

The Fuzzy Papers

NEWSLETTER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS FERRET FRIENDS
WINTER 1998



The Frisky Ferret Shelter Closes

A Note from Lorraine Denicourt

[For those who have been with us since the beginning, this will seem like the passing of an era, but Lorraine Denicourt has made the difficult decision to close the Frisky Ferret Shelter: our very first — and for quite a while, only — ferret shelter in the entire state. With the closing of Lorraine's shelter we are now down to three shelters statewide that are affiliated with the MaFF. This holiday season, please take a moment to make a donation to the ferret shelter of your choice. The shelters are listed on Page 5. We appreciate all your support for this very important and often heartbreaking work. — Ed.]

I never thought I would be writing this. My name is Lorraine. I ran the Frisky Ferret Shelter for the past three years since ferrets became legal in Massachusetts. I've enjoyed doing this and will really miss it, but I've decided to quit for various reasons: mainly to move into a 55-plus complex. But so far, I can't find one that will let me take my own ferrets with me. So for now, I'm still looking. I will remain active in MaFF and board ferrets for anyone going on vacation. That way, I can still have other ferrets around.

The past three years have been very enjoyable for me and I have had many ferrets come through here. I've found most of them very loving homes. When they leave here, I kiss each one goodbye and tell them they are going to a new home with someone to love them. I'm sure some people think I'm crazy, but anyone with ferrets understands.

A few have come back for a

visit and others have vacationed here while their families have vacationed elsewhere. I would like to write a story about each one, but there isn't room. So here are just a few:

Rex and Daisy came to the shelter in the summer of 1996. Rex was six and Daisy was five years old, so no one wanted to adopt them because of their ages. There were here for two more years. Rex passed away this past summer from cancer and Daisy is now seven and a half years old and is being fostered by Linda Thompson.

Another pair, Sampson and Delilah (since passed) came here so badly dehydrated that they couldn't even stand up. With the help of the Salem Animal Hospital and a lot of love, they lived a few more months. They were five and a half years old. These and a few others are buried in my yard alongside several of my own.

Cookie and Comet were two year olds. Cookie had been declawed and Comet has one bottom tooth that

laps over his top lip because his bottom jaw was broken. Soon they will be in a foster home, and they may even adopt them. They will have a loving home.

In my years of running the shelter I never met a bad ferret: only ones with bad habits. No one knows what kind of life they had before they were given up for adoption. I only wish that people would take the time to learn about the care and commitment it takes to own a ferret before they buy one.

When I hold a ferret to hug and kiss them I thank God for creating such a loving animal. I know there is a Rainbow Bridge and someday when I get to cross that bridge I know all my fuzzies and the ones I had the pleasure of caring for will be waiting to greet me.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who has donated their help in any way. I want to thank all the volunteers who have helped me at the shelter these past years, and all the people who have fostered any ferrets. I hope that I haven't forgotten anyone. I really appreciate all the help that was given.

— Thanks again,
Lorraine and All the Fuzzies at Frisky Ferret Shelter ☐



Igor takes a cozy rest from his favorite ferrety fun: playing in the grass. He will live out his remaining days with Janice at the Shelter.

A Shelter Story

by Janice DeJesus
of Gimme Shelter Ferret Rescue

[Editor's Note: I met Igor over at Gimme Shelter this past summer. We were standing around, looking in at all the little ones, and I was talking to Igor. Janice reached down, scooped him up, and said "Here, hold him. He loves to be just held and cuddled. No one will ever adopt him, but I love him. He will die here with me." The moment I had him in my hands, I could tell that his little head was misshapen and as I felt it, it was all I could do to keep the tears back. I held him for some minutes, petting him and speaking softly to him, and he was contented as he lay quietly in my arms. I will never forget this sweet little sable boy.

Janice attached an additional note to her story when she sent it in, and since it includes an Igor update, I asked her permission to include it along with the story itself. Here is the note:

"Don't know if this could be considered for The Fuzzy Papers or not. Of course, after writing it, I got Ferretone™ on it and ran out of copy paper! But anyway I thought you would enjoy a picture of Igor (the little guy you met). He is really doing quite well. He loves to eat turkey and trot around outside and rub in the grass. He has gained weight lately, too! — Jan D."

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I arrive at the pound. The odors and
cries overwhelm me.

"Ferret Rescue is here."

"I don't know what you can do
with this one. I think he's pretty old."

"Oh great!" I think, "One more
that will never leave! How many can I
keep?!"

The room is open and I move
towards the ferret cage. They are
usually scared and nervous. This guy
is in a filthy torn hammock, the cage
overrun with feces and odor. Where's
his litter box? A chewed dog biscuit
and a few pieces of dog food are in
his food dish. I reach in gently to pick
him up and notice his little 'vampire
fangs' are translucent and brown.
One eye is milky but, worse yet, the
other is bulging out as is the side of
his little head. His toes are tangled
from extremely long nails that look as
if they have never been clipped. He
has a fluid-filled bubble in his groin.
He turns his head to look at me and
clings tightly to my chest and sighs.

Am I not used to this yet? I
should hand him to the pound
manager to be "put to sleep." The
tears flowing, I drive to my wonderful
vet who examines, treats, and
announces that I have a friend for a
while.

I feel such grief for this critter
who was never anyone's 'best bud.'
He never had the joy of a human who
truly, unselfishly loved him. So I try to
give him some happiness in his last
weeks. He loves to rub his face on
grass wet with morning dew. He
loves to walk outside. He loves to be
read to and just snuggle. Yes, I
should have had him put down as he
is a financial drain on the shelter and
how will we continue to pay for the
ones who may be adopted? But
doesn't he deserve a chance to have
some happiness and love in his life
too? Does anything make him less
worthy of this? I love him. I love them
all. Each deserves to be someone's
'most beloved.' Each should have

someone to mourn them when they are gone.

I am not a special shelter owner. I have not experienced anything that Lorraine, Jo, and Donna don't experience every day. The stories they could tell would be tenfold greater as they have dedicated themselves much longer than I.

The financial tension is forever present, the emotional drain is huge, but the love each fuzzy returns is incredible and worth every ounce of the pain. I have met so many lovely people: from the ones who have helped me save fuzzy lives to the ones who have adopted and opened their homes and hearts, to the ones who have given me advice, hope, and encouragement. I thank you all.

I look back a few months ago to when we went camping. I packed up our few fuzzies and off we went. But how do you pack 20-plus? You don't. You just don't go any more.

Most of all, I thank my family for helping, heart and soul: from cage building to life-rearranging, to syringe feeding, etc. I couldn't do this alone. Last but not least, I thank MaFF for reaching out to members with our urgent need to find homes for all our kids. If every fuzzy owner, new or old, would just look long and hard to see if there is maybe a tiny space in their hearts and homes for one more critter to love, perhaps our dilemma would lessen by just that much!

— Thank You All,
Jan, Joan, and Mark DeJesus
Gimmee Shelter Ferret Rescue ☐



ASK DR. KAREN

by Karen Purcell, DVM

DEAR DR. KAREN,
I'm relatively new to the bizarre world of being owned by a fuzzy. When our daughter left home we 'adopted' Mary Jane. She's about a year old now, and we've gotten a reminder from her Doc to get her yearly checkup. Please fill me in on what questions I should ask. I've been getting mixed messages from all sorts of on-line fuzzy info sites about various vaccines. What's the straight and simple answer?

Signed,
— Adoptive Mom

DEAR ADOPTIVE MOM,
Canine distemper vaccine should be given yearly. I recommend oral benadryl given 15 minutes before vaccination, FERVAC vaccine and a 20-30 minute wait afterward to watch for reactions. Rabies vaccine also needs to be given yearly. IMRAB is the ONLY vaccine for use in ferrets, and the same pre-vaccine and post-vaccine precautions should be followed.

Sincerely,
— Dr. Karen

[Editor's Note: While we're on the topic of general health care for ferrets, Dr. Karen also submitted the following brief article for inclusion in this issue.]

Current Recommendations for Ferret Health Care

Over the past year, I'm seeing many more ferrets. Unfortunately, many of these wonderful fuzzies are ill. Due to some success in catching various problems early through blood tests, I now recommend the following regimen for care of the ferret.

Please feel free to use these guidelines to care for your pets, or contact me if you have any questions or feel I've left something out.

■ Yearly physical examinations and vaccinations.

■ Once 2 years of age, every ferret should have a complete blood count and fasting (3 hours) blood glucose performed. It has been recommended to start this testing after 6

months of age, use your own judgement.

■ Any ferret over 5 years should also have a serum biochemistry run yearly if the blood drawing is not too traumatic. Whole body x-rays are also a good idea.

■ Have teeth cleaned as needed.

■ Any indications of illness are a reason to visit your veterinarian, if only for peace of mind. You see your pets daily, and know their quirks and activities. If there is something wrong, you will catch it first.

Especially see your vet if you notice any lumps anywhere on your ferret.

I hope this helps keep many of our furkids alive and kicking. ☐

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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

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Letter from the President

by Brian McGovern

Another quarter has come and gone. With elections less than four months away, we're pretty much on the home stretch. Unfortunately, being "almost done" isn't done. So, for the next few months, we'll plod along, and try to wrap up some things that are still open.

When I took office, there were three things I wanted to accomplish this year. First was to reorganize the group so we'd be better able to work independently to reach common goals. By authorizing group directors to make decisions on their own, we saw limited success in many areas. Events and Fundraising did a larger number of events this year than in previous years. Education managed to kick off, and for a while maintain, pet store educational visits. The Shelter group has gotten a handle on what it must do to succeed, but now without a strong leader at the helm, it continues to struggle. Technology has taken on some interesting projects, but without enough volunteers to bring projects to completion (I, too, have been neglecting my own tasks, in favor of working on larger issues that affect the entire organization). Dr. Karen Purcell has contributed considerably to helping MaFF with its medical issues. Sharon Burbine, Ronnie DiComo, and others have kept a han-

dle on many legal issues that MaFF has faced. Overall, the system itself works. The main problem is finding sufficient volunteers to do the work that has to be done. Hopefully, in the future, this problem can be solved by the membership.

The second task I tried to accomplish was to assist MaFF in arranging for long-term growth funding. As I write this, plans are being finalized to open the MaFF Endowment Fund, an account in which a percentage of MaFF's income will be set aside to grow over the years. Our goal is to allow this fund to reach at least \$10,000 of principal, at which time MaFF will begin using some of the interest to fund its programs. To date, at least \$2,000 of the initial principal has been raised. If you're looking for your best "bang for the buck" when donating to MaFF, the Endowment Fund will be, over the long term, the best place for it to go. While these may seem like large sums of money, a few hefty donations could place MaFF in a good financial position within a few years. Even with a few thousand dollars, the Fund will generate a few hundred dollars of revenue per year.

The last goal I set for this year was to double membership. At this point, this goal looks unobtainable,

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but I hope the current board has laid much of the groundwork for this to become a reality. Our main failure in this area is in making people aware that we even exist. While many ideas have been suggested (and a few implemented), including press releases, appearances in pet stores, etc., we seem to have missed the boat for one reason or another. The consensus is that we're not reaching enough people fast enough, not presenting a compelling reason to join, and lastly, we're fighting the public perception that "animal groups" are a bunch of tree-hugging wackos.

As we head into the last quarter of 1998, we're hoping to approach a few radio stations to see if we can get in to discuss ferrets and the responsibilities of ferret ownership on the air. We hope that, if properly timed, we can reach tens of thousands of people at a time rather than the dozens or hundreds we can reach through other means.

As you can see by my discussion above, the success or failure of MaFF is tied directly to volunteerism on the part of its members. Were I to total the number of people I've seen volunteer and compare it to the number of members, approximately 20% of MaFF membership volunteers at least once a year for an organized event. That means that for every volunteer who puts in 4 to 5 hours in a year (I'm not counting the hard-core people who do far more than this), we have four other members. One could apply wishful thinking and state that if twice this number of people volunteered, their efforts would cause the organization to double in size. However, reality shows that if double the number of people volunteered 4 to 5 hours a year (or more!) we'd get many more things done, and these volunteers would provide us with the 'bandwidth' needed to pursue many of the things we simply do not have the time to take on now.

Anyhow, enough of the

volunteerism soapbox for this issue.

Otherwise, we've had a good quarter. Thanks to Jill Northrup, and those infamous volunteers, the Halloween Frolic was a major success. I must also give appropriate 'kudos' to E.U. Wurlitzer of Nashua, NH for providing a massive discount on our new PA system, as well as spending well over an hour working with me to determine what would be the most appropriate system to buy. If anyone had problems hearing the announcements at the Halloween Frolic, let me know and we can get your hearing checked <grin>. Also, the board owes thanks to the National Guard, who always provide a considerable amount of help before, during, and after these events.

Our next major event will be Ferret Freedom Day in March [see the enclosed flyer! — Ed.], at which this year's elections for the offices of President, Treasurer, and Clerk will be held [see the enclosed Call for Nominations! — Ed.] Not being up on all of the details and plans, I can't elaborate much, but I suspect that Jill will do her usual wonderful job, and a good time will be had by all.

Anyhow, I should wrap this up. I hate to ramble needlessly. As always, if there are any questions or comments, you can email the board at board@maferrets.org, or call the MaFF Hotline at 978 / 957 9886. If you are interested in volunteering, just show up at the next MaFF monthly meeting (December 8). The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7 to about 9:30 PM at Owen O'Leary's restaurant located in the Hampton Inn on Speen Street in Natick (near the Natick Mall). Don't be afraid of being the only one there! The average monthly meeting is over a dozen people, but there will always be plenty of room for more. □

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

Jo Fowler
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The Educated Ferret Agency

Donna Spirito
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Gimme Shelter Ferret Rescue

Jan and Mark DeJesus
508 / 291 1850
Wareham, MA
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Some 'Thank-Yous'

Sincere thanks to the following volunteers who helped make the Halloween Frolic fun for all !

Barbaralee Baron, Michele Bolton, Rich Brown, Craig Crosby, Paulette Dumond, Sandy Ferreira, Joe Fitzgerald, Jan Fleury (purveyor of programs), Ed Fowler, Tracey Goodwin, Kristine Kelley, Brian and Tina McGovern, Lee McKee, Cindy Northrup, Jill Northrup (Event Coordinator !!), Ryan Northrup, Janet O'Brien (chef of the Most Awesome Pulled Barbeque Pork), Dr. Karen Purcell, and Bill Williamson
... And to a very kind couple who helped us out at the Game Table (and whose names we did not get !) Also a special thanks to Whitey the Ferret (as Himself). And to everyone else who helped, and who contributed to the Bake Sale and the Raffle!!

EMERGENCY FUND FOR SHELTER & FOSTER FERRETS

The MaFF has established an emergency fund to help cover unusual veterinary expenses for ferrets in the shelter and foster care system. We are setting up a governing board to administer the program. Special merchandise sales, coin jar receipts, proceeds from our "Rocky" bear Raffle, and donations from members will be put towards this worthy cause. If you would like to know more, or if you wish send a special donation, write to us at MaFF, PO Box 3123, Wakefield, MA 01880, or call the MaFF Hotline at 978 / 957 9886.

Thanks also to the following participating Shelters:

Dick and Joan Bossart of 4 Li'l Paws Ferret Shelter, Janice DeJesus of Gimmee Shelter Ferret Rescue, Lorraine Denicourt of the Frisky Ferret Shelter, Ed and Jo Fowler of Luv of Ferrets Shelter & Rescue, Stephanie Mudgett of Ferret Services of Freedom, Donna Spirito of The Educated Ferret Agency, and Alicia Drakiotis of Ferret Wise.

And to other participating folks:

Kym and Phil Bertel of Ferret Kingdom, Holly Cyr and the Ferret Association of Rhode Island, Ann and Vanessa Gruden of Ferret Association of Connecticut (FACT), Ray and Cheryl Walsh of Evergreen Rabbit Farm, and to Struminsky Photography.

Still more thank-yous are in order for our 1998 Boston Pet Expo Volunteers and Contributors:

Barbaralee Baron, Rich Brown, Rob Cobb, Janice DeJesus, Joan DeJesus, Beverly Edwards, Sandy Ferreira, Jan Fleury, Jo and Ed Fowler, David Gearhart, Tracey Goodwin, Kristine Kelley, Lee McKee, Cindy Northrup, Ryan Northrup, Janet O'Brien, Dr. Karen Purcell, Shannon Reis, Donna Spirito, Phyllis Taber, David and Linda Thompson, Mason Weinrich, Bill Williamson. And to everyone else who helped us each day! Also, special thanks to Janet O'Brien for donating "Rocky the Christmas Bear," who is on raffle until Dec. 8th and to Phyllis Taber for donating the "Furby" who was raffled at the Expo and raised approximately \$70 for the shelters! And to Whitey the Ferret, who put in an appearance at this event as well! □

LOST & FOUND !

Two children's coats were found as we were cleaning up after the Halloween Frolic. If these belong to you, please send us email at info@maferrets.org, or call the MaFF Hotline at 978 / 957 9886.

Those 'Winter Itchies'

by Lee McKee

Have you noticed your ferret scratching more during the winter?

Because cold air carries much less moisture than warm air, it has a drying effect on your ferret's skin — and your own! The dry air also affects the mucus membrane lining of the respiratory tract, making you and your animals more vulnerable to airborne cold and flu viruses.

A humidifier in your bedroom and in the ferret's room would help with everyone's itchiness and make breathing easier. The expensive ultrasonic humidifiers models are nice and quiet, but a cool-air humidifier can be had for about \$10. You can even put a kettle of water on the radiator (but keep careful watch on those curious critters!). Refill your humidifier daily so that you don't introduce a mold or bacterial problem to the house.

If you bathe your ferrets during winter, be sure to use a conditioner, or put a bath moisturizer such as Avon's Skin-So-Soft in the bath water. After bathing or nail clipping, dab a little petrolatum on their foot pads to keep them supple and healthy. □

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KEEP THESE NUMBERS HANDY IN CASE OF HOLIDAY MISHAPS !

A Note from Your Editor (and Outgoing Clerk)

by Jan Fleury

Yes, you read it here first. I plan to pass along the Clerkship at the March elections, and if you read our Call for Nominations flyer, you will find that all of our officers: President, Treasurer, and Clerk, are up for grabs this time. Each of us came to the same conclusion independently: that the duties of the board should not be held tightly, but rather passed along each year. Not to mention that each of these positions involve a fair amount of work. I recommend you nominate someone with a solid sense of responsibility and a head for detail for your next Clerk. Perhaps this person is YOU! Don't hesitate to nominate yourself if you feel you would like to see this position done right. Now for my message. It has two parts: THE GOOD NEWS and THE BAD NEWS. Let's start with THE BAD NEWS and get it over with, shall we?

The Bad News

This topic is one you have read in these pages many times. It's the subject of participation. Basically, the work is piling up and we're not getting a lot of help. We are sorely in need of human beings willing to take up our many un-completed (and un-started!!) tasks. We need help with fundraising, ferret rescues, event planning and execution — you name it. Every conversation I have with MaFF President Brian McGovern inevitably includes the phrase "if only we had the people to do that," or "add that to our growing to-do list," or "yes, I'll get around to that in my 'copious spare time.'" I have a little secret to share with you: the people who show up to do the work time and time again don't really 'have the time,' either. They MAKE the time. Actions speak louder than words, folks, and if you call a MaFF Director or Board Member to complain

about this or that not getting done, or big delays, next time the answer is: "If you're looking for someone to get something done, look in the mirror."

How about this copy of *The Fuzzy Papers* you're holding in your hands? News Flash: if several dedicated volunteers had not gotten themselves out and spent an hour or two collating, stuffing, folding, sealing, stamping, and labeling, this very piece of paper would not be in your hands. Hey, but maybe that's no big loss. At some point, there'll be no one to do it, and so it will simply not get done. This work is not done by magic or by elves. It is done by people like you who respond to the call and come in to share a couple of hours of fun and conversation while folding pieces of paper. It CAN be fun, you know. We talk about our ferrets, we share the latest ferret news, we goof around, we laugh, we cuddle our host's ferret(s), and in the meantime we get the work done. Try it some time.

Most of all we need a Volunteer Coordinator to 'bootstrap' all this work that needs doing — someone who can spend perhaps a couple of evenings a week contacting MaFF members by phone or email to gather (cajole, encourage, enjoin, beg, beseech) the volunteers we need for our various activities: visiting a pet store, helping at a MaFF event, joining us at a mailing party, whatever.

Bottom line: less and less will get done, months will fly by without our contacting potential corporate sponsors, the Shelter Emergency Vet Fund will dwindle, no more events will be scheduled, and soon there will be no way to help the ferrets when they need us. Too bad. Next time, instead of thinking "why didn't somebody do thus-and-so?" think: "why don't I do it?"

Okay, I'll get off my soapbox now — have you noticed it looks a lot like our MaFF President's? — and get back to work pulling the rest of this issue of *The Fuzzy Papers* together. At least I've said my piece. I want to personally thank each and every person who has put in any time whatsoever to help us, whether it was for an isolated event or on an ongoing basis. Without you, ferrets suffer. Some even die. But each of you chose instead to do some one small thing that may well have saved a ferret life. Feel good. Be proud. Encourage others to do the same. 'Nuf said.

The Good News

The MaFF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization now. Had you heard? This means that contributions are tax-deductible (ask your accountant!). The corollary to this is that we are now in a better position to seek solid sources of tax-deductible contributions, such as corporate donors and individuals with a love for ferrets, and who have the means to express this through contributions.

To inaugurate this event, we have been exploring ways to establish an official Endowment Fund into which we can deposit these (much-hoped-for) corporate and private donations where they can become the proverbial 'gifts that keep on giving.' Accordingly, at our November Board Meeting, it was decided that we will seek an initial goal of \$10,000 in the Fund before we set up a mechanism to draw upon the earnings from it.

It could only take two or three very kind donors to reach our initial goal for the Endowment Fund, and then we can begin using the proceeds from which the MaFF can draw to help fund our mission.

Do you know anyone who we might contact about contributing to the MaFF? Are you, or do you know anyone who is experienced and adept at eliciting major corporate sponsorships? Now is the time. □

Massachusetts Ferret Friends — Winter 1998

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