

Three Rivers Ferret Council  
Mini-Newsletter  
June 2010



**Next Meeting:**

**Sunday, June 20, 2010**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Oliver,  
corner Margaret & Brownsville Rd

12:00 Unload and set up

**(Helpers Only Please!)**

1:00 Socialize & eat

1:30 Store opens

2:00 Meeting starts: business & reports

3:30 Wrap up and raffle; store closes

4:00 Meeting ends

**TOY WORKSHOP!**



Come join us and make a "cracker box" maze for your ferrets! It's easy, it's fun, and the ferrets love them. Cracker boxes are perfect because they're long and thin. We'll be taping them together to make a maze toy. (You do **not** need to be a member to attend meetings.)

**FERRET AWARENESS DAY**

**June 19, 2010**

**12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**LOCATED AT THE PETCO IN FOX CHAPEL**

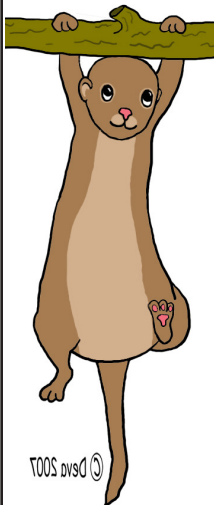
Bring your fur kids into Petco for "Spa Day" where we will show you how to cut their nails, clean their ears, and how to brush their teeth for a small donation to the Hide-E-Hole Shelter. You can learn about the Three Rivers Ferret Council, Inc. and join or just be put on our mailing list for our monthly meeting notices. We will have pamphlets for you to take home, too. In addition, we will be talking about how to care for a new ferret, as well as tips and tricks for your current ferrets. We have very knowledgeable people to help you with questions.

So please come by and see us and we'll be glad to help you out.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Hide-E-Hole: **Ferretini**; Natalie Huddleston: **Raindrop** (shelter foster); Susan George: **Dragonheart**; Kathy Stewart: Tippy; Lisa Wolfgang: **Capone**; Daphne Curtis: **Malcolm**.

In memory of the ferrets who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge; our condolences to their owners. If you would like your ferret to be remembered, send the appropriate information to: bcarlson@andrew.cmu.edu.



**NOTICES**

**Lisa Rodriguez** took Belle and Damien (elderly FFP ferrets that had been returned). She says, "Damian has a foot fetish, I'm out of clean socks, and I can't reach the ones he has hidden under the bed – which is one from each pair. Belle has 2 speeds, 90 miles an hour and sound asleep. They both turned 7 this spring."

**Renee Tabak** is fostering Ollie Oops for the shelter. Two of her three ferrets don't like him,

though, so he's getting a separate play time.

**Susan George** got a retired breeder from Kay Amrine named Cami.

**Jessica Knaus** adopted a 2-year-old male Rottweiler (dog) from Animal Friends. He's still a bit thin (he'd been hit by a car) and a little shy, but he's a nice boy and she'll be taking him with her when she moves out. Her ferrets are not thrilled.

**Kathy Stewart** got 2 babies from Chris: FFP's Ozzie's Black Powder (from Lola and Norman) and FFP's Gibbie McGhie (from Dee-Jaa and Goldie) and adopted Korbel.

**Ross Knepper** took Chico from Chris to keep Athena company.

**Daphne Curtis** has two new additions: Lucy and Mina, who are currently 3.5 months old and won't sit still for anything. They join Angus, who is 7.25 years old and still going.

**Rhonda Wilson** added Lacey, Riff Raff and Hershey to her crew.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**July 18th** – Shelter visit day. Come to the shelter (just down the street from the church) to party, visit ferrets and maybe help with ears & nails. Zoo trip will be scheduled at a later (less hot) date.

**September 19th** – 14th Annual TRFC Ferret Follies & SHOW! – Bring your ferrets to South Park for festivities that include games, raffles and more! This year we will have a small ferret show; "Specialty" rings including Chocolate, Sable, Albino, Senior and more. Pre-registration is suggested for specialty show. Small fee charged for games, show entries & admission. Location: Silent Brook Barn on 100 Acres Dr, directly across from the skat-ing rink on Corrigan Dr. Look for more information on the picnic/show in the upcoming months.

**FERRET SHOW LISTINGS FOR 2010**

**8/28:** Buckeye Bash, Columbus, OH

**9/25:** Fall Ferret Fandango, Gilbertsville, PA

**10/30:** Dooktoberfest, Fredrick, MD

**12/3 & 12/4:** Winter Nationals, York, PA

**HIDE-E-HOLE FERRET RESCUE**

[www.ferret-hide-e-hole.org](http://www.ferret-hide-e-hole.org)

**SHELTER STORIES:**

It's been a wild month. We got four back from adoption who'd been adopted out together (**Sarge, Hammy, Inca, Fabio**) as well as **Cooper**, who came with a friend (**Tino**).

Sheila moved back to Michigan with her younger brother and will ultimately go back to New Mexico.

Barb has been going home at lunchtime every day to let ferrets out. She's hoping she can keep it up.

We're all terribly sad that **Ferretini** died. She had a horrible infection and it destroyed the muscles that hold in her intestines. It was awful, after how hard she fought the infection, for her to die from a side effect.

**Raindrop**, who Natalie was fostering, died, too. Raindrop came to us old and with a big tumor, and it finally got too big and we had to let her go.

**Zigzag** was found wandering on Saxonburg Blvd. A nice lady saved his life and when no one responded to the postings, brought him to the shelter. He's a sable mutt who is very sweet.

**Cooper** is a reformed nippy ferret. His only bad habit right now is jumping the Marshall playpen. His buddy, **Tino**, is as laid-back an albino boy as you'd ever want to meet. Chubby, too.

**Finnegan** (formerly Fabio) has turned into an escape artist and visited us one morning at 3am. **Shenanigan** (formerly Hammy) climbs cages and knocks everything off the piano.

**Mickey Bear** (of **Mickey, Mia** and **Marley**) also climbs cages and clears off the piano.

**Jill Giron's** handy hubby is making us a better place to put the ferret bedding, so hopefully soon we can have a living room that looks more like a room and less like a shelter.

#### SHELTER FUNDRAISER: CANDY SALES

Still going strong, almost out of candy. What's left: milk chocolate w/pretzel bits, crisp rice, almond, dark chocolate. I'll be ordering more soon.

#### MEETING PLACE

The TRFC is now meeting at the **Trinity Lutheran Church** at the corner of Brownsville Road and Margaret Street in Mt. Oliver. Parking is available across the street at the Northwest Savings Bank parking lot (they are closed on Sundays). There are a few steps going into the basement, but they have installed a "stair glide" for those who need it.

For directions, contact Barb (bcarlson@andrew.cmu.edu), Chris (ferretmom@att.net) or look on the TRFC website (www.3rfc.org).

#### FERRET CLUB MEETINGS

If you have never been to a TRFC meeting, why wait? We are looking for some new faces! Over 200 people get this mailing and we want to meet you (and your ferrets). If you are no longer interested in receiving mailings from us, please email trferretcouncil@att.net. Otherwise, join us for a session of ferret information, food, shopping, friendship, and of course FERRETS! Ferrets are welcome to attend as long as they are healthy and friendly. You may bring your own play space or share and meet someone new. Meeting lunches are potluck style; the club provides drinks and tableware – please bring something to share. If you bring your ferrets with you, make sure that you have paper towels for cleaning up after your ferrets or litter boxes for them to use.

#### TRFC PAMPERED FUZZY STORE

<http://www.3rfc.org/menu.htm>

Our store is always open for shopping on the web and you can stop by the shelter if you need to purchase something between meetings. If you live



locally and buy from the web – Chris will do her best to deliver the items to you for no charge (instead of having them shipped).

Please continue to support the TRFC by purchasing products through the club rather than at pet stores and other internet sites. Our web store has been updated with new prices and items,

and new items are being added as they go on the market. The small profit generated by the Pampered Fuzzy Store is what keeps the TRFC in business with its mailings, postage, meeting space rental fees, educational literature, Holiday Gift Box mailing, etc.

Remember, we are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and none of our volunteers or board members are paid – we do this on our own time – for you and your fuzzies!

#### TRFC - YAHOO GROUP DISCUSSION LIST

It's easy to join – just go to groups.yahoo.com/group/trferretcouncil and join, or send an email to Barb at bcarlson@andrew.cmu.edu and ask for a link.

#### TRFC MEMBERSHIPS

Chris has taken over from Kathy S. and we don't have data right now. This feature will return when we get it together again.

#### RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

The TRFC uses the money from the monthly raffle to pay for the hall rental. If you have (or make) something nice you think someone else might like, consider donating it for the raffle!

#### Hide-E-Hole News - February 2010

**Surrendered:** Sneaky, Zigzag, Tino

**Returned from adoption:** Stitch (Sarge), Shenanigan (Hammy), Fiona (Inca), Finnegan (Fabio); Cooper

**Died:** Ferretini, Raindrop

**Adopted:** Aurora, Alita, Frankie, Dargo, Molly.

**Fostered:** Renee Tabak took Ollie Oops

**Supplies Needed:** Wood pellet litter, paper towels, EVO Dog Little Bites, white vinegar, N-Bones. Since the TRFC is a 501(c)3, if you keep your receipts you can write them off on your taxes!

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Cage cleaning; days available: Sunday, Tuesday, Friday. Regular nail-clipping needed.

Go to [www.ferret-hide-e-hole.org](http://www.ferret-hide-e-hole.org) for news on shelter and ferret highlights.

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