



## OCFERT ALERT - SEPTEMBER 2007

The Official Newsletter of Orange County Ferrets

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### FERRET VET DISPLACED

Many pet owners in Orange County swear by the services of Tom Greek, DVM. Until this past week, Dr. Greek had been working out of a clinic in Yorba Linda, California while he was also trying to buy the location to continue his practice. Recently, the owner of the practice sold the business, and the new vet dismissed Dr. Greek. Because of this, Dr. Greek no longer has an active practice in Orange County, but is looking to relocate and open his own practice as soon as possible in the Yorba Linda area. For the latest in updates regarding Dr. Greek, please visit his website at [www.TomGreek.com](http://www.TomGreek.com). For those looking for veterinary care in the meantime, please contact OCF or use the vet list on our website. Always check out vets before visiting them for pet care.



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### OCF VISITS FERRET SHELTER

Summer vacation at a ferret shelter? –You bet! OCF visited Ferrets Unlimited Ferret Shelter in Cleveland, Ohio in July - where we spent three days working at the shelter and making friends of both the human and fuzzy kind. See more about the trip by visiting the OCF website page: <http://www.ocferrets.org/ferrets-unlimited.html>. We worked hard and learned plenty! The payback from giving your time to such an organization is a wonderful thing. We recommend that everyone donate time to a shelter if possible, or donate funds to help those who help rescue, shelter or educate.

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### FERRET NATION RAFFLE

We've purchased a two-level Ferret Nation Habitat by Midwest Homes for Pets to raffle off to a lucky winner. For more information on how you can help support OCF and get the finest habitat for your pets at the same time, please visit the OCF website at [www.ocferrets.org](http://www.ocferrets.org). Information on how to enter the raffle is on the OCFerrets home page.



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## FERRET SHELTER BEING SUED

Ferrets Unlimited in Cleveland, Ohio has been working behind the scenes in Ohio for a long time now trying to help a breeder clean up, or shut down operations. Despite trying to work with the breeder with the ferrets' interests, Ferrets Unlimited and others are being sued by the breeder. For more information on this, please visit: <http://www.ferretsunlimited.org/news.html>. Ferrets Unlimited is a 501(3) (c) non-profit organization. Please consider making a donation to help them defray their legal fees while they risk it all for the sake of ferrets. You can send your donation to them by using PayPal email address: [shelter@ferretsunlimited.org](mailto:shelter@ferretsunlimited.org).

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## HAMMOCKS & SACKS

To defray the costs of keeping OCF operational, we make and sell bedding. These will last for years. 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!

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## SECOND FERRET RALLY OF 2007 - NEXT WEEKEND

Where:

**L.A. Farmer's Market  
6333 West 3rd Street,  
Los Angeles, CA 90036**

The rally will take place on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Please come down and support ferret legalization and help keep this issue in the public eye. For more info, contact [caferrets@legalizeferrets.org](mailto:caferrets@legalizeferrets.org) or call (619) 303-0645.



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## SAN DIEGO FERRET CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

Ferret Legalization Revival II being held at the Kings Inn in San Diego on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. to further the 2007 campaign titled "Do the Right Thing". The conference is intended to increase ferret legalization awareness and provide a public service for those interested in ferrets. For more information, email [caferrets@legalizeferrets.org](mailto:caferrets@legalizeferrets.org). For more information: <http://ferretsanon.com/LegalizeFerretsRevival2/meetinginfo.html>.

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## EDUCATION IS KEY

The CDFEA, aka the California Domestic Ferret Educational Alliance is non-profit and non-partisan public benefit corporation dedicated to educate the public about domestic ferrets in California. CDFEA is a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation. CDFEA has already procured a URL for its online presence at [www.FerretEd.org](http://www.FerretEd.org). Be on the lookout for more on this organization as it develops. We look forward to helping to participate in its endeavors in the very near future.



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## TIPS ON FERRET CARE

**Summer Weather** – Orange County and the rest of Southern California is currently in the middle of a record-breaking heat wave. With temperatures well over 100 degrees Fahrenheit in many areas of the state, the cause for concern for domestic ferrets should be on everyone's mind. Remember to keep ferrets in an area with an ambient temperature lower than 80 degrees. Temperatures over 90 degrees Fahrenheit can prove fatal to ferret who cannot sweat to regulate body temperature. Use of frozen water battles wrapped in blankets or sweat socks can help lower the temperature in a ferret's sleeping area and keep them safe.

**Halloween** – It's nearly that time of year for ghosties and ghoulies to run amok. This is great fun for kids, but some owners may think of sharing their kids' sugary bounty with their pet ferrets. Please keep in mind that sugar of ANY kind is detrimental to the health of your ferret – including all fruits and other sources of sugars sourced from sucrose or fructose. Ferrets ARE obligate carnivores and sugary snacks have been linked with insulinoma and other ferret diseases & illnesses. The ferret's life you save – could be one of your own.

### **WWW.OCFERRETS.ORG**

If there's anything you would like to see made part of the OCF website or newsletter or have an idea that would help ferret owners & enthusiasts, let us know by sending an email to [info@ocferrets.org](mailto:info@ocferrets.org). We exist to serve ferret enthusiasts everywhere. We need your help to keep us moving forward.

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