

Ferrets draw crowd at Super Pet Expo

More than 22,000 people attended the February 12 and 13 Super Pet Expo in Chantilly, Va., and to the A.F.A. and Ferrets R#1 Shelter and Rescue volunteers, it seemed like each of them wanted to pet the ferrets.

Both organizations hosted educational booths and offered educational materials at the event. A.F.A. had ferrets from Just a Business of Ferrets for people to pet. Ferrets R#1 adopted several ferrets to new homes, all of them current or previous ferret owners, and created a waiting list of more potential adopters. After the event, volunteers for both organizations agreed that the attendees were more knowledgeable of ferrets than had been expected.

In response to the overwhelming interest in ferrets, Super Pet Expo invited A.F.A. to sponsor Super Ferret Expo on May 20 and 21 at the fairgrounds in Timonium, Md. This will be an all specialty show held at the same time as another Super Pet Expo. Ferrets R#1 will also host a booth at this event.

“Customers seem to be more and more interested in ferrets, not just owning one but finding stuff for them,” said Super Pet Expo employee Steffi Paskow. “Part of our mission is to give recognition to other shows by placing them in our venue and giving them a larger exposure to people who wouldn’t go to a ferret show or who didn’t know that they existed.”

Paskow said that there is room for more vendors at Super Ferret Expo and that special booth placement for ferret-related organizations has been arranged. Anyone interested in exhibiting should call (301) 230-0230 and speak to Paskow, who is coordinating the arrangements for the ferret exhibitors.



Top: Bristol from Just a Business of Ferrets shows visitors to the A.F.A. booth just how charming a ferret can be. Below: Faith Hood, Director of Ferrets R#1 Shelter and Rescue, safely offers a ferret for petting. During the two days of the Expo, several hundred people visited the ferret booths. Both had educational brochures available and ferrets for people to pet.