
AFA NEWS

Championship Ferrets “Show Off” for Judges



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The AFA sanctioned three and hosted two championship ferret shows in the fall of 1998: Greatest Ferret Show on Earth, Harvest Ferret Expo, and Holiday Ferret Expo. A big round of applause to all judges for their long days and perseverance in judging an ever growing selection of ferrets.

Greatest Ferret Show on Earth

This was the first year the Greater Chicago Ferret Association teamed up with the AFA and had its Greatest Ferret Show on Earth sanctioned by the AFA. The show was held October 17 at the Dupage County Illinois Fair Grounds and was a great success.

Judges were Randy Corbin, Bill Killian, Marty Gosnell, Sally Heber, Georgia Bailey, and Vickie McKimney.

Harvest Ferret Expo

Harvest Ferret Expo was held November 7 and for the first time was held on Long Island in Lindenhurst, N.Y. Attendance was better than expected, and some new exhibitors and vendors were there.

Judges were Connie Riggins, Tom DeNitto, Dale Diehl, Georgia Bailey, Sally Heber, Ellen Byrne, and Cindy Sooy.

Holiday Ferret Expo

Holiday Ferret Expo was held December 5 at the Ramada Conference and Exhibition Center in New Carrollton, Md. More than 450 ferrets were judged in the championship and specialty classes on Saturday. This was the largest show to date for the AFA. The Pennsylvania Ferret Rescue Association ran its fun show events on Saturday, and all proceeds will benefit shelter ferrets. Many major vendors of ferret products and clubs from across the United States attended, selling items especially designed for ferrets and their owners. Ferret rescues placed many shelter ferrets in new homes, and educational fact sheets were handed out to new and prospective ferret owners.

Judges were Georgia Bailey, Vickie McKimney, Cindy Sooy, Connie Riggins, Tom DeNitto, Dale Diehl, Sally Heber, Randy Corbin, and Judith Sanders.

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Do you mind? Celebrities need their rest! These sleeping beauties catch a nap during Holiday Ferret Expo. Photo by Patty Asheuer.

AFA 1999 Shows and Events

Three Rivers Ferret All Specialty Show and Conference

March 13, Greek Orthodox Church Social Hall
Oakmont, PA
412-431-2830

Japan Ferret Association Championship Ferret Show

March 28, Nagoya, Japan
Sanction: American Ferret Association
1-888-FERRET-1

Ferret Expo '99 South Jersey Expo Center

April 24, Pennsauken, NJ
Sponsor/Sanction: American Ferret Association
1-888-FERRET-1

Great Lakes Ferret Association 1999 Shows and Events

FerretQuest

June 5, Monroe Sport Center, Monroe, MI

Ferret Renaissance

October 2, The Summit, Lansing, MI

Greatest Ferret Show on Earth Championship Ring Winners



October 17, 1998
Dupage County
Illinois Fair Grounds

KIT

Ring 1 SH's Baxter owned by Patty Asheuer
Ring 2 SH's Rio Grande owned by Sally Heber
Ring 3 SH's Rio Grande owned by Sally Heber
Best Kit in Show SH's Rio Grande owned by
Sally Heber

ALTER

Ring 1 Morning Star owned by Debbi Vitacco
Ring 2 Kodiak owned by Judy Gronwold
Ring 3 Jesse owned by Nancy Robb
Best Alter in Show Jesse owned by Nancy Robb

BREEDER

Ring 1 Badgerland's Bronco owned by Steve and
Janice Houser
Ring 2 Meiko owned by Scarlett Gray
Ring 3 SH's Pymont owned by Laurie Fedele
Best Breeder in Show Chaka owned by Lori Sies

BEST OF SHOW Jesse owned by Nancy Robb



Don't hate me because I'm beautiful. Baxter, winner of Ring 1 in the Kit class at The Greatest Ferret Show on Earth, enjoys a ride from Rob Propper. Photo by Patty Asheuer.

Harvest Ferret Expo Championship Ring Winners

November 7, 1998
Lindenhurst, New York



Jazzmine, owned by Ann Styer, basks in the glow of her first place in the Point Specialty at Harvest Ferret Expo. Jazzmine also won Ring 2 of the Alter class. Photo by Patty Asheuer.

KIT

Ring 1 SH's Mr. Majestic owned by Nancy Scott

Ring 2 SH's Baxter owned by Patty Asheuer

Ring 3 SH's Baxter owned by Patty Asheuer

Best Kit in Show SH's Baxter owned by
Patty Asheuer

ALTER

Ring 1 DCF's Milquetoast owned by Cindy Sooy

Ring 2 Jazzmine owned by Ann Styer

Ring 3 Tawney owned by Nicole Leshock

Best Alter in Show FL's Pillsbury Dough Boy
owned by Stephen Frank

BREEDER

Ring 1 DCF's Nigel owned by Cindy Sooy

Ring 2 GB's Bavmorda owned by Tom and
Brenda DeNitto

Ring 3 DR's Shadow Dancer owned by
Georgia Bailey

Best Breeder in Show DCF's Nigel owned by
Cindy Sooy

SPECIALTY

Albino/Dark-Eyed White

Sashi owned by Nicole Leshock

Black Roan Ashley Marsden owned
by Thomas and Tami Marsden

Black Sable SH's Rio de Janiero owned by
Holly Layman

Champagne DR's Conall owned by
Georgia Bailey

Chocolate Mitt Sundance owned by Sean Selzer
Drew owned by Laurie Skalaban

Panda/Blaze Pandora Weasel owned by
Pat Stauffer

Point Sable Jazzmine owned by Ann Styer
Sir Squid of Hillcrest owned by
Ann Barzda

Shelter/Rescue

You Can Call Me Al owned by Patrick and
Mary Houser



*Let's see. We woke up, used the litterbox, ate some lunch, and, yawwwwwn, time for a nap. These ferret shows are exhausting!
Photo by Patty Asheuer.*

Holiday Ferret Expo Championship Ring Winners

*December 5, 1998
New Carrollton, Maryland*



The very finest of ferret princesses keep their ping pong balls in the litterbox. Bug, Specialty Point Champion at Holiday Ferret Expo, lounges in her enclosure. Photo by Patty Asheuer.

KIT

- Ring 1* Reo de Janiero owned by Holly Layman
Ring 2 SH's Kaguyahime owned by Seiko Ishihara
Ring 3 HWB's Oprah owned by
Bill and Glenna Hudson
Best Kit in Show SH's Kaguyahime owned by
Seiko Ishihara

ALTER

- Ring 1* DCF's Winston owned by Cindy Sooy
Ring 2 Buttons owned by Julia Fossa
Ring 3 GB's Mr. F. Lee Bagley owned by
Tom and Brenda DeNitto
Best Alter in Show SH's Baxter owned by
Patty Asheuer

BREEDER

- Ring 1* SH's Mr. Majestic owned by Nancy Scott
Ring 2 SH's Troika owned by Sally Heber
Ring 3 Sherman owned by Julia Fossa
Best Breeder in Show SH's Troika owned by
Sally Heber

SPECIALTY

Albino/Dark-Eyed White

Sashi owned by Nicole Leshock

Black Roan JBF's Lolita owned by
Vickie McKimney

Black Sable SH's Diamond Reo owned by
Sally Heber

Breeder's Classic Shady Hollow Ferretry/JM's
Lady Limerick of SH

Champagne Belle owned by Chris Sayne

Chocolate Kitastrophic Kit owned by
David Guthartz

Mitt TCF Jagermeister owned by
Scarlett Gray

Panda/Blaze JM's Bristol of JBF owned by
Vickie McKimney

Point TFG's Bug owned by Chris and
Cheryl Goedeke

Sable TFG's Jitterbug owned by Chris
and Cheryl Goedeke

Shelter/Rescue Oliver Twist Jones owned by
Melissa Jones



Traveler, owned by Vickie McKimney, placed in the top ten of all three rings of the Kit class at Harvest Ferret Expo. Photo by Patty Asheuer.