

CFWRS Newsletter

Ready, Stady, Go! Edition

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Welcome to the CFWRS Newsletter, issue 1 of 2025.

We hope you have all had a lovely winter break and are ready for the upcoming show season!

Notices:

- Please see the updated and corrected show dates for Stow-Cum-Quy below.
- Please see membership renewal information on page 2.



SHOW DATES FOR 2025!

- Apr. 20th/21st - Henham, Southwold.
- June 8th - Ramsey Fen Fair.
- Aug. 16th/17th - Framlingham.
- Aug. 9th/10th - Stow-Cum-Quy.
- Sept. 13th/14th - Sandringham Country Fair.
- Sept. 27th - Soham Pumpkin Fair.

A little bit about Tiggy & Albie

By: Anna

I have two lovely, young ferrets looking for their new home. Tiggy (Polecat Jill, found as a stray) and Albie (Sandy Hob, rescue). Both are lovely and are currently with me in foster.

Albie is a little shy and sharp but has come on leaps and bounds since I took him on last year. He was un-handleable and bit me very hard. But now he literally runs to his cage door to interact with me and I can handle him very easily. He is slow to build trust but a very confident and loving ferret once he knows you.

Tiggy is so laid back and lazy, very easy to handle and doesn't cause any fuss. He is a tart and will fall asleep on anyone, ha!

They are a bonded pair so must be homed together. They could go with other ferrets (with supervised introductions) but both have the potential to be bullied as they're not very confrontational with other ferrets. They could be inside or outside ferrets but Albie needs a lot of space to explore and free roam as he gets very stressed if he is confined in a small space for too long, due to his previous living conditions.

Ferrets for Rehoming



- Tiggy & Albie -
Albi, needs careful handling, just a little nervous. Paired up with Tiggy, very sweet.



- Bruno and Denzel -
A great pair, ideal for first time owners.



- Koda and Juneau -
Need a kind, experienced and understanding home.



- Holly, Ivy & Angel -
Very sweet, the albino could go separately. Currently being trialed in a new home



How CostaLot - SavedaLot

Part One
By: Adrienne

I don't think I have ever seen a ferret come into the Rescue in such a bad shape as the little sandy we later called Minxie. She was very underweight, scruffy and in season. We took her for a jill jab the next day and began feeding her up - she soon put on weight and began to show her adorable sassy side.

We thought we were out of the woods until one day we found her haemorrhaging quite badly. The vet appointment and subsequent emergency spay cost the Society well over £450. Hard earned money that you guys scabble together at shows and give via your membership payments and donations. We are always so conscious of spending Society money carefully; Little Minxie would not necessarily survive: what to do?

I phoned Tracey (who was the Rescue Head Honcho at the time) to get the operation sanctioned. It took a while to communicate what was going on as I was sobbing and largely incoherent due to the immense responsibility of holding the fate of these little lives in our hands. Tracey agreed to risking the expenditure and mercifully, Minxie recovered.

Some ferrets just find a place in your heart and nestle into it. Minxie was just such a one. Handing her over to Geoff and Yvonne as the new owners was ridiculously hard, but it was also absolutely the right thing to do. I see Minxie often, and whereas before she would run into my arms when I called her, she now looks at me with disdain and minces off to play with her new friends. She may have an eternal place in my heart, but it is clearly not mutual.

Part Two
By: Yvonne & Geoff

So after several months of TLC "Minxie" became "CostaLot" (Costa for short, renamed after her large vet bill) and she came to our domain to pair up with a little lonely jill. It was a bit of a love hate relationship to start with but, it's all fine now.

The pair love coming into the house to play, and one morning I noticed Costa sniffing and licking a radiator valve. On checking why, we found it to be leaking. So along comes the plumber and to cut a long story short he said if Costa hadn't found the leak come winter time and we went to put the heating on, the boiler could have blown. So CostaLot saved us a small fortune.

Moral of the story is every home needs a ferret to check the radiators, and she certainly saved us a huge bill. Perhaps her third name should be SavedaLot?



The one and only Costa!



Membership Reminder

Membership will be due from the beginning of April.

- £10 singular membership.
- £20 for family membership (2 adults and up to 3 children under 18).

This can either be paid at our first show (Henham) or through PayPal at - loulou32tw75@gmail.com.

If you are paying via PayPal please pay with a debit card, if you pay with a credit card we get charged a fee. Please be aware that if you pay via PayPal there is an extra £1 charge per transaction.

Please let Tracey know if any of your details need updating via email - tracey_webb@sky.com.

If you are a new member please fill in a membership form that can be found on the website (cfwrs.org.uk). We look forward to seeing you all at the shows.



Winter Meal

A little thank you to everyone who came to the winter meal at Worlington Hall. It was great catching up with you all!

Special thanks to Tracey for organising the meal & Geoff for taking this lovely picture (even with all of our food half eaten!)

Amazing food, and amazing company!

Sickly Stray to Show Queen in Under Half a Year

This is what all of you and your support of CFWRS can do!
(But we couldn't do it without the kindness of strangers like Heidi & Steve!).

Part One
By: Heidi & Steve

You know that your day is going to be a little different when you receive a text message at 6:36am from your partner asking "r u awake? x". I called Steve and was told, "There's a ferret at my workplace!"

He'd seen a ferret walk over his colleague's feet. She'd been visiting their workplace for a couple of months and they'd been feeding her sandwiches. We both knew something had to be done to rescue this little animal. I told him if he could keep her somewhere safe, I'd collect her at lunchtime; they decided to lock her in the ladies toilet!

When I turned up they unlocked the door and I saw her curled up in a plastic pot, fast asleep. I gently tipped her inside a cat carrier.

Once I got her home, I gave her some cat food, feeding her little and often. I scanned her for a microchip and checked her over. Her ears were dirty, fur patchy (and bald in places) and she had a red circular wound on her left side that was scabbing over.

Although we had some ferret experience, we weren't set up to keep ferrets. We went to a pet shop after work and bought ferret biscuits, a water bottle (as she didn't seem to like water in bowl) and some wood shavings. Afterwards, we collected a multi-tiered rabbit hutch someone was giving away so she had somewhere to sleep.

I emailed a local vet and made an appointment for the next day. I also contacted a couple of ferret rescues, including CFWRS. Adrienne replied to my email the same day.

The vets confirmed that Asana was a she. She was not believed to be spayed, her teeth were in good condition but she had ticks and fleas. They prescribed a spot on treatment for parasites. She only weighed 0.535KG. The vet thought the wound could be a burn or from scratching. They advised she may need antibiotics but to try cleaning the wound with salt water.

The following day, we arranged to transport her to Adrienne, a couple of hours away, and had a lovely lunch. Adrienne sent an update that evening, advising she had given Asana a warm water bath (she didn't seem to enjoy it, but endured it bravely), she enjoyed having her ears cleaned and they looked a lot better. There seemed to be an old, healed wound on her tail. Adrienne took her to her local vet and sent an update.

She had been diagnosed with anemia and only had a 50% chance of surviving. She had clearly been in season for a long time and was so anaemic that her gums were almost white. The vet inserted a hormone chip and advised Adrienne the next seven days would determine if Asana would survive or not. We were devastated that we may have found her too late.

A week later, Adrienne called me and said that Asana was not entirely out of the woods yet, but was doing much better. The relief we felt was immense. A few days later, I received an email advising that Asana had been adopted by a lady called Kerry.

Part Two
By: Kerry

As part of a rescue society and working alongside rescues, you often hear stories of little furry beings who are in desperate need of help and a loving forever home. Often you can offer help in various ways and are happy to see them getting the care they need before going off to their new homes. But sometimes you just simply can't let them go...That is where Asana's story continues.

On 29th June 2024 I was made aware of a teeny tiny girl who was one of those in desperate need. The first I heard was that Adrienne had taken her to a specialist ferret vet, and the news was not altogether good. She was a sick little girl and had some injuries which looked suspiciously like deliberate harm. Ade decided to take the 50/50 odds and let her fight. This little girl showed her spirit and despite everything she had been through, all she wanted was love and cuddles.

I first met her in person when Ade handed her to me at a show. This little soul looked me straight in the eyes...and my heart melted. Not just for her plight and her fight, but because of the way she snuggled down in my arms and gave me so many kisses. So that was it, and I decided to call her Asana.

This little lady stole my heart and kept on fighting. Recovering until all her wounds had healed and disappeared, her fur grew back in the bald spots, she put a little weight on and transformed into this teeny tiny but oh so fluffy, full angora. As the winter months descended, she grew the most wonderful long haired coat! Pictures do not do her justice as she looks like she has been dancing in the rain and has been through a tumble dryer. Her personality also began to shine and although she still loves cuddles and kisses, she now has six friends she can boss about, play with, bounce on, curl up, snuggle and sleep with. She is now a happy, healthy, mischievous, stubborn, cheeky little madam who keeps us all on our toes.

About two months after she came home with me, we attended a large ferret show. She did not disappoint, she was well behaved, a hit with all who cuddled her and to top the day, she came home with two rosettes and a trophy, having placed in the angora jill class and winning the Best Rescue jill class! A real proud mommy moment.



A great big thank you to everyone who has sent in stories, pictures, and other contributions for this issue. Without all of you there would be no newsletter!

Feel free to send us pictures, stories, facts, drawings or anything and everything ferret related to feature in future newsletters. Any and all feedback is highly appreciated!
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