

FERRET CLASSIFICATIONS

Kits - All altered ferrets that are 16 weeks old to 1 year old at the time of the show. No Chemical or Late Alters

Early Alter - Any ferret that has been neutered/spayed before 5 months old. Usually from a pet store. Open to ferrets over 1 year old and up to 7 years old.

Late Alter - Any ferret that has been neutered/spayed after 5 months of age. Open to ferrets 1 year old and up to 7 years old.

Chemically Altered - Any ferret over 1 year old that has been implanted with the Suprelorin/Deslorelin Implant instead of spaying or neutering to prevent breeding with intent for longevity of health. You must have veterinary proof of implant to participate in the show. Any ferret that shows signs of being in season will be disqualified.

Albino - All ferrets with red eyes and entire body white.

Blaze/Panda/Shetland - Blaze: all ferrets with a wide white stripe running over the top of the head, with mitts, a bib, and knee patches. Shetland: all ferrets with a thin white stripe running over the top of the head. Panda: all ferrets whose pattern includes mitts/stockings, bib, and an all-white head and neck.

Chocolate - All ferrets with chocolate brown coats (think milk chocolate color). A Bar mask for a standard chocolate and a hooded mask for solid/self ferrets. Should not be a point.

Champagne/Cinnamon - Champagne: all ferrets with a coat that is tan, light golden brown/beige with a pink nose. Eyes are burgundy or brown. A banded mask or none at all is acceptable. Cinnamon: overall rust to reddish brown color with definition on points. Undercoat should be white to buff. The mask should be distinct and the same color as the body. Nose can vary from pink to brick. Eyes should be light to dark burgundy. This class is for a standard or solid color and should not be a point.

Point - All ferrets with a distinct difference between body color and the points (legs, tail, like a Siamese cat). There may be a "V" mask, a goggle mask, or no mask at all. Nose should be pink, dusky pink, or beige.

Sable (includes Black/Dark Sable) - Any ferret with a rich dark brown or black coat with a mask or hooded mask with brown or black eyes. Nose is solid/mottled/outlined/speckled. Undercoat could be from white to a cream but not yellow. This class is for a standard or solid color and should not be a point.

Silver - All ferrets that have any shade of gray, but not black coat. Eyes are usually black and the nose is pink, mottled, or black. The mask is more like two finger smudges (like a ballplayer's smear under eyes) and not a complete bar.

Roan - All ferrets whose guard hairs are black/sable/chocolate/champagne/cinnamon with roaning (white hairs) scattered throughout. This class DOES NOT include Silvers.

Mitt - Any color ferret having four white feet with white extending from toe tip to not more than 1/3 of the legs. The white paws must be clearly defined between body color ending on the leg. There must also be a distinctive white bib. Eyes and nose may be of any color.

Mutt - Any ferrets that do not meet standard color requirements. Any color ferret in any combination with as many non-standard markings, patterns or standards. The more unusual, the better!

Shelter - All ferrets that have been adopted from a shelter. PLEASE, NO LATE ALTERS IN THIS RING. Adoption papers are not required, but will be accepted. This is the honor system. NO Chemically Altered ferrets.

Bibbed - All ferrets of any color that have a distinctive bib.

Marked White & DEW - (Dark-eyed, Patterned, Marked). All ferrets that are white with some dark marking or pattern on the body. The eyes may be black or dark burgundy. The nose should be pink, however, dark noses will be accepted.

Square Peg - A ferret that would not fit into any color specialty. An example would be a sable with a little white on its neck, or a chocolate with white toes.

Senior - All healthy ferrets between the age of 5 to 7 that won't be stressed by being shown. There is no standard color or pattern requirement. NO Chemically Altered ferrets.

White Cheddar - Any ferret who is white but the coat has a yellow tinge, or has a faint to pronounced yellow stripe running along the back of its body. The coloring is not orange or peach colored. The coat is not oily. Eyes may be any color.

Angora - Must have angora bloodlines. Full/Semi/Half's only in this class, no Marshall Farm ferrets.

Physically Challenged - Includes all ferret with a handicap. Deaf is not considered a handicap. Blind, missing toes or appendage, shortened tail, misaligned jaws, etc are. Handicapped ferrets can only participate in Specialty and Miscellaneous classes not Championship.

Owner Excellence - Open to all ferrets adopted from a shelter only. Prize does not include a ribbon or trophy, but a special recognition for the ferret owner. Based on the care and maintenance of the ferret. Must be in the Shelter Class.