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## **AMERICAN FERRET ASSOCIATION STATEMENT REGARDING THE FERRET LEGALIZATION PORTION OF THE NYC BOARD OF HEALTH HEARING HELD MARCH 10th, 2015**

The goal of the American Ferret Association is to Promote, Protect, and Provide. We do our best to work with other ferret groups and organizations to make a difference in ferret ownership and to educate the public on the side that we see of these amazing creatures. It saddens us when we hear that there are ferret owners out there that are not able to enjoy the same freedoms as others. Ferret ownership has been banned in New York City since June of 1999 but the Ferret Club of New York City has been trying hard to make the dream of open ferret ownership a reality and today, March 10, 2015, they, among others in the ferret community, hoped that the ban would be lifted. The New York City Board of Health hearing that we had all been waiting for, unfortunately resulted in the upholding of the current ban.

The American Ferret Association is undeterred by this setback and will continue to support efforts to allow ferrets in New York City, Washington, D.C., California and other places restricting their ownership. Our hope is that someday the ban will be lifted everywhere and ferret owners can openly go to the vet or even on a stroll around the yard without living in fear of their pet being taken away. We are distraught by the decision of the board and hope that there will be chances in the future to make our voice heard once again.