

Three Rivers Ferret Council
Mini-Newsletter
June/July 2009



Next Meeting:
Sunday, June 14, 2009*
(*Please note date change)

- 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

June 14th Meeting
"Ferret Bingo"

Join us for fun ferrety games (for humans). Show how much you know about your fuzzies and win prizes! **Please note date change due to Father's Day**

Workshop: July 19th
Ferret "Bling" Workshop

Make your own stretchy necklaces for your ferrets to wear on special occasions, photos, and to take to the shows for pictures. There is a small fee for the materials or you can bring your own.

Ferret Awareness Day (Petco: Waterfront)
Saturday, June 20th

Bring your fur kids into Petco for "Spa Day" where we will show you how to cut their nails and clean their ears, for a small donation. We will be there from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.



In Memoriam

We are remembering the ferrets that have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge; our condolences to their owners. It's been a rough couple months.

Helping Hands Shelter: Simon, Alvin, Runner, Mondo, Eve, Harriet; Becky: Willy; Chris Sayne: Daytona, Donatella Fursace; Kathy Stewart: Ben Furlisberger; Hartmanns: Tank; Amanda Vogel:

Ada, Jackie DeCarlo: Voodoo, Wally; Shelter: Peanut.

Ferret Show Listings for 2009

8/29/09: Buckeye Bash, Columbus, OH
9/26/09: Fall Ferret Fandango, Gilbertsville, PA
10/31/09: Dooktoberfest, Frederick, MD
12/4 & 12/5/09: Winter Nationals, York, PA



13th Annual Three Rivers Ferret Follies
Fun Match & Picnic
Sunday, September 13, 2009

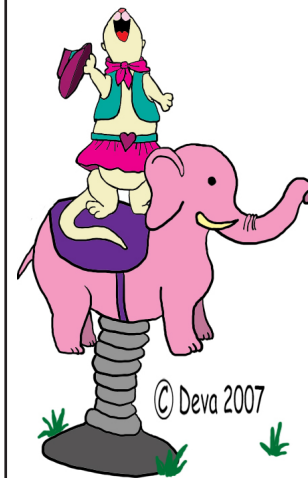
Join us at South Park, Silent Brook Barn for a fun day with your ferrets at the park. This is our annual tradition and biggest fund-raiser for the TRFC. Games for the ferrets, a ferrety merchandise raffle, 50/50 cash drawing, food and more are in store for those attending this event. Some frequently asked questions:

What should you bring? All ferrets are welcome to attend, provided they are healthy and friendly. You should bring a small cage or carrier for your ferret to rest. There is a small area available to set up playpens inside, or you can set up outside under the trees and let your ferrets explore the outdoors safely. A harness and leash is also helpful.

What type of food is available? It would not be a picnic without food! The TRFC provides hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and soft drinks. We do ask that you bring a small dish to share. A bag of chips, fruit, vegetables, side dishes and deserts are helpful. A bag of ice would be helpful. If you have a question on what to bring, contact Kathy Stewart - kathleenstewart@comcast.net or 412-302-3821.

What games are planned? Our favorites include the popular Chariots of Fire race - your ferret

gets to keep his own chariot after the race (AKA fancy decorated box), Cup Tip (anyone with ferrets should know the rules to this game already), Matchbox car races (your ferret pushes the car along the track by licking their favorite treat off of the car) and Tube Race (your ferret will get to take home their 20ft dryer tube). There are usually 10-12 games for you and your ferrets to compete. The top 3 winners of each game get a



nice ribbon for their efforts. Join us at the picnic planning meeting on August 16th to brainstorm new game ideas or contact Jessica Knaus with your ferret game idea at rasika15210@yahoo.com

What else can I win? Don't forget about our huge raffle of ferret goodies! Tickets can be purchased thru-out the

day for the raffle. With each paid admission, you get three tickets for the raffle. There will also be a 50/50 cash raffle drawing.

Will the Pampered Fuzzy Store be setup? Yes! You can shop our store if you aren't lucky in the raffle. Our store has loads of goodies that you will never find in a pet store for sale. We even accept credit cards.

So bring your ferrets out to South Park on Sunday, September 13th and join us for a fun day at the park. We guarantee that you and your ferrets will leave with a smile on your face and perhaps a new friend.

Have more questions? Contact Chris Sayne at ferretmom@att.net or 412-915-1694 for assistance.

TRFC 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 or call 412-431-2830 and leave a message on the voice mail. 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 pot-luck 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.

If you have any suggestions for the main lunch meal or have questions on what to bring, please contact Kathy Stewart at kathleenstewart@comcast.net or call 724-845-7935.

TRFC Yahoo Discussion List

It's easy to join the discussion group—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

New Members for April/May/June: 0
Renewed Members for April/May/June: 2
Need to Renew for April/May/June: 5
Total Paid Members: 25

TRFC Monthly 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!

Ferret Friends of Pittsburgh News

FFP is expecting two litters of kits in June. FFP's Tsunami (chocolate point) was bred with FFP's Rocket (champagne point) and is expecting around June 11th. Her sister, FFP's Hurricane Annie (sable) was paired with JBF's Thief River Falls of FFP (chocolate) and is due around June 24th. Our waiting list is beyond full - if you are interested in a kit this year, contact me now to reserve your spot!

New FFP website! We now have our own domain name! Visit www.ferretfriendsofpgh.com to see the changes made and new pictures of our ferrets.

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!

NEW ITEM!

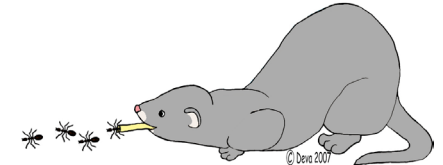


Does your ferret love Bandit treats? Go bonkers for N'bones? Now they can have a mixture of both with new Bandit Stix. Chicken flavored, Bandit Stix are fun and nutritious tasty sticks that can be used whole or broken into pieces. 2 oz. package. Members: \$2.25 Non-Members: \$2.50

Remember!

Temperatures over 80 are **dangerous** to your ferret. Take care to protect your ferret from heat this summer. Frozen bottles of water inside cages or carriers, as well as spraying the ferret down help.

Fleas kill! Protect your ferret from fleas, ticks and mosquitos. Tapeworm, heart worm and anemia can result from these parasites. Revolution protects against fleas (somewhat), heartworm and earmites; Frontline protects (very well) against fleas and ticks. Use kitten dose or divide larger package using 2 drops for females and 3 for males. DO NOT USE Hartz flea products on ferrets. Frontline can be purchased over the Internet or from certain local pet stores. Revolution must be purchased from a vet.



Hide-E-Hole News

Ferrets In: 9; Deaths: 2; Ferrets Returned to Shelter: 2; Ferrets Adopted: 13; Ferrets in Foster Homes: 10; Ferrets in Shelter Building: 17.

Supplies Needed: Wood pellet litter, paper towels, EVO Dog Little Bites, Clorox Disinfecting Wipes, bleach. 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, Saturday. Financial data entry (on-site by appt). Public relations, FAD dates.

Go to www.ferret-hide-e-hole.org for news on shelter and ferret highlights.

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