

The Fuzzy Papers

NEWSLETTER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS FERRET FRIENDS
SPRING 1999



MaFF Celebrates Ferret Freedom Day and the Election of Our 1999 Board of Directors

by Jan Fleury, Fuzzy Papers Editor

The baton has been passed. As of Sunday, March 7th you now have a new Board of Directors of the MaFF for 1999 [See Page 2.] The election was held to coincide with our celebration of Ferret Freedom Day. We had a lot of fun at our celebration. There were two raffles: one for a St. Patrick's Beanie Baby and one for a beautiful stepping stone created by Barbaralee Baron [See the Winter 1998 issue of *The Fuzzy Papers* for Barbaralee's Ad: Rhiannon's Kreations], and an exciting auction of several of Dr. Karen's famous flavored cheesecakes. These efforts raised \$244.50 right on the spot!

We also had a huge buffet dinner that was served by organizer Jill Northrup's entire family, who kindly volunteered to set up, prepare and serve dinner, and then also stay for cleaning up! We thank Jill's Mom and Dad, as well as her sister Cindy Northrup and nephew Ryan (who also put in an appearance as 'Whitey' the MaFF Ferret) for pitching in and helping make Ferret Freedom Day great fun for all of us.

Also as a part of this year's festivities, we presented the 1999 Richard K. Bossart Ferret Friend Award. This year, our honoree is Lorraine Denicourt, and far as we're concerned the honor is long overdue. Lorraine, as most of you probably know, was one of the founders of the MaFF, as well as

the operator of Massachusetts' first (and for a long time, ONLY) ferret shelter. [See previous issues of *The Fuzzy Papers* for articles about Lorraine: "Frisky Ferret Tales," Page 5, Fall 1997; "An Interview with Lorraine Denicourt," Page 1, Winter 1997-98; and "The Frisky Ferret Shelter Closes," Page 1, Winter 1998]. In addition, Lorraine was personally responsible for seeing the first drafting of the legislation in Massachusetts to legalize ferrets. We all owe a profound debt of gratitude to Lorraine for her work not only in the legalization of ferrets, but also in running her shelter for all those years. Thanks, too (as Lorraine said when she accepted her award) go to all the people who volunteered at her shelter throughout the years. Many fuzzy lives were saved and we cannot thank Lorraine enough.

Those who were there also heard updates on the Lynn Legalization effort, and on the Brookline Ferret Murder case [See related article on Page 6]. We also raised \$104 in donations for Patrick, a foster ferret who had been in the hospital for the past week, and

had just returned home. And five new people JOINED the MaFF that day!

I'd like to thank everyone who participated and who helped create the successes of the past year. And, I'd like to (not) be the last to wish the new Board all the best in the coming year. If up until now, you've only just *thought* about joining us and helping the MaFF by volunteering, I'd like to



Lorraine Denicourt (center) receives a hug from Whitey, the MaFF Ferret after receiving the 1999 Richard K. Bossart Ferret Friend Award, presented to her by Dick Bossart of 4 Li'l Paws Shelter (left), after whom the award is named.

encourage you NOW to make a resolution to come forward even in a small way during the coming year. Show our new Board that we have a sincere, enthusiastic, CARING membership. Do it for the fuzzies. ☐

Letter from the President

by Dr. Karen Purcell

Well, folks, another year has come and gone for MaFF. We've had some successes — the spring and Halloween frolics were fun for all, Tufts Open House is always happy to see us, the Boston Pet Expo made us some new friends, and we had the opening of a new shelter (Gimmee Shelter Ferret Rescue). We've also had some setbacks: education days lost due to lack of mem-

ber support, our recorded Public Service Announcements not getting air-time after much work for a professional recording, and a lack of communication with our membership.

It's a new year, and a new Board of Directors. My personal focus as president will be a combination of education and membership issues, while continuing all legal efforts on behalf of the ferrets. Some new people have

come forward with fresh ideas and outlooks for the Board and committee chairs. Surveys are in the works to develop a comprehensive view of ferret regulations across the state, as well as updating our veterinary referral list. With such a strong start, I'm hoping for a successful year for this organization. I encourage all of you to join me in this effort. □

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The New Board of Directors

The 'Old' Board (top, left to right), Brian McGovern, President; Jan Fleury, Clerk, and Janet O'Brien, Treasurer, welcomes the NEW Board (bottom, left to right), Sandy Ferreira, Clerk; Dr. Karen Purcell, President, and Richard Brown, Treasurer.

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ASK DR. KAREN

by Karen Purcell, DVM

[Because it's spring, and shedding is always a big concern at this time of year, we have set aside the usual Q&A forum for this feature because Dr. Karen has written us a special article on intestinal problems. — Ed.]

Intestinal Problems in Ferrets

It's spring, and all of us with ferrets start worrying about shedding and other intestinal problems. Here is a general overview of some of the common problems and some solutions.

Shedding season is starting early for the ferrets (and all other mammals for that matter) and hairballs are common, especially in ferrets older than 1 year. Some ferrets will vomit hairballs, but the majority cannot. Hairball remedy should be administered every other day during heavy shedding. Brush regularly and change bedding frequently to decrease the amount of loose hair in the environment. Skinny, scant stools are often an indication of intestinal obstruction. Vomiting may also be seen. In the event of obstruction, surgical removal is advised. Hairballs may or may not be visible on barium study, but are usually palpable. In ferrets less than a year old, small objects are often swallowed and cause obstruction. Vigilant ferret-proofing is a must, especially with rubber and foam objects.

Pawing at the mouth, grinding the teeth, black, tarry stools and lack of appetite are all indications of nausea and gastric bleeding. Helicobacter species induced ulcers can be secondary to hairball obstructions, partial intestinal obstructions, underlying metabolic diseases like insulinoma or adrenal-associated endocrinopathy,

and require a full work-up by a knowledgeable veterinarian.

Any changes in the stool of your ferret can indicate parasite infestation, obstruction, inappropriate diet (don't feed too many raisins or licorice!), or infectious disease. ECE (Epizootic Catarrhal Enteritis) is on the rise in New England, and may be spread by infected carriers coming through pet store distributors. Any new ferrets should be quarantined for at least 2 weeks, preferably 6 weeks, without contact with an established business. Care is generally supportive, but some older or debilitated ferrets may need hospitalization and several weeks of follow-up care. Coccidiosis has been increasingly found in ferrets. This is a parasite usually seen and/or spread by rabbits. It is also contagious, and requires quarantine until treatment is complete. It can be found by microscopic examination of a fresh fecal smear. Treatment of the primary disease is necessary, but supportive care is equally important.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and problem-free spring!!

— Dr. Karen

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Call the MaFF Hotline at 978 / 957 9886 for sizes, rates, and details.

Thanks to Shelter Volunteers and Foster Parents

Many members have asked how to help more directly with our furkids in need. Since Lorraine started the Frisky Ferret Shelter, members and non-members alike have joined together to do laundry, clean cages, clip toenails, give baths and give temporary or permanent homes to special needs ferrets. This is a good opportunity to recognize these helpers, and to congratulate them on past and present good works for the ferrets.

There were many helpers at Lorraine's, with many jobs. Apologies to anyone missed.

Shelter Helpers

Pam Blaustein and her children
Robert Cobb
Jo and Ed Fowler
Ronnie DiComo
Megan LePore
Tina McGovern
Richard Brown
Stephanie Garde
Sally and Brian Clark
Hank and Coreen Buffum

Frisky Ferret Foster Parents

Debra Bliss
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Kathi Linden
Melissa Archambeault

More Foster Parents!

Luv of Ferrets Shelter & Rescue also has foster folk:
Nancy and Aaron Wilder

The Educated Ferret Agency has the following foster parents:
Catherine Bell
Al and Cindy Farr

Gimme Shelter Ferret Rescue has not needed foster parents yet, but we're sure they would be happy to accept a helping hand!

Want to help? Contact the shelter nearest you (see the list on Page 5).

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WRITERS! PHOTOGRAPHERS! SUBMISSIONS SOUGHT!

Submissions to this publication in the form of articles, letters, or photographs, are invited and encouraged. Please feel free to send your submissions to the MaFF address below, or via e-mail to Jan Fleury at jfleury@maferrets.org

Articles or letters can be neatly handwritten, or typed, or submitted via e-mail or on 3.5" IBM formatted diskette as plain ASCII Text (no word processor-specific formats, please).

Photos can be reflective or transparent, must have permission of those depicted, and can be in either color or black & white.

Deadlines for Submissions to Upcoming Issues of *The Fuzzy Papers*

For the Summer 1999 Issue:
Sunday, May 16th, 1999

For the Fall 1999 Issue:
Monday, August 16th, 1999

For the Winter 1999 Issue:
Thursday, November 16, 1999

You may send your submissions to:
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Shelter News!

Gimnee Shelter has been licensed since June, 1998. A total of 81 ferrets have been taken in since then, and 72 have been adopted out. Currently, 8 fuzzies are in need of homes, and two of these are recuperating from adrenal surgery. These two, plus one more, are waiting to go home soon with their new Mom: Janice Santos.

There is one special little guy named Igor [See his story in *The Fuzzy Papers* Winter 1998 issue: "A Shelter Story," page 2 — Ed.] who is a permanent resident. He has lymphoma and is blind.

The shelter also has an elderly fuzzy with a probable insulinoma, who will need a permanent foster home when stable. □

Luv of Ferrets Shelter & Rescue had a total of 68 ferrets come through their doors during 1998. Of the 68, three died from illnesses or surgery complications, and 62 were adopted out to new homes. One little resident is still in need of a permanent foster home, and one is currently recuperating from surgery (and may have to go back for more).

The following ferrets have been adopted out so far in 1999: In February — Jinx and Jammer; Vodo and XR; CaSeal and MonMothma; Buffi; Ms. Blaze; and Norman. In March — Trevor found a new home, and Sydney has been spoken for, but two more pairs: Zazu and Z, and Mrs. Sox and Mister are still waiting for mommies or daddies.

Each ferret who departs Luv of Ferrets goes to his or her new home complete with a specially prepared adoption packet chock full of information, including MaFF publications, the MaFF business card, and other items.

To help defray expenses, shelter operator Jo Fowler also sells very nice

fleece sleep sacks in small, medium, and large (prices range from \$5 to \$12, depending on size). □

The Educated Ferret Agency reports that as of the end of February, they have 22 fuzzies in their shelter, two of whom are permanent residents. Out of the 22, there are 14 ferrets currently adoptable (call them and book a visit!). Two of their furkids are currently in need of vaccinations, one is sick, and there is one ferret being sponsored, and 7 out to foster parents. Nine fuzzies were adopted out to new homes in February, and 5 are currently in the process of being adopted to their new mommies and daddies.

In other news, the Educated Ferret Agency has just inaugurated their newsletter titled, appropriately enough, *The Educated Ferret!* And as their news item, we are reprinting their front page article, "The Ferret Wish List." Here it is:

Running a ferret shelter is a very expensive endeavor, and when a shelter is operating "in the red," that negative balance isn't just a number — that money comes out of the shelter director's own pocket! [The Educated Ferret reports that last year's vet bills came to a total of \$4,478.92! — Ed.] The ferrets at the shelter have compiled a "wish list" (with a little help from their people) of items that would be most appreciated if donated.

The shelter is always in need of cases of paper towels, bags of Cat's Pride™ Cat Litter in the blue bag, Petromalt™ for those pesky hairballs, bags of Totally Ferret™ ferret food, bags of Iams™ Kitten Chow, Polaroid™ 600 Film, perfume and dye-free laundry detergent for the ferrets' laundry, old sheets and blankets for snugly ferret cage bedding, and gift certificates to grocery or pet stores to

help defray some of the shelter expenses. The ferrets would also welcome Gerbers Stage One™ baby food (chicken or turkey), or white litter pans from Family Dollar™. Also very welcome would be FerretVite™ supplement, and Brita™ replacement water filters.

Contributions payable to The Educated Ferret are always welcome by mail or in person. Many thanks to all from your fuzzy friends! [For more information, or to join The Educated Ferret Association, call 413 / 538 7108, or write to 43 North Main Street, Apt. 2, S Hadley, MA 01075. — Ed.] ☐

All the shelters also sell used cages, reasonably priced, and in a variety of styles and sizes.

The Brookline Case

by Sharon Burbine

This past fall, James Arthur Melton, age 27, was arrested and charged with allegedly breaking and entering, attempted arson, and animal cruelty while entering a Brookline apartment. It is alleged that while he was in the apartment, he viciously murdered the owner's two pet ferrets. One, by bludgeoning it to death, and the other by burning it beyond recognition in the oven. Because of the nature of the crimes and his criminal history, Melton will be tried in Superior Court and the District Attorney wants him to be charged with the maximum penalty of 5 to 10 years. So far, the only charge that has been dropped is the attempted arson. All other charges still stand. Melton has been held in custody since the incident. Through a series of hearings at both the Superior and District Court, the evidence presented has shown that there is sufficient cause to appear in Norfolk County, Superior Court, Dedham.

As MaFF's Special Investigations Liaison, I have been furnishing the District Attorney and the Brookline Police with information on ferrets and their behavior in order to strengthen the State's case. Also, the HSUS has been providing MaFF with information on the relationship between domestic and child abuse, and animal cruelty and abuse.

We continue to monitor this case, and as we go to press, it appears that the court date has been set with the Dedham Superior Court for a trial date of Monday, March 29th. We hope to prepare a press release for distribution to any media representatives who may be at the courthouse to report on the case.

We are asking MaFF members who may be able to participate, to appear on the day of the trial, and to sit in silent support of the victim of this crime and in memory of his two little ferrets. Please monitor the MaFF website and/or call the Hotline for any late-breaking news or last minute updates. If you plan to participate, please do not bring your ferret(s) with you to court, and plan to dress appropriately. We do not plan to picket or carry any signs, or to disturb the gravity and dignity of this occasion in any way. Please be respectful of the court.

The only Boston newspaper that has reported this incident is the Brookline Tab. Journalist Jim Walker did an outstanding first article as well as a follow up. More information is available at website www.townonline.com/brookline. Enter the word 'ferret' in the search area. You can also find more at the 'F.I.N. / Ferrets In Need' website at <http://users.1st.net/hammock/ferrets/brookline.htm>. ☐

ADOPT YOUR NEXT FERRET

CONTACT A FERRET SHELTER IN MASSACHUSETTS

Next time you're thinking about it, or if you're asked about the best way to get a ferret, we hope you'll remember the adoption option!

If you have access to the Internet, visit the MaFF Website at www.maferrets.org where you will find information about each of the ferrets available for adoption from the shelters listed below.

All the shelters can benefit from your kind donations of goods, dollars, or your volunteer time.

Call a shelter today to find out how you can help.

Luv of Ferrets Shelter & Rescue

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The Educated Ferret Agency

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Gimme Shelter Ferret Rescue

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What's Up with the MaFF?

by Jill Northrup

With the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, MaFF has been moving forward to meet our mission of promoting the well-being of ferrets through rescue, education and outreach. Below is just a sample of what MaFF has been up to over the last several months, and what we plan to do in the near future.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

A survey of the Board of Health in every city and town in MA will be mailed by the end of March to determine all local regulations concerning ferrets.

A veterinary survey and referral list are being developed. If you have a ferret vet you love, please contact Dr. Karen via email at drkaren@world.std.com for inclusion on the referral list. Additionally, surveys are being developed to send to all veterinarians in Massachusetts to determine their skill and interest in ferrets, and to distribute information.

On another front, we are beginning work on a round of improvements to state shelter regulations.

TECHNOLOGY

The MaFF website has been an excellent resource for MaFF members, ferret owners, and the general public. It has included such information as a bulletin on the Brookline Case, ferret shelter information, alerts to the public on distemper outbreaks, and other salient issues. Also on the website you will find a schedule of events, posted issues of *The Fuzzy Papers*, legal information, links to other important sites, and more! We are looking forward to even more features, as the website with the redoubled efforts of our team of volunteers: Mike Lepore, Brian McGovern, Denis Parslow, and Bob Ferreira. Call the MaFF Hotline if you have any suggestions!

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Former president Sharon Burbine is now the Special Investigations Liaison for MaFF. This committee is made up both MaFF and non-MaFF volunteers who actually span world-wide. Any special ferret case in or outside Massachusetts that comes to our attention will be handled by Special Investigations. Some of the cases over the past year included two abandonments, an animal collector case, and various pet store incidents. Presently, the committee is working on two cases: the Lynn Legalization situation, and the Brookline ferret murders [See article, Page 4.]

PUBLICATIONS

The MaFF's education effort includes our publications, one of which you are reading right now! In addition to publishing *The Fuzzy Papers* and mailing it quarterly to our membership, we make spare copies of back issues available at every event at which the MaFF appears. Contributions of articles, letters, pictures, or features are encouraged [See box on Page 4.]

MaFF educational literature is distributed to pet stores and veterinarians, and other organizations, as well as to all MaFF supported shelters to be given out to new ferret owners or to people contemplating owning a ferret. MaFF literature is given out at every outreach event (frolics, adoption days, the annual Boston Pet Expo, and other events), and is also available upon request.

FUNDRAISING

As you've just seen, MaFF produces educational literature, supports ferret shelters with emergency funds, supports legal initiatives, and much more. All of this costs money! And our Fundraising Committee has dozens of additional ideas, all in need of volunteers

to help make them a reality.

Two recent and successful fundraisers were the Rocky and the Rudy Bear raffles, which raised a total of \$750 for the MaFF shelter fund. An additional \$140 was raised for the shelters by raffling (and then when the raffle winner donated him back, auctioning!) a Furby™ over the holidays.

The MaFF has also established an account with the eBay Internet Auction website, with the proceeds to go to the MaFF. If you have any "auctionable" items, please contact MaFF member Jan Fleury at jfleury@maferrets.org to donate your item.

EVENTS & EDUCATION

MaFF sponsors and participates in events that serve to promote the MaFF mission by providing a forum for the exchange of information. In addition, MaFF events raise awareness of the organization and of the MaFF supported shelters. They also provide fundraising and outreach opportunities. On April 21st, MaFF members Sharon Burbine and Ronnie DiComo will be holding a seminar for Animal Control Officers at their Academy in Agawam. On May 1st, MaFF volunteers will participate in an educational Camporee on "Animals and Nature" for the Boy Scouts at TUFTS New England Veterinary School in Grafton.

WOW! MaFF'S DOING ALL THAT?!

You bet. And more. We realize that many of you have not been fully aware of our efforts over the past several months. MaFF will work harder to get the word out! Likewise, all interested persons are encouraged to attend (and participate!) in the monthly meetings of the Board and Committees. Meeting dates can be obtained at the MaFF website, or by calling the Hotline at 978 / 957 9886. If YOU have considered volunteering for the MaFF, there's no time like the present! Just give that Hotline a ring... Remember: THE FERRETS NEED YOU! ☐

What to Expect When You Don't Know What to Expect: The Story of a Ferret

by Lisa Wagner

Within minutes, maybe even seconds, my whole life changed, and one word caused it:

Insulinoma.

My baby, my first fuzzy, my Whiskey was diagnosed with Insulinoma. So many questions started racing through my mind. Is she in pain? Will she need surgery? Can medicine fix this? Is it curable? And the hardest question of all: How long does she have to live?

Surgery was scheduled to be done in three to four weeks. In the meantime Whiskey, Mom and Dad were in for some changes. First on the list: Duck Soup. Whiskey was going to have to learn to like Duck Soup. Off to the store we go, soon to return with anything and everything that would help Whiskey. I never knew there were so many different types of baby food! Half an hour later, we had finally made our selection of just the right baby food. Now the search for Sustacal™... It only took four different stores to find it, but we were successful. We already had the other ingredients. I was now ready to master Duck Soup for the second time, and this time Whiskey will like it! Dr. Purcell instructed us to increase her protein intake, but no sugars. This meant changing from Multi-grain Cheerios™ to regular Cheerios™ and no more Nutrative™. There had to be something I could give her that she would consider a treat. Sugar-free peanut butter, not easy to find, but we found it.

It was getting closer and closer to the day of the surgery. Every couple of days I sat down with Whiskey and checked every part of her to make sure there were no changes. I don't know exactly what I was looking for, but if there was something to be found I would find it and in my mind that would help in some way. At the

same time I would talk to her and tell her that she has to prove the test results wrong, that she had to be fine and that this was just an awful nightmare. I was still in denial that anything was wrong with her. Prognosis with surgery: one to three years; without surgery: six months to a year. Well, my baby is going to live at least three more years; we'll prove those odds wrong! This was still my attitude the morning of the surgery.

As I handed Whiskey over to the technician the morning of the surgery I became petrified that this would be the last time I'd see my baby. She has now had the surgery and I am still in denial; maybe it is best this way. By denying it I am able to maintain a positive attitude which in turn gives Whiskey a positive attitude to fight this. It is my belief that animals feel and sense what goes on around them, including good and bad emotions. Whiskey was only going to sense good emotions from me. When I first saw her after the surgery it really scared me. Her eyes were glassy and she didn't look right. She was still groggy from the painkillers. Dr. Purcell quickly assured me she was okay and came through with flying colors. Fortunate for us, this was considered a text book case and the outlook was good!

The first night was very nerve wracking. The first time I picked her up I was afraid that I would break her! She was very fragile and had a shaved belly with an incision about 2 inches long. She was kept separated from her two brothers and two sisters. I was concerned how she would handle being separated. I believe that she was so exhausted that she didn't even notice. It was a long night; every two hours I woke up to check on her. She was fine. In the morning I decided to let Whiskey out of the cage. Still wob-

bly, she made her way out, and began to explore; I was never more than ten feet away. She was not allowed to go up a ramp or try to jump up on anything, so close monitoring was necessary. She kept trying to go to the bathroom but nothing would appear in the litter box. Then as she would walk, she started to drag her back end. I found out later that she was weak and she just needed more time to re-coup.

I went off to work and left her with food and water and many good thoughts. As I got home, I was happy to see that beautiful little face peeking out at me from inside the cage, and even happier when I saw the half emptied food dish. I let Whiskey and her brothers and sisters out to visit with one another. I closely monitored the activity. Guinness, our new kit, was just a little too much for her, so Guinness was quickly escorted back to her cage. Whiskey was glad to see her buddies and to be home, but was still in recovery and needed her rest. In the meantime, I will continue to watch her closely and monitor her intake and output, and protect her from the ever-excitabile Guinness. Tomorrow, Whiskey goes back to see Dr. Purcell and will have another fasting blood glucose test done. I imagine this will determine the future course of treatment.

What I'm not in denial about is that three things are necessary to maintain a healthy ferret: education, early intervention, and a qualified veterinarian. Fortunately for Whiskey, she has all three. Okay, a fourth thing: lots of love. Whiskey is about 2½ and has a good prognosis. My other four ferrets are either just turning two, or will be shortly, and I will have all of them tested. I'm not sure what is in store for Whiskey, but I'll keep you posted as she goes through this journey.

As you know, when you let a ferret into your life it will be a lot of work. But it is all worth it. There is much to learn from these beautiful creatures and I am happy to be a student. □

Massachusetts Ferret Friends — Spring 1999

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