

# **The Ferret Underground....**

## **A Wisconsin Ferret Rescue 501.c.3**

### **Adoption Information and Guidelines**

For persons interested in adopting a ferret from The Ferret Underground...A Wisconsin Ferret Rescue 501.c.3, listed below are some of the guidelines that we follow. All applications/adoptions are handled on a case-by-case basis.

- You must be adopting the ferret for yourself - NOT as a gift for someone else. Animals do not make good surprise gifts.
- You must agree to take full responsibility for the animal - giving it fresh quality ferret food and water; medical attention (including annual vaccinations) when needed; give it play and exercise time in a safe environment (check for holes under cabinets and appliances and make sure there aren't any other hidden dangers that a nosy little animal might get into, especially chemicals and cleaning supplies); provide the animal with LOVE. You as an owner and companion help to mold the personality and temperament of your pet. If you give a ferret love and patience, it will learn to trust you and will show its affection in return.
- We normally do not adopt ferrets to families with children under 5 years of age. This is for the protection of the ferret as well as the child. Small children like to grab at things that bounce merrily about, and they have no concept that what they are doing might alarm or cause pain to the animal. The ferret, in turn, does not know that the child is just trying to play and may react by biting. PARENTS SHOULD SUPERVISE THEIR SMALL CHILDREN AROUND ANY PET IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD, NO MATTER HOW WELL THEY THINK THEY KNOW THE CHILD OR PET.
- We do not adopt ferrets to people in "ferret free" zones. Check your local or state laws to see if ferrets are allowed where you live and check with your landlord, too, to see if he/she allows pets before you adopt.
- We do not adopt ferrets to institutional situations. The ferrets in our care are adopted out as family companions, not for lab experiments or exhibition purposes.
- You must be at least 21 years old or be accompanied by a parent or head of household who is at least 21. Our adoption contract is a legal document and should be signed by someone of legal age. This also helps avoid the situation of "Look what I bought, Mom! Can I keep it?"
- You must be willing to learn. We don't require you to be an expert on the subject to adopt a ferret, but be willing to ask questions on things you aren't sure of. The more you know about your four-footed friend, the more enjoyment both of you will get from your relationship.
- The ferrets are altered; given their canine distemper vaccination, It is the adopter's responsibility to have the ferret checked by a ferret knowledgeable veterinarian and vaccinated against rabies (IMRAB-3).
- We do charge a fee for our ferrets. The adoption fee helps us defray our shelter costs and medical fees. This is the small beginning investment in ferret ownership.

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Please complete and return via email to ferretunderground123@gmail.com or fax to 920-675-0533

Potential Adopter Information:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is the person listed/completing this application going to be the primary caregiver for any adopted ferrets?

Yes  No , If No, Whom \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you ever surrendered any animal to a local animal shelter or gave away or sold an animal? If so, give details and situation. \_\_\_\_\_

3. What age ferret(s) are you looking for?  Kit (under 1)  1-2 yr old  3-4 yr old

5+ yr old (senior)  Not Sure  Special Needs  Any

4. If you marked interest in senior ferrets above: Senior ferrets can still be very full of energy and be very beloved members of your family, but are you prepared to potentially lose the ferrets in a year or less?

Yes  No

5. If adopting younger, are you prepared to care for the ferrets for 6-9 years (average lifespan)?

Yes  No

6. How many ferrets are you interested in? (Check all that apply)

Single  Pair  Trio  Large Group

7. Why are you interested in adopting a ferret? \_\_\_\_\_

8. How many years experience do you have caring for ferrets? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you own ferrets now?  Yes  No If Yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you have other pets?  Yes  No If Yes, how many and what kinds and ages?

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11. Do you have a cage (with outside playtimes) .  Yes  No, or do you plan on letting your adopted ferrets free-roam (only caged when unsupervised)?  Yes  No **Please provide pictures of your cage setup.**

12. If your employment or family situation requires travel, have you given consideration or made arrangements for the ferret(s)' care while you are away?  Yes  No

13. Who is the Veterinarian that will care for your ferret? Clinic Name, Vet Name, Address, Phone #

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14. Ferrets are expensive! They need annual vet visits for vaccinations (rabies and distemper) and other common health issues. Are you willing to spend \$100+ per visit multiple times a year?  Yes  No

15. Do you  own,  rent,  live with parents, or  other for your housing? If Rent (landlord), or Live with Parents, or Other, Please provide details and contact information/address/phone. \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Would you consent to both Pre-Adoption and Post Adoption home visits? (by one of the Ferret Underground staff members)  Yes  No

17. Are there children/child living in the household?  5 and under  6-12  13+ - If you have children, are you willing to set limits so the ferret can have solitude if he/she needs it?  Yes  No

18. Does anyone in the household have known pet allergies?  Yes  No

19. What type of diet will you be feeding your ferret(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Any additional info you think might help us make a decision on your application or match your family with any of our adoptables?

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21. A rescue animal may have some initial adjustment problems at first. Are you willing to provide extra attention and/or medical bills, if needed?  Yes  No

22. Smoking (tobacco or medical/recreational marijuana) can be very dangerous around ferrets. Will you ensure you will not use these products around your ferret?  Yes  No

23. Do you agree to provide follow-up info about any adopted ferrets at the Ferret Undergrounds request?  Yes  No

24. I understand I will return any adopted ferret to The Ferret Underground...A Wisconsin Ferret Rescue, if I am unable to care for them properly in the future.  Yes  No

25. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the above answers are true and correct.  Yes  No

Signature (must be 21 or older) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note this is NOT an automatic approval for adoption from The Ferret Underground...A Wisconsin Ferret Rescue. We will contact you if and when we an appropriate fit for you household.*