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# FERRET BULLETIN

Do it for the little guy!

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## LegalizeFerrets.org is Now Online and Accepting Members

**A** new effort has developed in the battle to legalize domestic ferrets in California, a group of people decided to explore the option of a ballot initiative. This is not anything considered lightly, a ballot initiative would be considered by any sane person to be out of our reach. But all other options for amnesty or legalization have been exhausted, and I am quite pleased at the response so far to this idea.

To see if we have the support necessary to begin this option, ballot initiative supporters created a new, exciting website, [www.legalizeferrets.org](http://www.legalizeferrets.org). The purpose of this website is mostly to promote "The 3,000 Club."

We figured that it would be foolish to launch a voter initiative if we can't get at least 3,000 people to sign up and agree to either pay \$10 and solicit 100 signatures of registered California voters or simply pay \$100.

76 people signed up the first week the website was launched and about 1200 people joined the mailing list – to give us a mailing list of 2400, and still growing. We have email addresses on about half these people. Email notices are going out twice a week, and I am not too proud to beg people to join. More begging is planned...

Bumper stickers have already been produced and are available on the website. T-shirts and pins are also planned. A four-page, four-color brochure is being printed (20,000 first print run) to be mailed out to our list where we don't have email addresses and hopefully other lists, such as the people receiving this Ferret Paw Print. A professional press release went out and postings are out on Internet sites such as Craigslist. No stone will be left unturned looking for members.

There is some disagreement about the wisdom of doing this, but so far there can be no disagreement that it is bringing a lot of people into the ferret legalization camp. If we don't succeed this time around, next time there will be more of us, better organized and better financed. And if



we need a letter writing campaign to back AB647 or whatever legislative efforts we have going, we're going to do it!

So please, get of your fanny and go to [www.legalizeferrets.org](http://www.legalizeferrets.org)

Thank you!  
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### Itsa A Pizza Meeting!

Thursday, April 20th at 7 pm at 3289 Camino Coronado, Carlsbad, CA 92009.

Come join us in our first North County Meeting in a long time, eat some pizza and discuss ferrets and how we are going to get to 3,000 Members for the 3,000 Club.

Please let us know if you are coming so we can order enough pizza. Our gracious host is providing the pizza, but expect the hat to be passed around for the ferret fund.

Please email [info@ferretsanon.com](mailto:info@ferretsanon.com) or call 619-303-0645 if you can attend.

## Blizzard walking around Times Square!



My long-distance ferret friend, Blizzard, recently visited New York City with his parents, Mark and Roxanne. NYC ferret lovers deal with the same issues we do here in California – ferrets

are not legal pets there and they have nonprofit organizations fighting the same battle that Ferrets Anonymous does.

Mark is one responsible pet parent. To avoid problems, he called the hotel before taking the trip and told the staff that ferrets were illegal in NYC. He surprisingly found out they would allow Blizzard to visit anyway. He also confirmed that the hotel did not use any pest poisons in their rooms or hallways, or hi-pitched alarms to ward off rodents.

“It was quite humorous with the bell-cap meeting us at the garage,” Mark wrote to me, “He thought it strange that I traveled with a used litter box!”

Blizzard visited the city, hotel and an office building tucked inside Mark’s sleeve. He also stayed in his own bed in the hotel room – a little change from his cage at home. Okay, so it was his own little ferret bed from home and not a queen-size...it still made for a nice vacation for Blizzard and I’m sure his dad was happy to have him along!

~ Sherry S,  
newsletter  
editor



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## Foster - Caught in the Act



## Scooter's Great Idea

This vet appointment started off a bit strange, but had a fairly happy ending. I woke up to find all six ferrets scratching like mad, and in the litter box was glittery poo. Yes, I said glittery poo!! Oh my, what have my ferrets gotten into now, I thought to myself as I started to freak out. I couldn't tell who had the glittery poo, so off to the vet we all go.

This story started last night when the ferrets were playing and Scooter told Treasure, one of the ferrets, he had another one of his brilliant ideas again. "Oh no," said Treasure, "not another idea, the last few ideas you had got us all in trouble." Scooter tells her about his idea. He says he been to the creek with dad before and knows the way there and that he knows how to unlock the doggie door to get outside. So off they went out the doggie door and down toward the creek. They got about halfway there and a big dog came running after them and Treasure said, "oh, look - a puppy dog." Scooter said, "run Treasure, that's a big strange dog with big nasty teeth and he not coming to play with us!" Into a storm drain they ran to get away from the dog.

Soon the dog left and Scooter and Treasure continued on down to the creek. They got to the creek and Scooter tells Treasure to watch how he catches a fish. Scooter slinks out on a log and sneaks up on a minnow in the shallow water and jumps in after it, catching the minnow in his mouth. He swam back to the bank where Treasure was dancing with excitement. Scooter shared his minnow with Treasure. She loved it, and wanted to try to catch one herself. She slinks out on the log and - splash - she catches one. They both catch several more minnows each and Treasure says, "we better get back home before we miss out on our morning Ferretone." With the mention of Ferretone, Scooter says, "let's go."

On their way back home, Treasure gets out of the grass and on to the road and tells Scooter that it's faster and easier to walk up here. Scooter says, "NO - get off the hard thing, that's where those big monsters dad calls cars go, they will run over you!" Just about that time, along comes a car and just misses Treasure, scaring the heck out of her, causing her to fluff out all over. She jumps into the grass shrieking and running with Scooter all the way home. They sneak back in the doggie door and they both crawl up into the hammock with all their brothers and sisters, almost straining the hammock to its limits. They tell all the other ferrets about their adventure, with Scooter making sure they all know it was his idea. They all drift off to sleep dreaming of catching their own fish.

That morning as I go into the ferret room to give them all their morning Ferretone (this is where we started this story from), I notice the glittery poo and all the ferrets acting funny and itching up a storm (more than usual for a ferret). Then we are at the vets office where I am paying a huge bill for emergency vet service on a Sunday morning

for nothing more than flea baths for all the ferrets. Seems Treasure and Scooter picked up a bunch of fleas on their adventure and gave them to all the rest of

the ferrets too. Oh - the glittery looking poo - it was just fish scales, Ha, ha, ha! Once home all the ferrets seemed tuckered out from the vet trip and the flea bath, getting scruffed, examined, poked and prodded, weighed and such.

Just as I was ready to leave the ferret room and let them have some peace and quiet, I see five little heads pop up and look at Scooter, then they all started chattering and chasing him all around the room. Seems Scooter tried to tell them all about his next good idea.

~ Kyle Rachal

## Everybody reading this knows ferrets are indoor pets - right?

I just wanted to give you some exciting news about my next edition, Jeanne Carley's Ferret Calendar 2007, Ferret Fun. New for 2007 is a free 12" x 24" signed poster



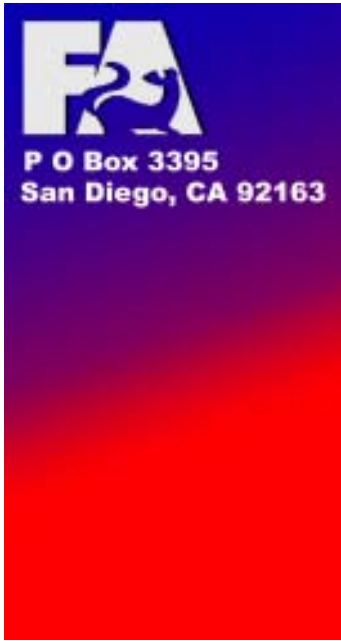
as the calendar center spread!

The new calendar should be available sometime in July from your local ferret club or shelter, from me, Amazon.com and later in the stores.

I'll provide more information when after the calendar is printed but I thought some of you might enjoy seeing the poster that I call, "Where baby ferrets come from."

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