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2017 Winter Nationals Ferret Competition



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Lovettsville Game Protective Association ~ Lovettsville, VA

TITLE-BEARING AND SPECIALTY CLASSES: Title-bearing classes will be offered for Adolescent, Alter, Breeder, and Companion Pet, and will each have three rings. The following specialty classes will be offered: 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 & Invitational. See Page 3 for title and specialty class descriptions.

SANCTIONING & 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 for first through tenth place in each ring of each title-bearing class. Trophies will be awarded for first place in each ring of each title-bearing class. A Best in Class ribbon and trophy will be awarded to the ferret with the best average placement in the title bearing rings. A Best Opposite in Class ribbon will be awarded to the ferret who is of the opposite sex as the Best in Class receiving the best average point total for that sex. Rosette ribbons will be awarded to all ferrets entering specialty rings, and a trophy will be awarded for first place in each specialty ring.

ENTRIES: Open to all ferrets that are 16 weeks to 6 1/2 years of age on the day of the show. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN** Sunday, November 19, 2017. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Your entry date is calculated by the postmark if entering via postal mail or the time stamp for online registrations. Online registration is recommended. Entries may also be submitted via email to jbferretz@gmail.com. No entries will be accepted via phone. No refunds, for exhibitors or vendors, regardless of weather.

ENTRY FEES: Please see the registration form for a list of entry fees. Show catalogs may be purchased at a cost of \$5 in advance or \$8 the day of the show. Limited quantities will be available for purchase at the show hall; it is recommended that you reserve one in advance. See the registration form for details. Sorry, no refunds on entries. All emailed entries must be paid using <http://www.ferret.org/shopping/showpay.html> to reserve entry spaces; if you opt to mail a check, please note that your entries are not guaranteed until payment is received!

ENTRY CONFIRMATION: Online registrations will receive an immediate confirmation of your entries but you will still receive a formal confirmation sent after registration has closed. If you have not received your confirmation by the Monday before the show, please contact the show registrar by sending an e-mail to jbferretz@gmail.com.

CHECK-IN/SHOW TIME: Exhibitors must check in with the entry clerk between 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM - No one may enter the hall prior to this time. Ferrets not checked in at 10:00 a.m. will be scratched from the show. Judging will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: All ferrets entering the show hall, whether for judging, for sale/adoption, or for any other reason, must meet the following requirements or they will not be permitted in the hall:

- All ferrets must be between sixteen weeks and 6 1/2 years of age on the day of the show.
- 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. All ferrets must be fully immunized (canine distemper, rabies). Please have rabies and distemper vaccination records for each ferret in attendance in case you are asked to show them. Failure to provide proof of vaccination if asked will result in you and your ferrets leaving the show hall. Distemper titer proof is valid in lieu of vaccination.
- All entries must be free of fungus, fleas, and ear mites. It is advised that all ferrets be bathed and groomed prior to show day.
- All ferrets must have been tested for Aleutian's Disease (ADV) within one year of the show date (remember to allow time for test processing and for the results to be mailed to you!) with the Blue Cross CEP Test. Please see the attached ADV Testing sheet for acceptable proof and instructions on how to have this test performed. You will not be permitted in the show hall without proper documentation of this test. **IMPORTANT: The only available ADV test is the CEP (blood) test processed by Blue Cross. Please read our ADV testing sheet for information and be sure to have your test performed in time to receive results before the show. No refunds of show fees will be issued for failure to test for ADV in time.**
- No pregnant or nursing jills or jills in heat will be permitted in the show hall.

ADV WAIVER: Per AFA ADV Policy, anyone entering the show with ferrets must, in addition to providing proof of negative ADV test (see above), sign a statement at check-in that states the following:

- 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.
- If in the past 4 months a ferret from my household (shelter/facility/ferretry) has had a definitive positive test result on the CEP, I understand that all ferrets in the same household (shelter/facility/ferretry) are considered as having been exposed. I also understand that I cannot show or bring any ferrets from said household into the show hall today, regardless of their testing status.
- I also understand that just because all of the ferrets in the show hall today have been tested for ADV within the twelve months prior to the show, 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.

AFA BANNED BREEDERS & FERRETS OF UNKNOWN LINEAGE POLICY: The AFA requires that all shows sanctioned by the AFA recognize and enforce the AFA Banned Breeders & Unknown Lineage 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. Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to the AFA at afa@ferret.org or 1-888-FERRET1.

HALL RULES:

- No smoking is permitted in the show hall.
- No stud service will be allowed in the show hall. Pregnant or nursing jills or jills in heat are not permitted in the show hall.
- Please do not leave your ferrets unattended for long periods of time. If you need to leave for any reason, please contact a show coordinator to assist you in finding someone to watch your ferrets.
- No other animals are permitted in the show hall.
- Please, DO NOT allow your ferret to walk on the show hall floor, even on a leash. The risk of injury with so much foot traffic is great, and it invites the risk of your ferret picking up illness or communicable disease by walking in the path of other ferrets.
- Ferret pens MUST have some type of flooring beneath them or you will be asked to not use your pen.
- DO NOT leave any animals, ferrets or other, in your vehicle unattended at any time during the show!

TITLE-BEARING CLASSES: Date of birth is required for entry in title-bearing 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 older), missing limbs or other features, tail shorter than 2 inches in length, cataracts, extraneous digits or appendages are NOT allowed in championship rings. Title-bearing rings are limited to 80 ferrets per title class.

- **ADOLESCENT TITLE CLASS:** All ferrets 16 weeks to 12 months of age on date of show. Late spay/neuter adolescents will be judged with intact (unneutered) adolescents. Adolescents will not be judged against breeders, adult late alters, or companions.
- **ALTER TITLE CLASS:** All ferrets 1 year to 6 1/2 years of age on the date of the show who have either been spayed or neutered later in life (not pet store ferrets). Alters will not be judged against adolescents, breeders, or companions.
- **BREEDER TITLE CLASS:** All intact ferrets 1 year to 6 1/2 years of age on the date of the show. Breeders will not be judged against adolescents, late alters, or companions.
- **COMPANION TITLE CLASS:** This class is open to all early altered (usually pet store) ferrets (Marshall Farms, Path Valley Farms, etc.) 16 weeks to 6 1/2 years of age on the date of the 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.

SPECIALTY CLASSES: Any specialty class that has fewer than 4 entries and is not sponsored may be canceled for this show. Classes are limited to 20 entries per class.

- **ALBINO/DARK EYED WHITE:** Open to all ferrets with pure white guard hairs and undercoat and either red or 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 hairs) should be 0-40% in concentration.
- **BLACK SABLE:** Open to all ferrets with nearly black to brown/black guard hairs. Overall very dark black/brown color. Sables with more of a golden tone should be entered in the sable class.
- **BLAZE/MUTT/PANDA:** Open to all ferrets whose pattern includes mitts/stockings, bib, and an all-white head and neck (blaze) OR who have mitts/white toes, bib, and a "blaze" – white stripe—on the head (blaze) OR ferrets who do not conform to a standard color or pattern and generally have multiple colors, spots, and/or patterns (mutt).
- **CHAMPAGNE:** Open to all ferrets with cinnamon or champagne colored guard hairs.
- **CHOCOLATE:** Open to all ferrets with chocolate-brown guard hairs.
- **MITT:** Open to all ferrets with mitts (white feet with a contrasting leg color.) Evenness of color of mitts side-to-side and front-to back contribute to the score.
- **PASSPORT REQUIRED:** The Passport Required Specialty ring is open to all breeder (intact OR late-alter) ferrets with at least 1/4 foreign bloodlines.
- **PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED:** Open to all ferrets that have an obvious visible physical deficiency or handicap. Allowed: missing/extra appendages, missing ears or eyes (including cataracts), obvious physical deficiencies such as severely misaligned jaws, major obvious structural abnormalities, tail shorter than 2 inches, completely missing or extremely kinked. Not allowed: cauliflower ears, full angora genetic traits and normalities, non-obvious blindness, deafness, correctable medical conditions (monorchid/cryptorchid).
- **POINT:** Open to all ferrets whose points (legs and tail) are dark and body is light. Must have a V-shaped mask to almost no mask (eye markings only).
- **ROAN:** Open to all ferrets whose guard hairs are black/sable/chocolate/champagne with roaning (silver) and dark eyes. This includes medium patterned silvers.
- **SABLE:** Open to all ferrets with warm, deep brown guard hairs, white to cream to light golden undercoat, brown to black eyes, and a light brown, speckled, or outlined nose.
- **SHELTER:** Open to all ferrets that have been adopted from a recognized ferret shelter. Please provide the name of the shelter from whom you adopted the ferret with your entry. Must be spayed or neutered.
- **SUPER SENIOR:** Open to all ferrets 4—6 1/2 years of age and in good health. Note: a show day is tiring even for a young ferret. Be very selective in your decision to bring a senior. **Bring only seniors who are in the best of health.** Bring a cage cover to make your senior's cage quieter and less stressful. Take **extra** precautions to minimize your senior's contact with other ferrets. Any illness, even colds/flu can be devastating to seniors.
- **INVITATIONAL PREMIER CLASS:** For entry to this class, your ferret must have been awarded a blue ribbon in a Championship ring or a Best In/Best Opposite In Show at any AFA Sanctioned ferret show during 2015 - 2017.

“SPONSOR A SHELTER FERRET” CLASS ENTRY: Help give shelter ferrets a fun day of showing AND exposure that could help them find a forever home! Just choose to sponsor a ferret’s show entry on the registration form, and shelter ferrets will be selected to attend the show, have a fun day, and maybe even melt someone’s heart enough to find a forever home.

COLOR CHECK: Entry in specialty rings is primarily based upon ferret color in most classes. Exhibitors may opt to bring ferrets of questionable color/pattern to the color/pattern seminar the morning of the show to ensure that you have entered your ferrets in the correct class(es). If deemed necessary, you may switch your ferret from one ring to another at this time **provided space is available**. No ring changes will be permitted after the color check has closed.

PREPARING YOUR FERRET:

- Exhibitors must provide clean, roomy cages or carriers, bedding, litter pans, litter, fresh food, and water for ferrets. Please, no straw or wood chips. Cage covers are recommended.
- Nails must be trimmed on all four paws; ears and teeth should be clean; and ferrets must be free of parasites. Maintenance of your ferret will be very important in determining your ferret’s score.
- Owners will be asked to remove any ferret from the show hall that appears to be ill.

SHOW EVENTS: In addition to the judging that will be taking place, other attractions will be featured at the show:

- **Vendors! Vendors! Vendors!** There will be many vendors in attendance selling all kinds of ferret wares, from cages to bedding, toys to tee shirts. Please be sure to stop by these vendors; many of the proceeds benefit ferret shelters from all over!
- **Chinese Auction:** We strive to have the biggest & best raffle of any ferret show! Tons of great stuff for ferrets and their owners to win! All proceeds from the raffle benefit our educational programs, so have fun and feel good about participating!
- **Costume Contest!** There will be a ferret Christmas themed costume contest at this show if there is enough interest. Ferrets should not be in costume while being judged in the title & specialty class rings please.
- **Ferret Photographer:** Create a keepsake for life! Have your ferrets photographed by our professional ferret photographer in a variety of settings and poses.

VENDORS: Setup time on **Friday, December 8** will be available between the hours of **4:00 p.m and 7:00 p.m** for vendors. Saturday setup will be available for all. AFA reserves the right to refuse exhibit space to any entity or person when AFA believes, in its absolute discretion, that the entity or person does not endorse and support the mission of AFA or otherwise may compromise the educational aspects of the AFA at an AFA sanctioned event.

IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTES:

- **A Word About Infectious Diseases:** There is always the risk of exposure to infectious diseases and illnesses, including, but not limited to, ECE, Aleutian’s Disease, influenza, etc., when multiple ferrets are brought into social gatherings such as a show. It is recommended that you allow minimal handling of your pet and minimal exposure to other pets at the show.
- **Ferret Bites, Nips, and Scratches:** Please be aware that it is highly unlikely that any ferret at the show is a carrier of rabies. However, if your ferret bites, nips, or scratches someone, he or she may be required to endure a ten-day quarantine period per the current AVMA guidelines. Please be extremely careful in allowing others to handle your ferrets, at the show or otherwise. For the safety of your ferret, it is unwise to allow anyone who you do not know, other than a judge, to handle your ferret and it is strongly discouraged.

LIABILITY: The American Ferret Association will not be held responsible for any sickness or injury to any exhibitor, spectator, vendor, or ferret, or to any damage or loss of equipment or personal property. Any incident related to the ferrets are the owner’s responsibility. The AFA reserves the right to refuse entry or to expel any individual, vendor, shelter, club, or ferret.

CONTACT US: If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the registrar by emailing jbferretz@gmail.com or calling (301) 898-1568 (please leave a message!). Best way to get a quick answer is by sending an email.

If you need assistance in registering for Winter Nationals, do not know how to obtain testing for ADV, or have ANY other questions about showing your ferret, please contact our show registrar who will be happy to answer any of your questions. Any ferret owner who wishes to show his or her ferrets is eligible and we welcome and encourage first-time show entrants at Winter Nationals. Please contact the registrar by e-mail at jbferretz@gmail.com (**BEST**) or call (301)898-1568.

RAFFLE DONATIONS: We are gratefully accepting ANY donations for our raffle table (preferably ferret-related). Please enclose a note with this form if you will be sending/bringing a raffle donation. All raffle donations may be brought to the show or mailed to: **Patty Fazen, 1249 Stump Road, North Wales, PA 19454. pferret@verizon.net**

PLACES TO STAY

The following is a list of hotels that are available for Winter Nationals registrants. We strongly suggest that you make your hotel reservations early. **Note: All ferrets must be kept in their cage/carrier when brought through any public area inside any hotel.**

Hampton Inn - 46331 McClellan Way, Sterling, VA 20165 - 703-450-9595.

Mention American Ferret Association for room block rate, no pet fee, includes breakfast. Room must be booked by 11/24/17 to get the block rates -\$74 queen/king or king studio (Wed thru Sun nights) (plus tax). 28 miles to the show hall.

There are other pet friendly hotels in Leesburg and Frederick. Be sure to check out if they have any pet fees, rules, requirements.

<http://www.pet-friendly-hotels.net/>

For directions to these hotels, please use MapQuest or visit the hotel's website for mapping and directions.

DIRECTIONS to WINTER NATIONALS

Please note: we strongly recommend using Google Maps or another mapping solution to obtain driving distances and directions to the show or hotels! To use Google Maps (<http://maps.google.com>), simply select Get Directions and enter your starting address and the address of the show hall (16 South Berlin Pike, Lovettsville, VA 20180).

Directions to the Show Hall

Lovettsville Game Protective Association, 16 South Berling Pike, Lovettsville, VA 20180

From the East via VA Rte. 7 (e.g., Herndon, Sterling, Ashburn and Leesburg): Take VA Rte. 7 West. Take the VA Rte. 9 exit toward Charles Town / Harpers Ferry. Go until you get to a light at the intersection of VA Rte. 9 and VA Rte. 287. Turn RIGHT at light onto Berlin Pike (VA Rte. 287). Stay on VA Rte. 287 until you enter Lovettsville. The Game Club will be on your left.

From the West via VA Rte. 7 (e.g., Winchester, Berryville, and Round Hill): Take VA Rte. 7 East. Exit at VA Rte. 287 (Purcellville / Lovettsville). At the bottom of the ramp, turn LEFT onto VA Rte. 287. Travel north towards Lovettsville. You will go through the light at the intersection of VA Rte. 9 and 287. Stay on VA Rte. 287 until you enter Lovettsville. The Game Club will be on your left.

From the North (e.g., Frederick, MD): Take US Rte. 340 South to Brunswick, MD. Exit at MD Rte. 17. At top of ramp, follow around circle towards Brunswick. Stay on MD Rte. 17 (around second circle at Sheetz) to first light. Turn RIGHT to stay on MD Rte. 17. Follow signs to cross the Potomac River bridge to VA. You are now on VA Rte. 287. Follow VA Rte. 287 South until you enter Lovettsville. The Game Club will be on your right.

From the West via US Rte 340 (e.g., Harper's Ferry, WV): Take US Rte. 340 North to Brunswick, MD. Exit at MD Rte. 17. At top of ramp, turn RIGHT. Stay on MD Rte. 17 (around circle at Sheetz) to first light. Turn RIGHT to stay on MD Rte. 17. Follow signs to cross the Potomac River bridge to VA. You are now on VA Rte. 287. Follow VA Rte. 287 South until you enter Lovettsville. The Game Club will be on your right.

ALEUTIAN'S DISEASE TESTING INFORMATION

ABOUT ADV

Aleutian Mink Disease Virus, or ADV, is a parvovirus that infects mink, ferrets, raccoons, skunks, and possibly other members of the Mustelidae family. ADV is a very hardy virus and can live outside the body of a host for a long period of time. It is believed that there are multiple strains of ADV that can affect ferrets. Like different strains of the flu in humans, some strains of ADV may be more contagious and more deadly.

The greatest danger of ADV is that an animal can have the disease and be spreading it without showing any symptoms. At this time, it is unknown what the incubation period is (how long after exposure before symptoms develop) or what the shedding period is (when the infected animal can spread the disease). ADV can be either active (symptoms are apparent) or non-active (the animal tests positive for ADV, but appears clinically healthy). ADV is passed via saliva, feces, urine, and in the placenta. Some studies have indicated that the virus may also be airborne. The most likely means of spread is by contact with contaminated surfaces.

In ferrets, the symptoms of ADV can mimic many other ailments, including a chronic progressive wasting, progressive hind end paralysis, muscle wasting, tremors, urinary incontinence, lethargy, pallor, enlarged spleen, tarry feces, and death. Active ADV causes massive dysfunction of the immune system, with the accumulation of plasma cells in the various organs, and the presence of massive amounts of antibodies in the bloodstream, which cause vascular degeneration and inhibit clotting. Over time these changes will become more serious, and usually begin to affect the function of the liver and kidneys. Most ferrets with active ADV die of liver or kidney failure at the end of the disease.

There are still currently more questions about this disease than there are answers. There is no known cure for ADV, nor is there currently a vaccine against the disease. The Pennsylvania Ferret Club & Shelter believes that until more is known about this disease, the only responsible thing that we can do when inviting hundreds of ferret owners and their ferrets to our events is to require that all ferrets in attendance have been tested for this disease.

TESTING

Testing is very easy to do and is not expensive. For admittance to Spring Fling, your ferret must have proof of negative ADV test dated within one year of the show date (but since proof must be signed by the testing agent and mailed to you, be sure you allow processing and postal mail time. We recommend you mail your samples for testing at least two weeks in advance of the show to ensure you will receive your signed test results in time for the show. You will NOT be allowed in the show hall without proof of negative test. The only acceptable forms of proof of testing are listed below. Please note that testing through your veterinarian will generally not provide you with the proof of testing that we require; if you intend to test through your vet instead of at home, please share these instructions with your vet.

Avecon ELISA Test: As of September 15, 2013, Avecon is no longer providing ELISA testing.

Blue Cross CEP Test: The CEP test is a blood test. Like the Avecon test, you can obtain the sample yourself without having to see a veterinarian, or if you feel more comfortable, you can have the blood drawn by your vet. **(PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU HAVE YOUR VET DRAW THE BLOOD FOR YOU, YOU SHOULD STILL SEND THE SAMPLE TO BLUE CROSS YOURSELF. IF YOUR VET SUBMITS THE SAMPLE, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE ORIGINAL LAB RESULT CERTIFICATE FROM YOUR VET, AND, VETS TEND TO CHARGE MUCH MORE THAN YOU WILL PAY IF YOU SEND THE SAMPLE IN.)**

If you have questions or need assistance with ADV testing please contact us. Be sure to leave ample time for testing and mailing of results. **You must bring the original results from Blue Cross to the show for admittance; photocopies and faxes are not acceptable!**

It should be noted that no ADV test can predict whether or not your ferret will actually become sick with ADV or if it will even spread the disease. Testing only shows the presence of antibodies to ADV, which indicates only exposure to the disease. In fact, studies have shown that only a small percentage of ferrets that have tested positive for ADV will actually become clinically sick from the disease.

A few ways to help keep your ferret safe from ADV: Do not turn your ferrets loose around the other ferrets you do not know are negative for ADV. Do not allow strangers to handle your ferrets, and do not handle stranger's ferrets. When attending ferret shows or frolics with your ferrets, make sure the organizers are following sensible sanitation procedures. When getting a new ferret, find out if it has been tested for ADV. By taking a few precautions, you keep your ferret safe, happy, and healthy.

BLUE CROSS ANIMAL HOSPITAL CEP TEST: COLLECTION & SUBMISSION**Collection**

Collect sufficient blood to fill 2 heparinized capillary tubes. Plug one end. Identify each sample in the shipment. Whole blood or serum samples in vacutainer tubes are also acceptable and would require a container. For shipments of multiple samples make sure that each sample is:

- Identified separately (Please DO NOT place labels directly on capillary tubes).
- Attached to a piece of cardboard or other sturdy material.
- Packaged to prevent breakage in transit.
- Call clinic @ (208) 678-5553 to let them know you are shipping samples.

Shipment

Package samples so that they are not crushed in shipment. We recommend UPS or FedEx Next Day service from most areas, but other overnight services are acceptable.

Send the sample(s) to the following address:

Blue Cross Animal Hospital
ATTENTION: Dr Blau - CEP TESTS
401 N Miller Ave
Burley, ID 83318

Be sure to include your name, address, phone and email address. **You can download a CEP submission form from the AFA here: <http://www.ferret.org/pdfs/health/CEPForm.pdf>**

Payment

Enclose with each shipment a check, money order or credit card information (cardholder name, card number and expiration date). The charge for each sample is \$10.00.

Results

Normally, results are available within 5 business days after receipt of the sample(s). You can call for the results, wait for them in the mail, or if you request it in the shipment, receive them via email (but you will need the mailed official copy for shows).

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Registration forms must be received no later than **Sunday, November 19, 2017.**
- Forms must be filled out completely and legibly. If we cannot read any part of your form, it will delay processing of your registrations until we can reach you for clarification.
- Payment must accompany your registration form. Entries are not guaranteed until payment is received.
- Registrations may also be submitted via email to jbferretz@gmail.com through **November 19, 2017.** Payment for emailed registrations may be provided using <http://www.ferret.org/shopping/showpay.html> or may be sent via postal mail; your entries will not be guaranteed until payment is received. **Important:** When paying via PayPal, pay using afa@ferret.org as the recipient's e-mail address! **Please send via Friends & Family so AFA doesn't have to pay the fee.**
- Paper entries and/or payment by checks should be made payable to **AFA** and mailed to **Vickie McKimney, AFA Show Registrar, 11018 Powell Rd, Thurmont, MD 21788.**

REGISTRANT NAME:							
BUSINESS/SHELTER/BREEDER NAME:							
ADDRESS:							
CITY:		STATE:			ZIP:		
PHONE:							
EMAIL ADDRESS:							
TITLE CLASSES & SPECIALTY CLASSES:					TABLE RATES:		
RING ENTRIES	Number of Entries	Through Nov 9	After Nov 9	Total		Cost	Total
Title Bearing: First Three Ferrets Entered		\$18	\$22		Vendor Table	\$60	
Title Bearing: Additional Ferrets Entered		\$15	\$18		Info ONLY Table	\$30	
Albino/Dark Eyed White		\$12	\$15		Shelter/Breeder Table	\$40	
Black Mitt/Black Roan Mitt		\$12	\$15		Additional Tables	\$10	
Black Sable		\$12	\$15		Electricity	\$10	
Blaze/Mutt/Panda		\$12	\$15			SUBTOTAL:	
Champagne		\$12	\$15		ADVERTISING RATES:		
Chocolate		\$12	\$15		Ad Type	Size	Rate
Mitt		\$12	\$15		Full Page	7.5" x 10"	\$50
Passport Required		\$12	\$15		Half Page	7.5" x 5"	\$35
Physically Challenged		\$12	\$15		Quarter Page	3.5" x 5"	\$25
Point		\$12	\$15		Quarter Page Memorial	3.5" x 5"	\$20
Roan		\$12	\$15		Business Card	3.5" x 2"	\$15
Sable		\$12	\$15			SUBTOTAL:	
Shelter		\$12	\$15		SUMMARY:		
Super Seniors		\$12	\$15		Subtotal of Ferret Entries:		
Invitational Premier		\$12	\$15		Sponsor a Shelter Ferret: \$15 each		
ENTRIES SUBTOTAL:					Subtotal of Table Rates:		
					Subtotal of Advertising Rates:		
					Show Catalog: \$5 in advance \$8 at door		
					GRAND TOTAL:		

Please complete the following for each ferret entered. Photocopies of this form are acceptable if entering more ferrets.

FERRET DATA		ENTRIES (Check all that apply)	
Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Adolescent	<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Alter
Date of Birth:		<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Breeder	<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Companion
Color:			
Pattern:		<input type="checkbox"/> Albino/Dark-Eyed White	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport Required *
Gender: M F Altered: Y N		<input type="checkbox"/> Black Mitt/Black Roan Mitt	<input type="checkbox"/> Point
Sire (father, if known):		<input type="checkbox"/> Black Sable	<input type="checkbox"/> Roan
Dam (mother, if known):		<input type="checkbox"/> Blaze/Mutt/Panda	<input type="checkbox"/> Sable
Breeder (if known):		<input type="checkbox"/> Champagne	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter **
REMINDER: Ferrets MUST have proof of current rabies vaccination and MUST have proof of negative ADV test for entry to the show hall, as explained in the show packet. Ferrets should also be adequately vaccinated against canine distemper. For information about ADV testing, see accompanying sheet for information and how to have it done.		<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate	<input type="checkbox"/> Super Senior
		<input type="checkbox"/> Mitt	<input type="checkbox"/> Invitational Premier
	* List Nationality:		
	** List Shelter:		
FERRET DATA		ENTRIES (Check all that apply)	
Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Adolescent	<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Alter
Date of Birth:		<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Breeder	<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Companion
Color:			
Pattern:		<input type="checkbox"/> Albino/Dark-Eyed White	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport Required *
Gender: M F Altered: Y N		<input type="checkbox"/> Black Mitt/Black Roan Mitt	<input type="checkbox"/> Point
Sire (father, if known):		<input type="checkbox"/> Black Sable	<input type="checkbox"/> Roan
Dam (mother, if known):		<input type="checkbox"/> Blaze/Mutt/Panda	<input type="checkbox"/> Sable
Breeder (if known):		<input type="checkbox"/> Champagne	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter **
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Mitt	<input type="checkbox"/> Invitational Premier
	* List Nationality:		
	** List Shelter:		
FERRET DATA		ENTRIES (Check all that apply)	
Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Adolescent	<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Alter
Date of Birth:		<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Breeder	<input type="checkbox"/> Title-Bearing Companion
Color:			
Pattern:		<input type="checkbox"/> Albino/Dark-Eyed White	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport Required *
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SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING INFORMATION

SHOW SPONSORSHIP

To help defray the high costs of hosting Winter Nationals Ferret Competition 2017, and thus maximizing the proceeds that we are able to pass on to running the AFA and supporting our educational endeavors, we are seeking individuals and corporations interested in sponsoring our show. Levels of sponsorship and the benefits of each level are outlined below:

If you are interested in sponsorship, please complete and return our enclosed Sponsorship & Advertising Form by **November 9, 2017**. For more information, contact the Vickie McKimmey at (301) 898-1568.

TYPE OF SPONSORSHIP	SPONSORSHIP DONATION LEVEL	BENEFIT TO DONOR
PLATINUM Sponsorship	\$500	Prominent advertising of your business at the show, including banner and show book cover advertisement; full page advertisement on the show book inside cover; distribution of company literature/ advertisements to show attendees; free vendor space at show for company display; additional benefits determined on donation level & company preference.
GOLD Sponsorship	\$400	Full page advertisement in the show book; distribution of company literature to show attendees; additional benefits determined on donation level and company preference.
Title Class Ring Sponsorship (4)	\$300	Full 2 page advertisement in show book on first page of sponsored class section; your choice of wording printed on awards in sponsored class.
Specialty Ring Sponsorship Invitational Premier Class Available	\$50	Full page advertisement in show book on first page of sponsored class section; your choice of wording printed on all ribbons in sponsored class.

ADVERTISING

Advertisements in the Show Catalog are available at the rates below. To purchase advertising, use the Sponsorship & Advertising Form enclosed, or if you are entering ferrets in the show, you can use the Registration Form.

ADVERTISEMENT TYPE	SIZE	RATE
Full Page	7.5" x 10"	\$50
Half Page	7.5" x 5"	\$35
Quarter Page	3.5" x 5"	\$25
Business Card	3.5" x 2"	\$15
Memorial Advertisement: A special quarter-page ad for you to put your own tribute to a special ferret. You may submit photographs or a special message to be printed in the show book.	3.5" x 5"	\$20

Advertisement Submission:

Advertisements may be sent laid out or you may request that we lay out your ad for you. Artwork and photos should be copy-ready. Please email your high-resolution file(s), questions, or requests for more information to jbferretz@gmail.com. Thank you!

RAFFLE DONATIONS

The AFA will be holding a Chinese Auction-style raffle at Winter Nationals Ferret Competition 2017 This is the single largest fundraiser that will be held the day of the show and can bring in a substantial portion of the proceeds that will go towards the AFA's educational endeavors. **Please consider making a donation to this raffle.** We will accept any new item for donation, but prefer ferret-related items of any kind. Raffle items will be accepted anytime up until the day of the show. Please mail all raffle donations to: **Patty Fazen, 1249 Stump Road, North Wales, PA 19454.**

SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING FORM

REGISTRANT NAME:

BUSINESS/SHELTER/BREEDER NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

ADVERTISING RATES:

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Full Page	7.5" x 10"	\$50	
Half Page	7.5" x 5"	\$35	
Quarter Page (Business)	3.5" x 5"	\$25	
Quarter Page (Memorial)	3.5" x 5"	\$20	
Business Card	3.5" x 2"	\$15	
SUBTOTAL:			

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Title Class Ring Sponsorship (4)	\$300	
Specialty Ring Sponsorship (13)	\$50	
Specify Ring Desired: Message to be printed on ribbons:		
SUBTOTAL:		

SUMMARY:

Subtotal of Advertising:	
Subtotal of Sponsorships:	
Subtotal of Advertising Rates:	
Show Catalog: \$5 each in advance, \$8 at door	
GRAND TOTAL:	

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

ADVERTISEMENTS:

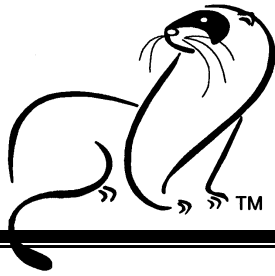
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See reverse side for explanation of sponsorship levels. We will contact you regarding specific arrangements for benefits of sponsorships; please include your advertisement layouts with this form. For ring sponsorships, please indicate the ring you wish to sponsor. If that ring is taken, we will contact you about sponsoring an alternate class. Direct all questions to jbferretz@gmail.com or call (301) 898-1568.

Please make checks payable to AFA. Thank you!

The AFA THANKS YOU for your support of our show!



American Ferret Association, Inc.

PO Box 554 ❖ Frederick, MD 21705-0554 ❖ jbferret@mindspring.com

YOUR BUSINESS CAN HELP SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP, AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

Dear Proprietor,

We would like to ask for your help. The American Ferret Association (AFA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit international organization promoting responsible pet ownership, awareness and education. On Saturday December 9, 2017, at the **Lovettsville Game Protective Association in Lovettsville, VA** AFA will hold their **Winter Nationals Ferret Competition**. The show is open to the general public and people from across the United States and the surrounding area are expected to attend.

Your help is needed in the form of merchandise or gift certificates. These items will be used to support our raffle table. In return for a generous contribution of \$15.00 or more (Retail Value) we will include an ad of equal value in our show book.

Full Page - \$50.00 ❖ Half Page - \$35.00 ❖ Quarter Page - \$25.00 ❖ Business Card - \$15.00

Ads must be camera ready and emailed to jbferretz@gmail.com by **November 19, 2017**.

Donors names are proudly listed in our show book. For large, bulky, fragile or heavy items, please contact the Raffle Coordinator in advance to make proper arrangements. In order to get the recognition you deserve, please let us know what you will be donating, who you are and the estimated retail value of your donation. If you choose to remain anonymous, we will of course respect that wish. Please indicate this on the donation submission form.

Donations may be brought to the show hall or mailed in advance to our raffle coordinator:

Patty Fazen ❖ 1249 Stump Road ❖ North Wales, PA 19454 ❖ e-mail: pferret@verizon.net

IMPORTANT VENDORS & EXHIBITORS - Please fill out the bottom of this form and include it with your donation. If you are bringing your raffle item to the show hall and want to be listed as a donor and/or an ad in exchange, please email the information to jbferret@mindspring.com.

Thank you! We sincerely appreciate your support.

I/We will be donating the following items: _____

Estimated retail value: _____

Name as you would like it to appear: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____ e-mail: _____