

# The Fuzzy Papers

NEWSLETTER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS FERRET FRIENDS  
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## Mia and Bandit

by Jo Fowler, Luv of Ferrets Shelter and Rescue

It has been 7 1/2 months since Bandit and Mia were surrendered to Luv of Ferrets. They have both come a long way since that day in July when they were brought to Lorraine's house to be surrendered because all the shelter kids from Luv of Ferrets, along with their shelter Mom and Dad, were away on vacation. Meantime, Lorraine took care of Bandit and Mia. There was not a lot of information on the surrender form, just their names and ages. Their former owner just did not have time for them any more. When the Luv of Ferrets Shelter fuzzies and humans got back from vacation, we went over to Lorraine's to get the kids and bring them into the shelter. Here are their stories:

Mia is a very petite Light Silver Mitt with ruby eyes (there is no doubt that she is the alpha ferret though!) Bandit is the smallest little boy we had ever seen (except maybe a kit). He weighed only one pound and is a Medium Silver Mitt. Since no one knew exactly what food they had been fed by their former owner, it was very difficult to find a food that they would eat. Bandit was extremely fussy and the only food we could get him to eat willingly at first was "Duck soup." Mia on the other hand, after a reasonable length of time holding out, began to eat the regular shelter diet of *Totally Ferret* and *Iams Kitten* mix (50/50).

Mia also had a bad attitude problem — at first she did not like anyone (human and ferret alike). She only

cared about her cagemate, Bandit. She nipped at humans and attacked the other ferrets. Then — slowly but surely — she realized that humans were trustworthy and little by little her attitude toward humans changed. Her attitude toward other ferrets has yet to change (except for Bandit, her shelter mate Dirk, who she has allowed into her cage as a friend, is the only exception).

Time went on, and Bandit started to gain an ounce here and

and in early November 1999 he had his left adrenal gland removed. He made a very speedy recovery, but in December just after he had regrown all of his hair, he presented with a second hair loss pattern. This time it was at the base of his spine and the top of his tail. After all of this time and daily servings of "Duck Soup" (no less than three times a day) Bandit weighed in at only two pounds, and he was now well on his way to four years old. What were we to do? We knew for certain that he was now dealing with a right adrenal problem, which was extremely serious because Bandit had already undergone a major surgery

only a short time before, he was extremely small, and he was getting "up there" in ferret years. We did not want to take the chance of putting Bandit through a surgery that would possibly take his life. Bandit was happy with his little life; he did not know that he had developed another health problem even

though he did look sort of funny with all of his missing fur. He had become a very social little boy in the shelter and would dance around and chase the other ferrets, enjoying playtime. His favorite passion is to take all of the

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Mia (left) and her pal Bandit, nosing about at the Luv of Ferrets Shelter, where they are waiting for YOU to come and adopt them.

there, which was good. Then we began to suspect that he might be displaying some adrenal symptoms (hair loss across his shoulders), so back to the vet we went for a consultation. It was determined that Bandit was indeed an adrenal surgery candidate,

### *(Mia and Bandit, Continued)*

stuffed toys out of the toy box and stash them in his special spot. Mia, on the other hand, was only able to come out and play after all of the others had finished their playtime and gone back into their cages because she has not changed her attitude toward them. Bandit gets more or less “unmeasured” playtime because he is so social — a real “Luv Bug” of a ferret.

One day last December, I was speaking with a friend and mentioned what Bandit was experiencing and how we did not want to subject him to

any further surgery because we were afraid that a second adrenal surgery might take Bandit’s life. This friend and her husband are very special friends to ferrets, and are always doing one good deed after another in an effort to help them. This very special couple — who have now become Bandit’s Fairy Godparents — offered to donate some *Lupron* for Bandit. I could hardly believe it, but was ever so grateful, and in January 2000 Bandit received his first *Lupron* shot. Within three weeks the fur was coming back on his tail. Everyone was so excited. Bandit did not understand what the fuss was all about, but he knew that his shelter Mom and Dad kept taking pictures every week or so to keep track of what was going on with his tail. Such a lot of fuss about a tail!

The day Bandit received his first *Lupron* shot, he and his shelter folks went to visit his Fairy Godparents and while there another big event happened in Bandit’s life. His Fairy Godmother offered him a treat of *Friskies Gourmet* crunchy food, and by golly he ate it with delight! So now Bandit has finally started to eat crunchy food. Don’t tell Bandit, but we sneak some *Totally Ferret* and *Jams* into it, too. Of course Bandit still gets his daily “Duck Soup,” which he looks forward to.

Bandit will need *Lupron*, which

will be available to him, for the rest of his life, as long as that will be... Mia needs Bandit because she loves him dearly and they have been together for a very, very long time.

Mia has only allowed one other ferret into her cage, and that is Dirk, who also has recently developed more health problems yet to be definitely diagnosed (he, too, had adrenal surgery in November 1999).

Bandit and Mia are a “Special Needs” bonded pair of ferrets who would bring much happiness into someone’s home and life. This very special pair of furchildren need a human family that is ferret knowledgeable, one that has no young children in it (Mia will sometimes rarely and unexpectedly nip) — a family that would be willing to give Bandit his daily supplement of “Duck Soup,” and take him for his monthly *Lupron* shot (arrangements to be made). Mia is very healthy; her only fault is her attitude towards other ferrets and an occasional unexpected nip, at which a stern correction makes her ashamed. She is otherwise loving, friendly toward humans, and very playful.

Is there such a family out there? One that would give Bandit and Mia a permanent foster home? If it’s YOURS, please call their shelter Mom at Luv of Ferrets 978 / 851 7781. □

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*Mia, above, awaits adoption or a permanent foster home. How about YOU?*



## ASK DR. KAREN

by Karen Purcell, DVM

### Some Questions from the MaFF Website

Dear Dr. Karen,

I recently adopted a ferret from a local dog and cat shelter. I didn't know much about her except that she may be approximately 6 years old.

Anyway, the reason I'm writing is that I'm having a difficult time getting her to use her litter box.

Do you have any suggestions? She rarely backs into the corners of anything. She seems to be relieving herself in close proximity of the box and, lately, where she's sleeping.

Do you think maybe it's too far for her? I'm thinking the previous owner didn't get her out for exercise too often, so I'm working on that aspect.

I have one of those double-decker Midwest homes — maybe she's not making it when she comes from the "upstairs."

Signed,

— Ferrets-Parent

Dear Ferrets-Parent,

Have you had her checked by a veterinarian yet? She may be weak — 6 years is pretty old in a ferret. Certainly the distance may be a problem — I usually have boxes on every level when training a new ferret. However, I would get her health checked — this could be an indication of something serious.

Sincerely,

— Dr. Karen

Dear Dr. Karen,

Have you ever heard of this, and how does this happen? I have a friend who just got a ferret a week ago and noticed on Friday that the ferret could not open one eye, so she took it to a vet and it turned out to be an eye ulcer. My friend also works for a vet, but not a ferret vet. Is there a website for this information?

Signed,

— Friend of a Ferret Owner

Dear Friend,

Eye ulcers are caused by some trauma to the surface of the eye. They can happen in any animal or in people, and are often associated with getting dirt in the eye, or a severe infection. Any vet should be able to treat this, as the treatment is fairly universal in mammals.

Sincerely,

— Dr. Karen

Dear Dr. Karen,

What is the best food to feed ferrets?

What should I look for in ingredients?

Thanks.

Signed,

— Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Personally, I believe that no one ferret food is perfect, so I feed a blend of *Totally Ferret*, *Jams Kitten*, *MaxKitten*, *8 in 1*, and occasionally *Science Diet Growth*, depending on the eating habits of my business at the time. I will not feed any food or treat containing vegetables or fruit, as ferrets are not suited to digesting these things.

Sincerely,

— Dr. Karen



### Ferrets on the Internet

by Ronnie DiComo

THE Internet is a wonderful resource for ferret information.

The best place to start is Pam Greene's extensive site, called Ferret Central, at [www.ferretcentral.org](http://www.ferretcentral.org). This is an impressive resource containing a wealth of information on ferret care as well as links to many other ferret sites. Be sure to bookmark it, because you will be going back again and again!

Another valuable resource via the Internet is The Ferret Mailing List

(FML). The FML is a daily moderated list sent once a day in digest form. The FML has been published continuously over the Internet for 12 years. A few thousand subscribers from the United States, Canada, and all over the world discuss health, behavior and current ferret issues. You can search past issues at

<http://listserv.cuny.edu/archives/ferret-search.html>. To subscribe to the FML, send an email message including your name to moderator Bill Gruber at [bigcu@cunyvm.cuny.edu](mailto:bigcu@cunyvm.cuny.edu). FMLers (subscribers to the mailing list) will be having their second reunion, Ferrets

2000, in Toronto, Canada this coming September 14-17. The last FML reunion (celebrating Ten Years of FML, at Disney World in Orlando, Florida) was a wonderful success with people coming from all over the United States and Canada, and even from as far away as Germany! This year's reunion promises to be just as much fun. Events will include a trip to the Toronto Zoo to see black-footed ferrets, several speakers, and lots of time for socializing with ferret folks. For more information, see [www.ferretaid.org](http://www.ferretaid.org). Sign up now and join the FUN! ☐

## The Fuzzy Papers

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Are YOU My Mommy??! — Satchmo: 6 years old and banished to the garage by his former owner — is now at Gimmee Shelter, seen here in his favorite snuggly igloo, and waiting for YOU to come and adopt him.

### AND NOW, "Fuzzy Thoughts," by "Furry Freddy The Ferret" . . .

**Question:** How do you know when you are truly a shelter Mom?

**Answer:** When your husband of 17 years buys you an industrial-size washing machine for Christmas and a super high-powered hand-held vac for Valentine's Day, and you are **THRILLED!**

## Gimmee Shelter Ferret Rescue

### Update: Sad Endings and a New Year Off with a Bang!

by Janice DeJesus,  
*Gimmee Shelter Ferret Rescue*

**M**Y year of sheltering ended very sadly with four very precious losses: Hope, a little girl thrown away to the streets arrived at Methuen MSPCA extremely emaciated, and we were unable to save her in the end. She was diagnosed with lymphoma. And Igor, my precious boy, lost his battle with osteosarcoma and now rests in peace in his favorite fuzzy sack handmade by a very wonderful and kind person: Nancy Wilder [*We ran a story last year about Igor* (The

*Fuzzy Papers, Winter 1998, Page 2*). He was a very dear little stealer-of-hearts. A sweet and special boy. We will miss him. — Ed.] Cody, a cranky old cuss who disliked other ferrets with a passion, lost his life also to lymphoma (he had been with me almost a year with insulinoma also). Petunia, with her right adrenal tumor into the vena cava: we just could not remove it all, and after several months in a wonderful foster home with brothers and sisters to rumple with, she passed away in the night. Igor had lived with me for 1 ½ years; Hope only a short time — but they were all very precious and brave, and all were abandoned ferrets brought in by animal controls from Methuen, New Bedford, Brockton, and others. All hopefully knew that there was love for them before they left this life.

The new year started off like a whirlwind as I received a call from

Brockton MSPCA on New Year's Eve with 6 ferrets being brought there because their owner lost her housing. The ferrets ranged from young to old, from 'okay' condition to really poor. They are all doing very well as of this writing.

A few days later, I received a call from a person who had banished her ferrets several months previously to the garage, without heat or lights. They never came into the house to play, and they ranged in age from 3 years (with adrenal disease and no fur) to 6 years old! The girl has had her surgery and most are now spoken for as of this writing. They remembered how to play and be happy rather quickly, though!

The last big group of January 2000 was a group of 5 ferrets abandoned next to a dumpster in Roxbury and brought to the MSPCA in Brockton by a wonderful, caring young man. Two of them left last night (into new homes!), and one is now best buddies with a young ferret named Scrabble. Two more beautiful boys are left here, but are warm and having fun while waiting for their new homes.

In total, 19 ferrets came into the shelter in January 2000. I wish to thank each and every person who offered help during this critical time, and also to extend an invitation (call first, please!) to every MaFF member to come to visit the shelter. Then, the next time someone asks "what do I get for my membership dues in MaFF?" you can tell them about all the warm little fuzzy lives they have helped to save by joining! ☐



## Our Hearts and Home Are Open Again

by Liz Butler

ON Christmas morning 1999 we lost our first fuzzy, Fritz. Fritz had been a member of our family for five years. He suffered from Lymphoma and passed away in his sleep with our other fuzzy Mitsy by his side.

Throughout the years, I developed that special bond with Fritz that only ferret owners understand. When he died I wrapped him up in his favorite sweater along with his favorite squeaky toy and buried him in my mother's back yard. I told myself that I could never love another ferret that way again and I spent the next few weeks mourning my loss and missing my little buddy. I vowed to devote all my love to Mitsy and never get close to another fuzzy again. In a strange way I was afraid of betraying Fritz.

One morning as I was playing with Mitsy, I realized that I could not possibly fit in the tube with her, and as I watched her try desperately to entice me to "come on in," I realized just how much she was hurting and how much she missed a companion.

I contacted Jo Fowler at Luv of Ferrets Shelter in Tewksbury. I told her



Liz and her Significant Other, above with Mitsy, Frankie, and Willie on Adoption Day.

about my loss and that my family – and especially Mitsy – could really use some ferret company. We visited the shelter and it was there that I fell in love again. Their names are Frankie and Willie, and they have been home with us for only a few short weeks, and they have taught us all something.

They taught me that I can have



Little Fritz. He will be remembered always.

that special place in my heart for Fritz and still open my heart to more fuzzies. They have brought so much joy into Mitsy's life that I swear she is actually smiling now. I wanted to share my story with those of you who have lost a loved fuzzy and are not sure of opening your home and heart to another one or possibly two. If you have a little one left at home, they may let you know, and if you don't, you may want to visit a shelter, because loving and caring for a fuzzy makes all the difference!

[We second your motion, Liz! And many thanks for sharing your joyful experience of discovering more new fuzzies who also need the love and care of those who will open their hearts and homes. — Ed.] □

## Hey, Who Was That (Not) Masked Mascot?!

by Catherine Bell

WHEN Darlene and Richard Pound of Leominster, MA, met the albino ferret kit in the pet store, they had no idea of the honor he was later to achieve. Instead, they knew that he would come home with them and join the family. Due to his intrepid nature, they named him Samurai, which quickly was modified within family circles to "Slamurai" when his unquenchable desire to jump from ta-

ble to table consistently resulted in his slamming into the furniture rather than actually landing on it. Undaunted, Samurai continued his athletic pursuits and went on to win the Tube Races at the 1999 MaFF Spring Frolic in Chicopee, thereby garnering the honor of serving as MaFF Mascot until the next Spring Frolic. It is hard to be a ninja when one is a striking albino, but Samurai has done himself proud on this front as well, serving anonymously until this point. In fact, *(Continued Next Page)*



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in the photo (bottom right, previous page), Samurai allows Whitey the Giant Ferret to take all the kudos while Samurai (although in the center of the picture) mostly tries to disappear amongst his proud and devoted fam-

ily. Please honor this magnificent athlete by encouraging all fuzzy ones to get into shape and start their training for the next Spring Frolic Tube Race. The great Samurai will be hard to defeat, should he decide to defend his title! ☐

## List of New England Shelters

Below is a list of ferret shelters in New England, recently updated and compiled for your information.

### MASSACHUSETTS The Educated Ferret Agency

Donna Spirito  
43 North Main Street  
South Hadley, MA 01075-2782  
(Western MA)  
Telephone 413 538 7108  
Email [Ferretprez@aol.com](mailto:Ferretprez@aol.com)  
Website  
[www.maferrets.org/shelter/educated.shtml](http://www.maferrets.org/shelter/educated.shtml)

### Gimmee Shelter Ferret Rescue

Janice DeJesus  
152 Great Neck Road  
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Website  
[www.maferrets.org/shelter/gimmeeshelter.shtml](http://www.maferrets.org/shelter/gimmeeshelter.shtml)

### Luv of Ferrets Shelter & Rescue

Jo and Ed Fowler  
2 Claire Street  
Tewksbury, MA 01876-3912  
(Northeastern MA)  
Telephone 978 851 7781  
Email [weldj@aol.com](mailto:weldj@aol.com)  
Website [www.luvferrets.com](http://www.luvferrets.com)

### CONNECTICUT FACT (Ferret Association of Connecticut)

L. Vanessa Gruden  
16 Sherbrooke Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106-3838  
Telephone 860 247 1275  
Email [agruden@ferret-fact.org](mailto:agruden@ferret-fact.org)  
Website [www.ferret-fact.org](http://www.ferret-fact.org)

### RHODE ISLAND FARI (Ferret Association of Rhode Island)

Moe and Holly Cyr  
181 Stony Lane  
North Kingstown, RI 02852  
Telephone 401 294 6309  
Website [users.ids.net/~mikehr/fari/](http://users.ids.net/~mikehr/fari/)

### NEW HAMPSHIRE Ferret Kingdom

Kym and Phil Philbote  
Manchester, NH  
Telephone 603 669 5062  
Email [ferretkingdom@hotmail.com](mailto:ferretkingdom@hotmail.com)

### Ferret Services of Freedom

Stephanie Mudgett  
RR1, Box 1592  
Freedom, NH 03836  
Telephone 603 539 5631  
Fax 603 539 4637  
Email [ferret.svcs@rscs.net](mailto:ferret.svcs@rscs.net)  
Website [www.ferretservices.com](http://www.ferretservices.com)

### Ferret Wise Rescue & Rehab Shelter

Dino & Alicia Drakiotes  
PO Box 561  
Marlborough, NH 03455  
Telephone 603 876 4975  
Email [ferretwise@monad.net](mailto:ferretwise@monad.net)  
Website  
[www.dartmouth.edu/~crassi/index.html](http://www.dartmouth.edu/~crassi/index.html)

### 4 Li'l Paws Ferret Shelter

Dick and Joan Bossart  
1 Blair Road  
Merrimack, NH 03054-2511  
Telephone 603 424 2941  
Email [rbossart@aol.com](mailto:rbossart@aol.com)  
Website  
[www.thechipster.com/4lilpaws.html](http://www.thechipster.com/4lilpaws.html)

### VERMONT Underfoot Halfway House

Erin Ennis and Laura Kinney  
288 Main Street, #15 B  
Burlington, VT 05401  
Telephone 802 651 4077  
Email [eennis@zoo.uvm.edu](mailto:eennis@zoo.uvm.edu)



## Letter from the President

by Jan Fleury

**W**HAT matters is what we do. Or as Yoda put it: "Do or Do Not. There Is No 'Try.'"

MaFF is just squeezing under the door into the year 2000. Going into the February 2000 meeting, there was a distinct possibility that MaFF would cease to exist. Ferret-like, we managed to fit our collective skulls through that one-and-a-quarter-inch gap under the door, but it remains to be seen whether the body will follow.

In that meeting, the consensus was to re-examine MaFF's reason for existence. We dropped back to square one, asking the fundamental questions: "Scale back? Call it quits?"

Our official mission is threefold: "Shelter, Education, and Outreach." We asked ourselves, "what do these words really mean?" tossing the three concepts into the air for a fresh perspective, ready to discard any and all that no longer worked. The idea was to make a conscious decision as to whether (1) we have been doing these things, and (2) will continue to do these things.

The Verdict: Continue.

So far, so far. But let's stop invoking these three words (Shelter ... Education ... Outreach) as a meaningless mantra and actually have a look at them with fresh minds. What ARE these three things, and of what use are they *REALLY*?

**SHELTER** — As long as there are ferrets who are given up by their humans for whatever reasons and circumstances, there is a need for shelter.

**EDUCATION** — As long as there are humans seeking to share their lives with ferrets in a humane and responsible way, there is a need for education.

**OUTREACH** — As long as there are people in Massachusetts who need to know about MaFF and other ferret or-

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ganizations, and a community who can benefit from all the MaFF has to offer both members and the general public, there is a need for outreach. This includes all of our events and appearances at which we tell people about MaFF and provide educational materials and information.

So we decided that our mission remains "Shelter, Education, and Outreach," but "in that order"? Let's have a look at this idea, too. MaFF's mission is in reality a triad with all three elements sharing equal priority. If there was more Education, there would be less need for Shelter. Without Outreach, no one would know we are here with our Shelter and our Education.

Don't get me wrong. We absolutely support our Shelter and Foster Moms and Dads, but I think THEY would agree that even with all their hours of dedicated, loving, often heart-breaking work, our collective fondest wish is that there would BE NO NEED FOR SHELTERS! In an ideal world, all ferrets have loving, permanent homes. But reality is otherwise, and so these true-hearted people — every day and night, every holiday and weekend — stand in the breach. I ask you now for all the support we can give them. Fact is, nothing stops you from writing a check to your favorite shelter or to MaFF and mailing it out as soon as you finish reading this. Easier than showing up to help clean cages, but at least it's SOMETHING.

In transition of the Board of Directors, we thank those who have served in the past: Presidents Sharon Burbine, Brian McGovern, and Dr. Karen Purcell; Treasurers Bill Williamson, Janet O'Brien, and Richard Brown; and Clerks Lee McKee and Sandy Ferreira.

In transition of the organization, we thank all members and contributors, volunteers, and our hard-working committee chairpersons.

A word about committees: Often in the past a "committee" has been ONE PERSON working to make

things happen — and you know who you are. These people have tackled MaFF tasks single-handedly and done them well, but we want this to stop. Rather, we want committee leadership to become co-chairpersons supported by committee member volunteers, so that for each important function of MaFF there is at minimum a partnership of people working together instead of one person working alone. YOU can help. HEY! Don't go looking over your shoulder like that. Yes, I'm talking to **YOU**.

Visit the MaFF website at [www.maferrets.org](http://www.maferrets.org) for the date, time, and location of the next committee meeting or event and then show up. Send email to [info@maferrets.org](mailto:info@maferrets.org), or directly from our website to a committee chairperson listed there, and find out what needs doing that you can do.

Not on the Internet? Call the MaFF Hotline at 781 / 244 1098 and ask to receive a call back from a MaFF committee or our Volunteer Coordinator about the kind of work you feel you

can help us with. Even the smallest "behind the scenes" tasks need hands to accomplish them. And truth is, many are left un-done because there is no one who has stepped forward.

What matters is what YOU do.

Do or Do Not write that check.

Do or Do Not volunteer (and you don't have to "know everything about ferrets" to help us, either!)

Do or Do Not make photocopies of the MaFF "Cut and Post Flyer" and drop off a stack or post some at work, your local grocery store, pet store, veterinarian's office, or place of worship.

Do or Do Not step forward to help with MaFF's work as part of a committee (for just ONE task or ONE event a year??)

Do or Do Not call a shelter or visit its website (links are available directly from MaFF's site) and find out what's on their "donations wish list," and then send it to them.

Do or Do Not adopt or foster a ferret.

YOU are us. WE are YOU. ☐

## The Adventures of MacLeod MacFerret

### Episode 4: MacLeod Moves to Florida

by Barbaralee Baron

I knew something was up. All the furniture had disappeared, and there were a lot of boxes to explore. Mom placed me in my carrier on the back seat of the truck along with Taz. Then with all our belongings, we headed off down the road. Most of the trip was pretty boring, so I slept a lot. Mom would stop periodically for gas and to let Taz and me go potty. I wanted to explore some of the places we stopped, but Mom being Mom, wouldn't let me. As the trip through the South progressed, I became a little curious.

The foliage became greener, and the air warmer. There were all sorts of different smells. The earth under my paws was even different. It

went from a dark brown to a clay red color, and became softer and sandier. After a while, I went back to sleep. I was dreaming about squeaky toys when I was jolted awake. It seems we'd blown a tire on the trailer. Mom was spitting mad, but after a couple of hours a man arrived, fixed the tire, and we were off again. This all happened in a place called Georgia. A few hours later, we were in our new home. Florida. Now the adventure begins. I now have a large house to explore, and new friends: two cats named Mickey and Mouse, to play with. Who knows, I may even get to meet an alligator... whatever that is! ☐

**Next Time**

**Episode 5: Silver Springs**

## Massachusetts Ferret Friends — Spring 2000

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