

# Paws-It!

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## A Frettchen Oktoberfest Success!

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This year's Oktoberfest took place on September 3, 2006. That's when the dynamic duo, Hella Hernandez and Dave Wheeler, of the Northwest School of Aviation at Paine Field, Everett, Wash., expertly planned and executed WFRS' second annual Oktoberfest Zwei (zwei means two in German) and silent auction at the school's airport hangar, of all places. The hangar provided ample room for the BBQ and for guests to mill around and check out all the cool silent auction items. All of which raised some much needed funds for the shelter and its fuzzy residents.

Oktoberfest is a generic word meaning Harvest Celebration. The shelter chose this year's Labor Day to celebrate the event as it

would allow for friends of the School to fly in for the weekend and partake in this year's donated beverage of choice (beer), courtesy of Diamond Knot Brewery of Mukilteo! When asked about Hella and Dave's history, Megan says it best, "Hella Her-



nandez has been fostering for WFRS for years now. Many a needy weasel has ended up at her house for some TLC. Dave Wheeler is Hella's significant other. He operates the Northwest School of Aviation and is also a frettchen enthusiast." (Frettchen is Ger-

man for ferret.)

Thanks to Dave's savvy marketing skills roughly half the crowd was from the air school and the other half included WFRS supporters. Approximately 40 people, including a few children, and Dr. Cathy Johnson-Delaney of Eastside Avian and Exotic Animal Medical Center and her husband, attended to lend their support and chow down on some great eats cooked entirely by "Chef Hella."

All great Oktoberfests must feature a special guest or two, and this day did not disappoint when Toivo Redditt's fabulous fuzzies, Slinky and Kyky, showed up as the day's mascots. Toivo sported them in a carry-sack and each ferret wore a harness and leash and a smile on

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her furry face. They helped to add to the festive and fun mood of the day and served as a fuzzy reminder of what the day was really about.

Hella and Dave were not left in the dust thanks to hardworking WFRS volunteers, Megan, Leanna, Ross, Kevin and Laura. This team helped Hella and Dave by selling raffle tickets and tee shirts, preparing information on the shelter and about the cause of the day. Laura counted



all the glorious money raised, which to date has reached \$2000! That may have been the most satisfying task.

Auction donations included everything from a scenic flight to ferret items to jewelry—so there was something for everyone. Some of the most notable and unique donations up for grabs were autographed books by best selling author Richard Bach and graphic artist Norka's amazing, original ferret print, which fetched the most cash at the auction. WFRS used her design on this year's tee shirts. There's still time to help the shelter by purchasing this whimsical shirt. Just go to: [washingtonferret.org](http://washingtonferret.org) and follow the instructions. Monetary donations can also be made via PayPal online.

As with most animal shelters,



there is always a need for extra funds. Megan stated, "This year the money raised will be used to pay the mounting vet bills, the rent, the feed store bill -- which is a whopping \$400 for a six-week food supply -- and the recent order of rabies vaccines." You can be sure that all funds raised will be used wisely.



When asked if the Oktoberfest event increased awareness for WFRS, Megan replied, "I hope so! We advertised via our e-mail list and our website. Generally, just ferret or airplane folks attended, but I did put out some information about our shelter for everyone's reference." A third annual Oktoberfest is currently on the agenda for 2007, so if you couldn't make Oktoberfest Zwei there's always Oktoberfest Drei.



By all accounts this Oktoberfest was a great success, not only for the ferrets, but also for the people who help out these fine, furry creatures. It was a time for bonding with others for a mutual cause, a chance to kick back and have a brew, a brat or both. When asked about her feelings regarding the day Megan said, "I had a wonderful time at this year's Oktoberfest! It's so fun to come out and spend some time with our wonderful volunteers, have some very tasty homemade food and, well, spending money is always fun too! Especially when it goes to such a good cause." Who can argue with that?

Auf Wiedersehen!

## What's New?

**Dumping Season... er, is there a season anymore?** We're getting in fuzzies faster than we can adopt them out. We have a bunch of wonderful, adoptable ferrets that need new homes. If you've been thinking about adding a ferret to your crew, now is definitely the time! Please fill out an application & come see us soon! We're open every Saturday from 10am-4pm.

\* [washingtonferret.org/application.html](http://washingtonferret.org/application.html)

**The Financial Belt:** Due to the big move in May and the construction of our new space, the shelter's financial belt is rather tight.. We're currently very low on money to purchase critical things like Lupron for adrenal fuzzies and vaccines for the general population. Would you like to help us pay down our vet bill or donate to the shelter directly? Please visit our website at [washingtonferret.org](http://washingtonferret.org) and check out our ever-

growing wish list, make a donation through the Paypal button located at the top of our page, or you can even help us pay down our vet bill by making a donation to our account at the Eastside Avian & Exotic Medical Center (425-821-6165). Every dollar adds up & helps keep our operation going and allows us to continue taking in every ferret that needs us. Thank you so much!



**Let's talk numbers!** As of October 9, 2006, the Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter is currently housing 69 ferrets on-site at its facility, has 9 ferrets in temporary homes and has 96 in permanent foster care. This year, to date, the Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter has received 138 ferrets, has adopted 109 ferrets and has placed 4 in permanent foster care. Our goal is always to reach 100 placements each year, and we've never failed. Thank you all again for your hard work and dedication to our fuzzy kids.



## Ferrets Seeking Homes ...

### Adoptable Ferrets

Please see the [adoptable pet list](#) on our website for current availabilities. Adoption fees are \$100 for one ferret, \$150 for two, and we have a [foster program](#) as well. All ferrets have been vaccinated against Canine Distemper & Rabies and have been spayed/neutered and descented (the latter is unless otherwise noted).

**Bandit** is a 1.5 year old dark sable boy and **Kasedy** is a 6 year old sable girl. They are looking for a home where they can remain together. Come meet these sweethearts today!

**Bear** (2 yrs, sable, f) & **Noodles** (2 yrs, dark sable, m) came in recently. Their owner could no longer keep them was hoping

that we could place them together. Come visit these cuties soon!

**Bones & Widget** could not stay in their home and have come to the shelter to be adopted. Bones is a 2 year old silver/sable boy and Widget is a 2 year old dark sable boy. They are sweet, sweet boys and would make great first ferrets for someone.



**Bonnie** is a 1 year old silver mitt girl & **Clyde** is a 1 year old panda boy. Bonnie can be nippy, so they should go to a ferret-experienced home. They are adorable, feisty & fun ferrets!

**Chai** is a cute 2.5 year old light sable female. She gets along well with other ferrets and is all set to move into a new home.

**Chupa & Chochi** are adorable 1 year old boys. Chupa is the larger of the two boys. They are playful, good natured and are all set to go home with you!

**Countess** is a cute 1 year old dark sable girl & **Coconut** is a feisty 1 year old silver mitt girl. The girls are new to the shelter but are adorable and we don't expect them to be with us long before finding homes.

## Ferrets Seeking Homes ...

**Desi** is a 4 year old sable girl. She gets along wonderfully with other ferrets and is all ready to go to a new home.

**Doodles** (3 yrs, m, silver), **Inspector** (4 yrs, m, silver sable) & **Snacks** (4 yrs, f, dark sable) arrived at our shelter on Sat, 9/9. We would love to find them a home together. They're all wonderful ferrets!

While darling, baby **Drake** (4 month old silver blaze boy) has already learned how to bite. He will require a ferret-savvy home that can teach him a new set of manners.

**Elmer** is a 34 year old dark eyed white boy and **Latte** is a sable female between 3-4 years old. They are looking for a quieter home with other ferrets to love. They did not come into the shelter together and can find homes together or individually.

**Elvis** is a 3.5 year old sable boy & **Priscilla** is a 3.5 year old silver girl. We're evaluating Priscilla as possibly adrenal, but they should be available soon!

**Ferris** (1.5 y/o black mitt male),



**Dexter** (2 y/o chocolate male) & **Chloe** (3 y/o sable female) are new to the shelter. They are sweet kids and are ready to find a new home together. Please come visit this ferret family soon!



**George** is a 6 month old cutiepie that loves other ferrets & plays til the cows come home. He's still very nippy, so we'd like to see him find a ferret-experienced home.

**Gimili** (3 yr old chocolate male) & **Consuela** (2 year old dark sable female) were surrendered to our shelter together. They are very nice ferrets. We'd love to see them find a home of their own soon!

**Isis** is as cute as a button, and has a great personality. She doesn't like other ferrets, and will need to be an only fuzz. She is a sable mitt girl that's around 4 yrs old.

**Juliet** is a 3 year old sable girl, **Twik** is a 2 year old sable female, and **Twiker** is a 2 year old light sable. The girls came in together and we would like to find them a home together. Please come see them if you're interested in adopting these

sweethearts!

**Lilly** (4 yr DEW female), **Lilo** (4 yr silver female), **Sammy** (4 yr silver male) & **Chami** (5 yr sable female) were surrendered to our shelter some time ago. They are beautiful and are all healthy. We've love to see them find a new home soon so they don't have to spend much time at the shelter. Please let us know if you'd like to meet these kiddos.

**Lizzie** & **Fidget** are five month old chocolate girls. Lizzie has bitten one of our volunteers, and the girls should go to a ferret experienced home. They love other ferrets, and have a lot of fun playing with them.

**Marshmallow** is a 3 year old albino boy & **Cocoa** is a 4 year old dark sable girl. They are a lovely pair of ferrets and would love a new home.

**Mina** is a feisty 3 year old chocolate girl. She likes other ferrets once she's had a chance to make sure they know who's boss. She also LOVES cats and would do fine in a home with kitties or ferrets to play with.

While darling, baby **Mortimer** (4 month old chocolate boy) has already learned how to bite. He will require a ferret-savvy home that can teach him a new set of manners.

**Nazareth** (4yr old sable male)





& **Valhalla** (2 year old DEW male) were recently surrendered back to our shelter. They have very nice temperaments and are anxiously awaiting a new home. Come see them!

**Roxy & Foxy** are two cute little spitfires. They are very young, but are pretty nippy and will need a ferret-savvy owner. Foxy bites when scared, and Roxy is very mouthy/nippy in general, but she's just having fun and it's simply a matter of teaching her manners. We'd love to see them go together, as they so enjoy each other's company, but they can be split up if necessary.

Sweet **Sadie** was purchased at a garage sale. She came to us covered in fleas and with patchy fur. She is likely around 5 years old and seems to get along with other ferrets just fine. If you would like a single, or an older gal to join your fuzzy group, please come visit her soon!

**Shrimp & Dooker** are adorable black sable females. They were turned into us by way of animal



control. Shrimp is the smaller of the two girls & both are between 1-2 yrs old.

**Slink** is an adorable 5 year old chocolate female. She is very sweet and has a wonderful personality. We'd love to see her get into a new home soon!

**Springer** is a 2 year old blaze girl and **Cocoa** is a 4 year old chocolate female. They were surrendered recently and we are just getting to know them. Come see them soon!

**Tima** is a 1.5 year old sable mitt girl. She occasionally bites and will require an experienced ferret home. She is a sassy & playful with other ferrets and would love to join your playgroup!



**Tyson & Hannibal** are large dark sable boys that came from the UW. They're still occasionally nippy, but are learning their manners in the shelter. They'll need a loving and patient home, but should make wonderful pets.

**Vlad & Slinky** are 2-3 year old chocolate colored ferrets. They would love to find a home of their own with humans to spoil them rotten. They've had a rough go of it these past few months and sure deserve a good home.

**Weezil** is a 1 year old chocolate mitt boy. He came to us through Animal Control, where



he was turned in as a stray. He's a fun boy, likes other ferrets and just needs a new home!

### Foster Ferrets

*Note: We do not charge an adoption fee for our foster ferrets, though many of them will require a vet visit (or several!) in their golden years. The Shelter provides medical care and any medications, obtained at the shelter, that your ferret will need in exchange for a monthly donation to help cover your ferret's medical costs. Even just a few dollars, once a month, helps keep our foster program running, so that we are able to continue helping elderly/ill ferrets.*

**Pooters & Pookers** came to our shelter on 9/9. They are 4 year old sable ferret boys. Would you like to meet these handsome kids? Come visit us on a Saturday! Pooters has adrenal disease and will need to return to the shelter each month for a Lupron injection.

**Suzie** (3.5 yr sable female), **Daisy** (3 yr silver mitt female) & **Lucy** (3.5 yr chocolate mitt female) were surrendered to our shelter together. They are adorable and we'd love to place them all as a big group. If you're interested in adding a ferret family to your home, please contact us soon!

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### Our Wish List:

Donations of time or money are always gladly accepted & appreciated!

Hammocks, Security Cubes—homemade or store bought, we can always use hanging sleep sacks of some sort.

Wood stove pellets for litter (found at Safeway, local hardware stores, the Grange, etc.)

Cages or carriers—clean or dirty, we don't care!

Volunteers to wash laundry, scoop boxes, scrub cages and cuddle ferrets.

More foster homes! Do you have room in your home for a few extra fuzzies for a few days/weeks? Do you have any medical training or are you interested in learning? Let us know!

Ferret Food (Mazuri, Totally Ferret, Marshalls & The Ferret Store's Superior Choice)

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