

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION  
FERRET FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION  
March 12, 2006  
Notes from Open Discussion**

- **Permanent shelter facility for MaFF Rescue and Shelter**

Financing, square footage, teams for locations, rent, or buy, look at real estate market. Staffing, looking for volunteers, financing.

- **Minimum age of kits sold in pet stores**

Propose bill ferrets no less than 8 weeks of age. Other states bigger problems than here. Draw on Alicia's expertise.

- **Study to establish titers for distemper and rabies protection in ferrets**

Are we over inoculating ferrets? Decide to vaccinate based on titer. We have to take a stand and do a study on the titer levels. Distemper is easier to pass than the rabies. Rabies reactions fewer and farther between.

Good shot at getting Jill to work on this. Establish a base line. Have legislature recognize this test.

Purvax not being made anymore. Other states using the Galaxy "D"  
Need a team for grant money, team for blood work, vet to work with.

- **Disaster Management Team**

Smart meeting (State of MA animal rescue team), ICS100 (Incident Command System), NIMS (National Incident Management System) meeting, Donna scheduled to go to one. A foster care member should be certified. Work with smart in a specific area. Deceased animal disposal, search and rescue. Emergency management training for all foster care members. Establish teams in strategic areas. Continuity plan, 3 separate scenarios, act out, live training session. Work out the glitches. Training through SMART - MAFF is in the database. Work on documentation. Help other states, share with isc.

- **Training and Education Programs suitable for ACO's, MSPCA's, ARL's, pet stores and schools**

Already stated, Jo and Alan invited back (heritage day), focus on ACOs (Animal Control Officers), MSPCAs, ARLs. Still not enough knowledge. Sharon and Ronnie did a care and handling session. Mspca, no ferret vets.

- **Area Teams for North Shore, South Shore and Western Mass.**

Email from Especially for Pets - how do we do it, we're already booked solid. Have a North Shore area director. Kenneth main already offered to do this. How many members do we have in Western MA. Donna needs MAFF members to coordinate with. Educated ferret still around this year. Mostly emergency. 3 members in Donna's area. Contact old inactive members. Ask Heather to coordinate western MA. (YES). Heather has Mark Kathleen, Jody's email. Donna needs master colors, material for hand out's in 2006 MAFF folder, Literature write to cd. Mark coordinates Boston. Heather does Sudbury on 29th.

- **Medical**

We have a letter we can send to other vets, try Donna's vet. 10% off, 50% off from our vet  
Working on new alcohol injection procedure with our vet for right adrenal (New experimental treatment from Tufts). Lupron vs. Melatonin is similar to a Ford vs. Chevy debate.  
Hard to get Lupron, Liprosein.

Bird flu coming in 6-12 months.

- Kibble bags, think about stocking up.
- Switch to rabbit meat.
- Meal worms, crickets.
- Freeze some kibble.

- **Establish Team Leaders for the following business / issues\*:**

1. Shelter
2. Minimum age of kits
3. Disaster Management
4. Titers
5. Training

\*(In order of priority determined during open forum, 1 = highest)

- **Other New Business**

Need check from Bill adopting a Black footed ferret.

Cage Drive :

- Can drive, box in break room.
- \$185 in the cage drive.
- Try putting a box out for can drive.