

AFA Show Sponsors
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the **American Ferret Association**
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2009 SPRING NATIONALS FERRET COMPETITION





March 28, 2009 ~ The York Fairgrounds ~ 334 Carlisle Avenue ~ York, PA





Title Bearing Rings	Adolescent Championship	Alter Championship	Breeder Championship	Companion Pet
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Specialty Rings	Albino/Dark Eyed White	Black Mitt/Black Roan Mitt	Black Sable	Blaze/Mutt/Panda	Champagne	Chocolate
Mitt	Passport Required	Physically Challenged	Point	Roan	Sable	Shelter
Super Senior		Premier Class	Invitational			

✓ Denotes important information or changes from previous shows. Please read !

AWARDS PRESENTATION ~~~~~	This year we will be having our first Award's Presentation Banquet Dinner on Friday, March 27th from 6:00 until 8:00pm. The banquet dinner will be in the Old Main Building, the same building as the show. Ferret of the Year, Specialty Ferret of the Year, Gold Titles and Platinum Titles will be presented at this event. We will have a photographer available at the dinner and ferrets are definitely welcome! You must reserve your seat at the dinner no later than Monday, March 16th for catering head counts.
ENTRIES & FEES	Open to all ferrets that are between 16 weeks to 6 1/2 years of age. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 12, 2009. Only ferrets listed in the show catalogue will be judged. Please see summary page for entry fees. Entry date is calculated by the postmark date. No refunds, for exhibitors or vendors, regardless of weather. AFA Show and Breeder Members in good standing can deduct two dollars (\$2) from each title bearing and specialty ring entry. You must provide your membership number on the entry form to receive the discount.
ADDITIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS OR CHANGES	Additional entries received after the closing date are not eligible for member discount. All additions, substitutions, changes to entries will be assessed a \$5 per entry service fee after the closing date. The closing date for this show is MARCH 11, 2009. Contact the show registrar after this date at your own risk. ☺ Entries received after closing date will not be listed in the catalog. This show fills up and rings will close – EARLY!
SHOW TIME	Exhibitors must check in with the entry clerk between 8 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. for your entry numbers. Substitutions will not be accepted at check in. No changes will be made after judging begins. Judging will start at 10:30 A.M.
EXHIBITORS	Exhibitors must provide clean cages, clean bedding, litter, litter pans, fresh food and water for ferrets. NO EXCEPTIONS! Please, no newspaper as bedding or wood chips as box/pan filler. Please, no dirty water bottles, no rusted cages or rusty carriers. No smoking is permitted in the show hall.
RULES AND SCORING	This show will be conducted in accordance with AFA Show Rules & Standards. Standard score cards will be awarded to all ferrets in all title bearing classes and will be scored for AFA titles in all title bearing classes.
AWARDS & TITLES	Rosettes will be awarded in all rings for First through Tenth Place in the Championship and Companion Class Rings. Trophies and others awards will be given where offered, including Specialty rings and Premier classes. A 'Best in Show' trophy will be awarded to each of the following four groups: the best adolescent, best alter, best breeder and best companion instead of one Best in Show award. The best in show for each class is the ferret that has the best average placement in the title bearing class rings.
TITLE BEARING CLASSES	Date of Birth or Age is required for the following classes. If you do not know the exact date, the closest month and year is acceptable. Please record this date for future shows. Handicaps, such as but not limited to: unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid (in ferrets 12 months or over), missing limbs or other features, tails must be at least 2 inches in

TITLE BEARING CLASSES - cont.	length, cataracts, extraneous digits or appendages are NOT allowed in animals entered in the Championship rings. Title classes will be limited to 20 entries per exhibitor family and 90 entries per title class.
ADOLESCENT CLASS	All ferrets <u>16 weeks to 12 months of age</u> on date of show. Late spay/neuter adolescents will be judged with whole adolescents. Adolescents will not be judged against breeders, late alters or companions.
ALTER CLASS	All ferrets <u>1 year to 6 ½ years</u> as of the date of show who have been either spayed or neutered later in life (not pet store ferrets). Alters will not be judged against adolescents, companions or breeders.
BREEDER CLASS	All intact ferrets <u>1 year to 6 ½ years</u> as of the date of show. Breeders will not be judged against adolescents, late alters or companions.
COMPANION CLASS	This class is open to all early altered (usually pet store) ferrets (Marshall Farm, Path Valley Farms, etc.) <u>16 weeks to 6 ½ years</u> as of the date of show. All entrants must be early spay/neuters (before 12 weeks of age). Late altered ferrets are restricted from this class. Companions will not be judged against adolescents, late alters or breeders.
SPECIALTIES	Any specialty class that has less than 5 entries and is not sponsored may be cancelled for this show or dropped permanently. Entries in cancelled classes will be reimbursed on show day. To ensure your specialty will continue to be offered, please consider sponsoring the class. Classes will be closed when 20 entries are reached.
ALBINO/DEW	Open to all ferrets with totally white guard hairs and red eyes or with predominantly white guard hairs and ruby to black eyes.
BLACK MITT/BLACK ROAN MITT	Open to all ferrets whose guard hairs are black with dark eyes and well defined mitts on all four feet. Light silvers should be entered in Dark-Eyed White, medium silvers in Roan. Guard hair color should be black and should be 60-100% in concentration. Roaning (white guard hair) should be 0-40% in concentration.
BLACK SABLE	Open to all ferrets whose guard hairs are black sable.
BLAZE/MUTT PANDA	Blaze: Open to all ferrets whose pattern includes mitts/white toes, bib, and noticeable blaze on head. Mutt: Open to all ferrets with multiple or no distinct color/pattern. Panda: Open to all ferrets whose pattern includes mitts/stockings, bib, and an all white head and neck.
CHAMPAGNE	Open to all ferrets whose guard hairs are cinnamon or champagne
CHOCOLATE	Open to all ferrets whose guard hairs are chocolate.
MITT	Open to all ferrets with mitts (white feet with a contrasting leg color).
PASSPORT REQ	Open to all privately bred ferrets (intact or late spay/neuter) who are at least 25% foreign bloodline.
PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED 	Open to all ferrets that have an obvious visible physical deficiency or handicap. This means missing appendages, missing ears or eyes, obvious physical deficiencies such as severely mis-aligned jaws, major obvious structural abnormalities, tail shorter than 2 inches, completely missing or extremely kinked. Cataracts and cauliflower ears do not qualify for this class.
POINT	Open to all ferrets whose points (legs and tail) are dark and body is light. Must have a V-mask to almost no mask (eye markings only).
ROAN	Open to all ferrets whose guard hairs are black/sable/chocolate/champagne with roaning (silver), dark eyes. This includes medium patterned silvers. Guard hair color concentration should be 50%; roaning should be 50% also.
SABLE	Open to all ferrets whose guard hairs are sable brown in color.
SHELTER	Open to all ferrets adopted from a recognized ferret shelter. Entries in this class must be spayed or neutered.
SUPER SENIORS	Open to all ferrets from 4 to 6.5 years of age and in great condition.
PREMIER CLASS INVITATIONAL	For entry to this class, your ferret must have been awarded a blue ribbon in a Championship ring or a Best In Show at any AFA Sanctioned ferret show during 2005 through 2006.
AFA BANNED BREEDERS AND FERETS OF UNKNOWN LINEAGE SHOW POLICY 	Ferrets of unknown lineage are not permitted to show in the Breeder or Adolescent Title Classes. Any ferret bred by a breeder that is banned from showing by the AFA will be treated the same as a ferret of unknown lineage. Ferrets of unknown lineage and banned breeder ferrets can only show in the Alter title class once they meet the requirements for showing in that class. Ferrets of unknown lineage and banned breeder ferrets will be listed with no breeder prefix, no sire, no dam and no breeder in the show book. Any misrepresentation or omission of data pertaining to the breeder of a ferret or the breeder of a ferret's sire or dam is grounds for the individual(s) responsible for the offense to be banned.

FERRETS	<p>ALL ferrets entered in the show hall, including those offered for sale must be between 16 weeks and 6.5 years old. All ferrets entered in and/or for sale at the show must have been vaccinated for Canine Distemper and Rabies. Dates for CD vaccination should be between April 11, 2008 and March 14, 2009 and your ferret kits must have their kit series completed. Dates for Rabies vaccination must be between April 11, 2008 and March 14, 2009 and your ferret must have been vaccinated with IMRAB-3. See AFA Vaccination Policy enclosed in this show packet.</p> <p>ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF VACCINATION: For rabies vaccination the veterinary certificate must state the name of the vaccine or the manufacturer (listing FERRET RABIES only is NOT ACCEPTABLE). The American Ferret Association (AFA) recommends vaccinating ferrets with USDA licensed vaccine products labeled for use in ferrets. Use of vaccines that do not include ferrets on the manufacturer's label is an <u>off-label</u> usage; use these products only after consulting with a ferret knowledgeable veterinarian and only in circumstances when the risk of infection warrants the use of the vaccine. Please provide your original documentation at check-in for entry into the show hall. This will be a NON-VETTED show, you are responsible for the health of your ferret, so out of consideration for all other attendees and their ferrets, PLEASE DO NOT BRING A SICK FERRET TO THE SHOW. Check in will be from 8:00 am until 9:30 am on Saturday. NO ONE may enter the show hall prior to this time.</p>
ADV TESTING REQUIRED	<p>All ferrets entering the show hall must provide proof of negative ADV (Aleutian's Disease Virus) testing between the dates of SEPTEMBER 21, 2008 and MARCH 21, 2009. Testing must be by the CEP Test or the Avecon ELISA Saliva Test and results must be: 1) on tester's original result's letterhead; 2) testing date must be on the letter and within the stated period; 3) ferret names must be on the testing result's letter (names must match show entry). Avecon POCT instant tests are NOT ACCEPTABLE. A letter from your vet is NOT ACCEPTABLE. Faxes or copies are NOT ACCEPTABLE.</p>
ADV WAIVER	<p>You will be required to sign a statement at check in to the effect that:</p> <p>No ferret that I am bringing with me into the show hall today has ever had a definitive positive test result on the CEP or Avecon ELISA saliva test (POCT and ELISA blood tests are not acceptable).</p> <p>If in the past 4 months a ferret from my household (shelter/facility/ferretry) has had a definitive positive test result on the CEP or Avecon ELISA saliva test (POCT and ELISA blood tests are not acceptable), I understand that all ferrets in the same household (shelter/facility/ferretry) are considered as being exposed. I also understand that I can not show or bring any ferrets from said household into the show hall today, regardless of their testing status.</p> <p>I also understand that just because all ferrets in the show hall today have been tested for ADV within the six months prior to the show, that this is not a guarantee of safety. I understand that the test is only as good as the day it was taken and I still need to practice SAFE FERRET habits at all times.</p>
	<p>Nails must be trimmed on all four paws and the ferrets must be free of parasites. Owners will be asked to remove from the show hall any ferret that appears to be ill. Maintenance of your ferret will be very important as it determines a significant percentage of the ferret's score.</p>
	<p>No stud service will be allowed in the show hall. No pregnant jills, no nursing jills, no jills that have been falsed and no jills in heat are allowed in the show hall. Nor will they be allowed to compete in the show rings.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">NO OTHER ANIMALS IN THE SHOW HALL, PLEASE!!</p>
ADULT FERRETS & KITS FOR SALE or ADOPTION	<p>Anyone selling or adopting any ferret, kit or adult, must purchase a booth space. Absolutely no kits under the age of 16 weeks will be permitted to enter the show hall! Leave them home or in your hotel room. It is inappropriate to leave animals in vehicles. The outside premises will be patrolled and under the jurisdiction of the local Animal Control Agency.</p>
ADVERTISING	<p>Ad space is open for the show catalogue. Rates and ad sizes are listed on the summary sheet. Prices shown are for camera/copy ready ads only.</p>
VENDORS	<p>There will be vendor booth spaces for rent at the show hall. Booth spaces will be 8 ft by 10 ft and will include one 8 ft table.  Only one additional table may be purchased for a single booth. If you require more space or more tables, a second vendor booth must be purchased.</p>
	<p>If you are an exhibitor and plan to sell items, including ferrets, you must have a vendor booth. Please, no non-ferret/pet related items. Any club or rescue needing a second vendor booth for product sales, will be eligible for one at the vendor price. Shelter/Club booths are for established shelters and clubs and for ferret adoptions and/or the distribution of educational materials ONLY. Product sales require a vendor booth. Move-in for vendors is available and preferred from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2009.</p>

ENTRIES CONFIRMED	Confirmation of entries along with maps will be emailed by March 11, 2009 for entries received before that date and as soon as possible after that date. If, however, you have not received your confirmation by March 24, 2009, please contact the show registrar.
EXTRAS	There will be a raffle and/or Chinese auction depending on the participation of the vendors and the professional and retail community.
LIABILITY	The American Ferret Association, Inc. (AFA) will not be responsible for any sickness or injury to any exhibitor, spectator, vendor or ferret, or any damage to equipment or personal property. Any incident related to the ferrets are the owner's responsibility. The AFA reserves the right to refuse entry or expel any individual, vendor or ferret.
HOTELS MOTELS	The following are some of the hotels in the area. Note: All ferrets must be kept in their cage/carrier when brought through any public area inside any hotel. Holiday Inn - 2000 Loucks Road (717) 846-9500 Red Roof Inn - 125 Arsenal Road (717) 843-8181 Holiday Inn Express - 140 Leader Heights Road (717) 741-1000 \$50 non-refundable pet-fee Quality Inn - 2600 Market Street (717) 755-1966 \$10 per pet Jackson House B&B - Six Main St, Railroad, PA (877) 782-4672 pet friendly, 10% discount on room rates Studio Lodge - 334 Arsenal Road (717) 845-5671 \$50 non-refundable pet-fee
DIRECTIONS	From the South Take I-83 North to Exit 15 (S. George St. Business 83) Turn left at the second traffic light (Country Club Rd) Follow Country Club Rd. to Richland Ave. Turn right on Richland to Market St. Turn left on Market to the York Fairgrounds. From the North Take I-83 to Exit 22 (N. George St.) At second traffic light, take Rt 30 West to the Carlisle Ave Exit. Turn left on Carlisle Ave. (Rt#74) to York Fairgrounds. From the East Take Rt 30 West to Carlisle Ave. Exit turn left on Carlisle Ave.(Rt#74) to York Fairgrounds. From the West Take Route 462 (W. Market St.) from Rt 30. Follow Market St. to Highland Ave. Turn left on Highland Ave. to York Fairgrounds. From the Northwest Take Rt#74 (Carlisle Ave) directly to York Fairgrounds. Info@yorkfair.org

Admission/ Donation will be charged at the door for non-exhibitors or non-members of the AFA.
\$5.00 for adults \$2.00 for children 7 to 15 yrs. Under 7 free with paid adult

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the show registrar at (301) 898-1568,
email at jbferret@mindspring.com or the AFA toll-free at 1-888-FERRET-1.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!!! There is always the possibility of exposure to infectious diseases for your pet when they are brought out into social gatherings. It is recommended that you allow minimal handling of your pet and minimal exposure to the other pets at the event.

SUMMARY SHEET

Ring Entries	Number of Entries	Through February 25	After February 25	Total
Title Bearing: First Three Ferrets Entered		\$18.00 each	\$23.00 each	\$
Title Bearing: Additional Ferrets Entered		\$15.00 each	\$20.00 each	\$
Albino/Dark Eyed White Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Black Mitt/Black Roan Mitt Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Black Sable Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Blaze/Mutt/Panda Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Champagne Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Chocolate Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Mitt Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Passport Required		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Physically Challenged		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Point Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Roan Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Sable Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Shelter Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Super Senior Specialty		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
Premier Class - Invitational		\$12.00 each	\$15.00 each	\$
GRAND TOTAL SHOW ENTRIES				\$

I want to get involved!

Sign me up to:

- Learn to be a steward/judge**
- Help with publicity**
- Help with admission/raffles at the show**

2009 CATALOG ADVERTISING RATES

Full Page	7.5" W x 10" L	\$50.00	\$
Half Page	7.5" W x 5" L	\$35.00	\$
Quarter Page	3.5" W x 5" L	\$25.00	\$
Business Card	3.5" W x 2" L	\$15.00	\$

2009 CAMERA READY AD COPY IS DUE BY MARCH 13, 2009

Show Catalog	MUST BE ORDERED	\$5.00	\$
Booth	Vendor	\$60.00	\$
	Club/Shelter (product sales vendor only) Name:	\$30.00	\$
	Ferret Sales Only	\$40.00	\$
Electricity	\$30 per hookup	\$30.00	\$
Extra Booth Tables	Vendor	\$10.00	\$
✓ Only 1 extra table allowed per booth	Club/Shelter/Ferret Sales	\$5.00	\$
AFA Membership	See new membership information pages	✓ New Rates	\$
AFA Show or Breeder Member Discount	Membership Number: Expiration Date:	SEE * NOTE BELOW	\$
***** Friday Night	Awards Presentation Banquet Dinner	\$23.00 per person	\$
GRAND TOTAL	ENTRIES AND EXTRAS		\$

NAME	
ADDRESS	
CITY/STATE/ZIP	
PHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
CARD No.	EXPIRES CCV:
<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> DISCOVER	SIGNATURE

IMPORTANT! Please enclose your check, money order or credit card information with this form to guarantee your registration. Make checks payable to the American Ferret Association (or AFA). Mail forms and checks to the show registrar: Fax and e-mail entries will ONLY be accepted with credit card payment info and signature. Please use the fax number listed. **Entries will be NOT be accepted without prepayment and your registrations will NOT be entered or a space in the class guaranteed until payment is received.**

*** NOTE: Show Goer membership may deduct \$2 per entry for up to 4 entries. Breeder membership may deduct \$2 per entry, no limit. Call 1-888-FERRET-1 to find out how to upgrade your membership for the show.**

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**Entries for booths received by February 18, take \$10 off the vendor booth fees and \$5 off the club/shelter/ ferret sales booth fees.**

**Show Registrar:** Vickie McKimney 301-898-1568 fax 1-240-358-0673  
 11018 Powell Road  
 Thurmont, MD 21788  
 email: [afaevents@earthlink.net](mailto:afaevents@earthlink.net)

# AFA's 2009 Spring Nationals Ferret Competition Official Entry Form

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ferret Name:                                                             |                     |
| Date of Birth:        /        /                                         | Or Age:             |
| Color:                                                                   | Sex: Male or Female |
| Has your ferret been fixed (spayed/neutered)?                            | Y or N              |
| Was your ferret fixed by 12 weeks of age?                                | Y or N              |
| Did your ferret come from Marshall Farms,<br>Path Valley or a pet store? | Y or N              |
| Sire Name:                                                               |                     |
| Dam Name:                                                                |                     |
| Breeder:                                                                 |                     |
| Owner Name:                                                              |                     |
| AFA Title (if any):                                                      |                     |
| Distemper vaccine name & serial # :                                      |                     |
| Distemper Vaccination Date:                                              |                     |
| Rabies vaccine name & serial # :                                         |                     |
| Rabies Vaccination Date:                                                 |                     |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ferret Name:                                                             |                     |
| Date of Birth:        /        /                                         | Or Age:             |
| Color:                                                                   | Sex: Male or Female |
| Has your ferret been fixed (spayed/neutered)?                            | Y or N              |
| Was your ferret fixed by 12 weeks of age?                                | Y or N              |
| Did your ferret come from Marshall Farms,<br>Path Valley or a pet store? | Y or N              |
| Sire Name:                                                               |                     |
| Dam Name:                                                                |                     |
| Breeder:                                                                 |                     |
| Owner Name:                                                              |                     |
| AFA Title (if any):                                                      |                     |
| Distemper vaccine name & serial # :                                      |                     |
| Distemper Vaccination Date:                                              |                     |
| Rabies vaccine name & serial # :                                         |                     |
| Rabies Vaccination Date:                                                 |                     |

**Please check all that apply:**

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|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Title Class Entries</b>                             |                                          |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescent Class              | <input type="checkbox"/> Alter Class     |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeder Class                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Companion Class |                                       |
| <b>Specialty Class Entries</b>                         |                                          |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Albino/DEW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Champagne       | <input type="checkbox"/> Point        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Mitt/Black<br>Roan Mitt | <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate       | <input type="checkbox"/> Roan         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Sable                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitt            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sable        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blaze/Mutt/Panda              | <input type="checkbox"/> Passport Req'd  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter      |
|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Physically Chg  | <input type="checkbox"/> Super Senior |
| <b>Premier Class Entries</b>                           |                                          |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invitational                  |                                          |                                       |

**Please check all that apply:**

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| <b>Title Class Entries</b>                             |                                          |                                       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeder Class                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Companion Class |                                       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Sable                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitt            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sable        |
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|                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Physically Chg  | <input type="checkbox"/> Super Senior |
| <b>Premier Class Entries</b>                           |                                          |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invitational                  |                                          |                                       |

I certify that the above data is correct to the best of my knowledge, and that my entries will be in good health and free of parasites. I understand that failure to comply with show rules and standards as set forth by the AFA or their officials will result in removal from the show hall.

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

