



Ferret Fiesta
Saturday, April 30th , 2022
Washington County Fairgrounds
300 Pleasant Valley Road
West Bend, WI 53095



There will be a limit of fifteen (15) ferrets in each Specialty and Miscellaneous ring. First Place through Tenth Place Ribbons will be awarded. Trophies will be awarded for First Place. This show is for altered and chemically altered ferrets only. Physically Challenged ferrets can only be entered in Specialty and Miscellaneous Classes.

Four Championship Rings:

Kits - All altered ferrets that are 16 weeks old to 1 year old at the time of the show. No Private bred kits.

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 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. Must be 1 year old up to 7 years old.

Color Specialty Rings:

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.

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. 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.

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.

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 wrist. 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.

Miscellaneous Rings:

Leg Warmers/Stocking - Any color ferret having four white feet with white extending from toe tip to middle of leg, higher than the wrist. The white paws/legs 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 fit in the standard color classes. 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. Handicaps are the following: blind, missing toes or appendage, shortened tail, misaligned jaws, etc. 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.

Fun Match Descriptions (first and second prizes awarded):

Games can be signed up for day of event* **some games may be cancelled day of show*

Best Dressed - The ferret that receives the most votes on a paper ballot from attendees by wearing the cutest outfit.

Cutest Photo - Winner decided by audience vote. No professional photographs allowed. More than one photo can be entered (\$3 per photo). Bring photos with you to the show, no larger than 5x7, with your name and ferret's name on the back of the photo. Photos will be returned after the show.

Heaviest Male & Female - All will be weighed/recorded exactly the same by the game coordinators. (Split into Early Alters and Chemical/Late Alter prize for each winner)

Lightest Male & Female - All will be weighed/recorded exactly the same by the game coordinators. (Split into Early Alters and Chemical/Late Alter prize for each winner)

Paper Bag Escape - The ferret that escapes first from a paper bag that is folded twice.

Twisted Tube Race - The fastest ferret through an opaque flexible tube that has been knotted and looped to make it "twisted". You keep the tube.

Longest Tail - Ferret that has the longest tail measured.

Cup Tip - The ferret who knocks over the most cups with its nose in 30 seconds.

Kissing - The ferret who gives the most kisses in 30 seconds on an external part of the body. (not in your mouth, but on your lips is acceptable) no supplements or oils permitted.

Indy Car Race - The ferret who pushes the car on the track the fastest (our supplements or oil that you bring to the contest will be used on the car). You keep the car.

Tightrope - The fastest ferret to walk the distance on a 2x4 board.

Quickest Tongue - The ferret who finishes a pre-measured amount of oil on a plastic spoon. a supplement will be provided, or you may provide an oil that your ferret prefers.

Cover Your Tracks - The ferret and owner who can put socks on all 4 paws the fastest and keep them on all 4 paws at the same time.

Lure Course - A timed maze type obstacle course. Fastest ferret wins.

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.
- 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.
- 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 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
- 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.

Please return this page and the following documents in your entry packet:

- Entry Forms – one per ferret (make additional copies as needed)
- Certified Proof of Immunization(s) or Titer Test Results (if required).
- Veterinarian's Documentation of Surgery (if required)
- Waiver of Liability Form (Signed)
- Sponsorship Form (If sponsoring any event)
- Payment (check made out to Ferret Fiesta or money order), No cash please. Paypal at ferretunderground123@gmail.com (please add \$2 to the total to cover fees)
- Signed Hotel Compliance Form (or bring with you to the show hall)

You may email your forms to WiFerretFiesta@gmail.com or mail them to:

Susan Holme
218 W. Juneau St
Tomah, WI 54660

I hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge, and that my entries will be in good health, free of parasites and vaccinated for distemper or tested (titer tests are at acceptable levels) against Ferret Distemper. I understand that failure to have my ferrets and their cages in compliance with show standards will be grounds for removal from the show hall.

Owner's Name _____ Phone number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address* _____

(*Confirmation will be sent to the email address provided)

Do you want a show book (add \$8)? Yes _____ No _____

Are you interested in being a volunteer for Ferret Fiesta? Yes _____ No _____



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**All Entries must be postmarked by April 1st, 2022
 and will be \$16.00 per entry.**

*** this does not reflect games or Owner Excellence, those can be signed up for day of show***

Ferret Name: _____ Age at time of show: _____
 Sex of Ferret: Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Owner Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Championship Rings:
 Kits: _____ \$ _____ Early Alter: _____ \$ _____
 Late Alter: _____ \$ _____ Chemically Alter: _____ \$ _____

Color Specialty Rings:

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|--------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| Albino _____ | \$ _____ | Blaze/Shetland/Panda _____ | \$ _____ |
| Champagne/Cinnamon _____ | \$ _____ | Chocolate _____ | \$ _____ |
| Point _____ | \$ _____ | Roan _____ | \$ _____ |
| Sable _____ | \$ _____ | Mitt _____ | \$ _____ |
| Silver _____ | \$ _____ | | |

Miscellaneous Rings:

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| Mutt _____ | \$ _____ | Senior _____ | \$ _____ |
| Bibbed _____ | \$ _____ | Shelter _____ | \$ _____ |
| Square Peg _____ | \$ _____ | Marked White/DEW _____ | \$ _____ |
| White Cheddar _____ | \$ _____ | Angora _____ | \$ _____ |
| Handicapped _____ | \$ _____ | Leg Warmer (stocking) _____ | \$ _____ |

Owner Excellence:
 \$5.00 entry _____ \$ _____

Fun Matches (\$4/each, except tube races are \$8):
Play Pass of 4 of any of the below for \$14 (excluding Twisted Tube)
or a Play Pass of 5 of any of the below for \$16 (excluding Twisted Tube)

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| Best Dressed _____ | Paper Bag Escape _____ | Heaviest Male _____ | Heaviest Female _____ |
| Lightest Male _____ | Lightest Female _____ | Tightrope _____ | Longest Tail _____ |
| Indy Car Race _____ | Cup Tip _____ | Quickest Tongue _____ | Kissing _____ |
| Cutest Photo _____ | Lure Course _____ | Cover Your Tracks _____ | Twisted Tube Race (\$8) _____ |
| | (Photo size no larger than 5x7) | | |

you may also sign up for games day of event.

Please make additional copies of this page for additional ferret entries

TOTAL \$ FOR THIS FERRET _____

Waiver of Liability Agreement Form

Participant Name (Please Print) _____

Ferret Name (s) _____

Participant Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please read, and if you have questions, please contact Sue Holme at ferretunderground123@gmail.com.

Your signature below certifies that you have read and understand what you are signing.

1. I understand that I am solely responsible for my ferret (s) and anything my ferret (s) does while on the premises of the Washington County Fairgrounds while attending the Ferret Underground Ferret Fiesta.
2. I accept FULL responsibility for any damages or destruction as a result of my ferret's actions, including, but not limited to, any person(s) or property while attending the Ferret Underground Ferret Fiesta.
3. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless to every Ferret Underground, its officers, members and all employees, including, but not limited to, Ferret Underground staff, members and volunteers and Washington County Fairgrounds, members, employees, staff and volunteers.
4. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless any other person(s), company, organization(s), exhibitor or vendor from any liability resulting from my ferret's behavior and attendance at Ferret Underground Ferret Fiesta.
5. **WITHOUT EXCEPTION.** I accept full responsibility for my ferret (s), its actions, health and behavior at Ferret Underground Ferret Fiesta. I am the ONLY person responsible for above named ferret (s) and accept this responsibility.
6. I agree that my ferret (s) is/are current on all ferret distemper immunizations and to the best of my knowledge, has/have not been exposed to any ferret that may have contracted or been exposed to any distemper virus through any means. I certify that the required documents will be readily available to show personnel. _____ (Initials)
7. I agree that my ferret (s) is healthy to participate at the Ferret fiesta and has/have not been exposed to any ferret family member or extended family that may have contracted or been exposed to any COVID virus through any means for the past 30 day. I certify that this statement is true for my ferret(s). _____ (Initials)

I understand that this Release Agreement is a CONTRACT. I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions above and I am SOLELY RESPONSIBLE for above named animal to enter Ferret Underground Ferret Fiesta. I agree that I am legally competent to execute this Release Agreement. The Ferret Underground/Ferret Fiesta is not liable for any illnesses contracted by attendance at this event.

Participants Name (Printed Name) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Must be 18 to sign or parent or guardian)

HOTEL AND MOTEL RULES FOR FERRET FIESTA - COMPLIANCE FORM

Note: Because some ferret people have been irresponsible and have left their rooms in poor condition, our show is finding it more difficult to find ferret friendly hotels/motels. For this reason, the Ferret Fiesta on behalf of the Ferret Underground has issued the following rules for people traveling with ferrets so that we may continue to be welcomed at hotels/motels.

1. Ferrets are NOT to be placed on the floors and/or furniture of the room, this includes the bed.
2. Ferrets are not to be let loose to run in the bathrooms/or main room for exercise.
3. If you are using a playpen to let your ferret get exercise, you need to have a piece of tile, or thick plastic underneath it to protect the floor from accidents or digging. Blankets do not work. This is to protect the hotel's carpet as well as protect your pet. You do not know what was on that floor before you checked in.
4. Bring trash bags and paper towels for disposal of ferret litter and trash. Do not use hotel trash cans as the smell will penetrate the cans.
5. Owners need to bring their own towels for bathing ferrets. Hotel/Motel equipment should not be used for cleaning up accidents.
6. Owners should clean up any trash on the floor before they check out of the room. If the ferret has kicked litter or food on the floor this should be cleaned up by the owner before check out.
7. Rooms should be sprayed with an odor neutralizer such as Febreze or Oust to remove ferret odors right before checkout.
8. Ferrets must be kept in their cages when going through the hotel lobbies and hallways.
9. Please leave your room looking the way it was when you checked in.
10. Please be honest with the Hotel/Motel staff that you have ferrets in your room.
11. Follow all guidelines with COVID recommendations for each hotel.

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| NAME | NUMBER OF FERRETS IN YOUR ROOM |
| HOTEL NAME & ADDRESS | |
| SIGNATURE & DATE | |

Note: If these rules are not followed, you and whom you are sharing a room with, may be banned from all future Ferret Fiesta events.

Please complete, print and bring to the Ferret Fiesta registration desk at check in or mail in with your entry forms.