

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
FERRET FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION
March 31, 2008
DRAFT - Notes from Open Discussion**

- **Shelter**

Many adoptions – numbers are down. Need exact numbers from Diddy. Adoption days are very successful.

Raise funds for a GPS / portable nav system to use for rescues.

- **Events**

The MaFF calendar is very full. Event/ education dates are established. Phyllis to confirm there's no conflict with the Tufts event.

Annual frolic scheduled for September 13, 2008. Likely change in venue (TBD)

Donna Connors is posting MaFF's events on Beantown Tails (www.tailsinc.com)

- **Fundraising**

Auction a high demand item. Auction the care/ sponsorship of a ferret.

Ferret-of-the-month email with a PayPal button to make a donation.

'Financial Foster' – sponsor a ferret's care, then receive updates on the ferret's health and any stories about the ferret. Regular updates are the key to making this a 'Foster'.

'Fur Club for Ferrets' – or 'Fuzz Club' themed donation.

Ferret Friends Boutique will no longer carry general ferret supplies. Those items left over will be donated to another shelter and written off. Only MaFF-specific items (mugs, T-shirts) will be carried in the boutique. Mark Rosenstein to take the MaFF specific-items and handle their sale and shipping.

Include a footer on each email with a link to the boutique.

- **Technology**

Send membership list with email addresses to Mark to create a master MaFF email distribution list. Recipients can opt out or forward to others for them to opt in. Emails would be sent for event announcements and outreach opportunities.

PayPal button (see above under Fundraising)

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Recommend setting up teams of volunteers to handle these issues separately:

- **Pet Store Guidelines**

Propose legislation to not sell ferrets under 8 weeks of age. Some baby ferrets for sale don't even have their teeth yet.

Take note from NH: regular pet visits are required by law for pet store ferrets. Here, ferrets fall under the radar because the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) handles them. There were reasons in the late 90's why it was more desirable to have ferrets under DFW's watch. Contact Sharon Burbine.

- **'Vet Visit' Resources**

Find a vet (suggest Jill) to answer ferret vet questions, either in Fuzzy Papers or on MaFF web site.

Vet Visit Questionnaire / Checklist: help stay organized at the vet by bringing a checklist to remind you of the you need to discuss with the vet. It's easy to get distracted at the vet with a ferret (or two or three) with you.