

## General Instructions and Guidelines:

- Ferrets** All ferrets entered in the show must have current distemper shots certified by a licensed veterinarian or an approved shelter, or we will accept titer (resistance to the virus) tests in the acceptable range. A rabies vaccination is highly recommended but not required. Nails must be trimmed on all paws. Ferrets must be free of parasites and be in good health. Any ferret who appears to have had surgery prior to the show must have documentation from the veterinarian documenting when the surgery took place. **No ferret may be entered that has had surgery within 3 weeks prior to the show.** Owners will be asked to remove a ferret from the show hall that appears to be ill (no exceptions) No other animals are permitted in the show hall except ADA service animals.
- Entries** Open to all ferrets 4 months (16 weeks) up to 7 years (not 7 years 1 day) on the day of the show. There is no limit of entries. Only those ferrets listed in the show book will be judged. No contest entries will be accepted at the door or over the phone (exception is a pre-registered ferret entered into a fun match day of show).
- Entry Fees** The entry date is calculated by postmarked date. The entry fee includes free admission to the show. All entries must be printed neatly or typed and be accompanied by the correct fees.
- Refunds** Preparation for the event requires pre-printed forms and show books as well as pre-ordered ribbons and awards for each event. These expenses are made from all funds received prior to the event. For this reason, Absolutely **NO REFUNDS** of any entry or sponsorship fees can be given.
- Check-In** For the health, safety and comfort of all ferrets, owners and guests, all ferrets will be checked. This wellness check will include looking for parasites (fleas, ear mites, etc.), visible signs of illness (runny nose, mange, etc.), and verifying immunizations of other tests and a check of the litter pan. You must submit proof of vaccinations and Chemical Implant from a licensed veterinarian or established shelter and certified by that veterinarian or approved shelter. Due to recent titer studies, if

your ferret is two years or older, has been vaccinated for the past two years (2020 & 2021) and you have certified proof of vaccinations, we will accept skipping the vaccination for this show. Any ferrets who have had reactions to the distemper vaccine must have documentations from their veterinarian stating that fact. If your ferret has had reactions, a titer test is required and must meet the required level of acceptance. If you have any questions - please email [WiFerretFiesta@gmail.com](mailto:WiFerretFiesta@gmail.com).

- Ribboning** All exhibitors are expected to return to the judging area for ribboning call backs. Absent ferrets/owners will be called a maximum of three times to return. At that time, ribboning will commence even if all ferrets are not present.
- Show Time** Exhibitors must check in with the entry clerk between 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM for their show packet and entry numbers. Ferrets not checked in by 8:30 AM will be marked absent. Judging starts promptly at 9:00 AM. The show is open to the public at 9:00 AM.
- Exhibitors** Ferrets must be housed in clean cages with fresh litter, litter pans, water, food dishes (with food) and suitable bedding for the ferret's comfort. No newspapers or straw in cage bottoms. Ferret cages must have a solid pan or bottom attached to the cage to be permitted in the show hall. Shoes must be worn by exhibitors at all times.
- Smoking** No smoking is permitted in the show hall or rooms. Smoking is permitted outside the building. Please discard cigarette butts in the receptacles provided.
- Food** Outside food and beverages are allowed in the show hall. There will be food and beverages available for purchase and proceeds benefit the show. A menu, including vegetarian options, will be available day of show.
- Awards** Ribbons (Rosettes) will be awarded to the First through Tenth place ferrets in all of the rings. Trophies will be awarded to First Place. Trophy winners from each ring will be determined by total score(s)

from the ring judge(s). There will be a trophy for First Place in each of the Specialty and Miscellaneous Rings, and also for each First Place Male and Female in each of the three Championship Rings. There will be a trophy for Best Kit, Best Early Alter, and Best Late Alter. A trophy will also be presented to Best Championship, Best Specialty, and Best Miscellaneous Rings. Best In Show trophy will be presented at the end of the day.

**Sponsorship** Sponsorship for rings will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Sponsorship of each listed ring includes a page in the show book. Your space in the show book can be used for an advertisement, poems or memorials, pictures, recognitions, etc. Please send your camera-ready art, photographs or materials (prefer jpg or jpeg format) to [WiFerretFiesta@gmail.com](mailto:WiFerretFiesta@gmail.com).

**Donations** There will be a raffle table and other games/contest throughout the day of the show. We welcome any donated items to be used in the raffle, for door prizes or game prizes. These items do not have to be ferret related. All donations will be accompanied by a tax receipt and a thank you acknowledgement. Please be sure to complete a donation record form for each donation that you provide. Please contact [WiFerretFiesta@gmail.com](mailto:WiFerretFiesta@gmail.com) by April 1st, 2022 with your donations or questions about donations.

**Confirmation** If you do not receive confirmation of your entries and/or sponsorship by April 10th, 2022 please contact [WiFerretFiesta@gmail.com](mailto:WiFerretFiesta@gmail.com)

**Liability** You will be asked to sign a Waiver of Liability form. The form is self-explanatory and is required for all shows and exhibitions where live animals are shown. There is always the possibility of exposure to infectious diseases for your ferrets when brought into social gatherings. We recommend that you allow a minimal handling of your ferrets and minimum exposure to other ferrets at the show. All ferrets in cages and playpens must be supervised to ensure their safety and comfort. ***At no time are ferrets allowed on the bare floor. All cages***

***must have some type of insulation between them and the bare floor to prevent the ferrets from contacting the bare floor.***

**Cancellation** If the show is rescheduled for reasons beyond our control, entry fees will not be refunded. There will be no refunds of sponsorship fees for any reason.

**Admission** Admission is included with exhibitor entry fees. Admission is \$3 per person for non-exhibitors. Children 3 and under free.