expo who are eager to begin working with OCF! This is an exciting time for OCF and its membership! If you've been a member of OCF from the sidelines, why not get involved? Please make sure to let us know whatever strengths or talents you have that can be put to good use! For more information on the meeting, please visit <http://www.ocferrets.org> – the map of the park and general information for the meeting are already online! -See you on Saturday!

OCF LOGO – IT'S DONE!

In case you didn't notice, OCF now has an official logo that will accompany all OCF correspondence and member activities. We were able to work with a couple of talented artist who helped us come up with the logo and we hope you all love it as much as we do! In the very near future, we'll be having OCF apparel made that will be perfect for attending pet shows, expos, the annual FA Round Up and other activities to let the world know that you're not only a ferret lover, but a proud member of OCF !

SURRENDERS

Sadly, the number of surrenders has gone up exponentially over the past few months. If you would like to become a foster ferrent (ferret parent), please let us know. This time of year seems to be the time when people who are in over their heads, decide that they can no longer care for their pet and the animal is either set loose (which most times seals their fate since they cannot live on their own) or they are surrendered to try to find a forever home for the animal.

OCF ADOPTS F.U.F.S.

OCF is proud to announce that we will begin to sponsor a ferret shelter in need. Ferrets Unlimited Ferret Shelter (FUFS) in Cleveland, Ohio is operated by Jean Caputo-Lee and is in dire need of assistance. Please start gathering anything you can that is in good condition for donation to Ferrets Unlimited. Over the weekend of July 20, 2007 OCF ambassadors will be making a field trip to Ferrets Unlimited for the weekend to help clean the shelter, make repairs on anything that's in disrepair and do whatever we can to help out this wonderful ferret shelter. All airfare to the shelter will be donated by each person flying out to assist for the weekend. OCF will be making hammocks and sleep sacks with the help of OCF's own angel, Melissa Dyess who will also be making the field trip from her home in Indiana. This is a great opportunity to give back to an organization that has been helping ferrets in need for the past 13 years. If you would like to donate, or include yourself in the field trip To Ferrets Unlimited, please call OCF at (949) 241-1189. Homeless babies are depending on us, and it's the least we can do!

FUFS NEEDS:

Ferret Care & Bedding

- Hammocks, Sleep Sacks, Comfy Cubes
- Baby Blankets for bedding
- Wood Stove Pellets or Feline Pine for Litter Boxes

Food & Supplements

- FOOD IS OF HIGHEST NEED AT THE MOMENT!
- Innova Cat Dry
- Nutro Natural Choice Kitten
- Path Valley Ferret Food
- Professional Kitten Chicken & Rice
- Superior Choice Natural Ferret Diet
- Wellness Cat Food
- Ferretone
- Ferrivite
- Petromalt - malt flavor



OCF BEDDING FOR SALE!

From the start, OCF has crafted hammocks that are some of the best you can buy and will last for years, but has recently begun to craft quality sleep sacks as well. Please put your order together today for quality OCF bedding that your fuzzies will love, and we'll put the funds to good use to make sure that we're able to continue our labor of love for years to come! Remember, if you purchase your hammocks and sleep sacks at an OCF meeting or other event we're attending, there's no shipping charges and you can save even more - while providing the comfort and quality your pet deserves.

SAN DIEGO FERRET CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

A conference is schedule at the Kings Inn in San Diego on September 15th to further the 2007 campaign titled "Do The Right Thing" to increase ferret legalization awareness. For more information, please email Pat Wright at caferrets@legalizeferrets.org. More information on the conference will be posted at www.legalizeferrets.org as it becomes available.

INTERNATIONAL FERRET CONGRESS SYMPOSIUM

The International Ferret Congress 2007 Ferret Symposium will convene on June 22-24 in Portland, Oregon, at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. We are looking forward to another information-packed, fun-filled weekend for ferret lovers in the Rose City! For more information, please visit <http://www.ferretcongress.org/>

DONATIONS & STORAGE NEEDED

We need storage space for items donated for OCF use. These items may be used for surrenders or to help out an OCF member who may have a need. Items may be used cages and habitats in good condition (no rusted cages), litter boxes, bedding (washed please), or anything else that ferrets may need to live comfortably. We are not asking anyone to rent a storage facility. Rather, we need someone to furnish a corner of a garage or their unused storage space in their rafters of their garage for storage space. Thanks in advance for your help!

WWW.OCFERRETS.ORG - WEBSITE 411

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 or would like to provide content for a certain page or have an idea of a page that would help ferret owners and enthusiasts, please let us know by sending an email to info@ocferrets.org.

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