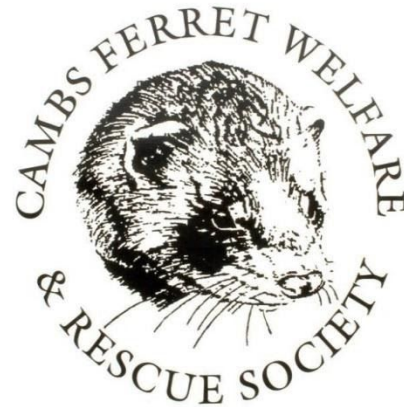


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NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the latest edition of the CFWRS newsletter. As you may know I wear many hats and I am also the coordinator for the rescues, so I would like to give you an update as to how we are doing. To date we have had in 33 ferrets to the rescues. Our costs have been £1397.34 and our donations given have been £610. This was the first year that we had no kits in for rehoming, which shows a change of attitude from the working community. We have rehomed 29 ferrets, 3 ferrets are in long term foster homes, and 1 ferret is with me for end of life care as he came in with a brain tumour. These ferrets are why we work so tirelessly throughout the year, and I could not do my job without the support of Yvonne Evans and Adrienne Punt who take in ferrets as and when I need them to. The PR that we do throughout the year has given people a better understanding about ferrets and the need for neutering - Tracey Webb

EVENTS OF 2019

Fenland Country Fair 25/26th August 2019

This is always a fantastic show and the weather was hot. We raised - buckets £42.18 - tombola raised £50.00 - racing £96.00 and the show raised £51.00 = £239.18 A special thank you to ABC Motorcycles who have raised £15 in their collection tin.

SHOW RESULTS

Polecat Hob – Kezia with Ghoul
Polecat Jill – Neil with Luna
Sandy Hob – Claire with Souchong
Sandy Jill – Michelle with Ella
Albino Hob – Adi with Albert
Albino Jill – Neil with Sola
Coloured Hob – Kerry with Harley
Coloured Jill – Michelle with Cassie
Matching Pairs – Adi with Beauty and Janie
Veterans/Disabled – Kerry with Meela
Kits – Kerry with Barney
Best in Show – Neil with Luna
Reserve Best in Show – Michelle with Ella

Sandringham Country Fair 7/8th September 2019

We had a great spot compared to last year and the weather was good. We raised - buckets £42.64 - racing £241.87 - tombola raised £130.39 and the show raised £85.10 = £500.00 Our best show amount ever!

SHOW RESULTS

Polecat Hob – Alex with Bert
Polecat Jill – Vicky with Bean
Sandy Hob – Kerry with Riley
Sandy Jill – Vicky with Rose
Albino Hob – Vicky with Rupert
Albino Jill - Adi with Janie
Coloured Hob – Kerry with Kyro
Coloured Jill – Michelle with Cassie
Matching Pairs – Michelle with Fred and Barney
Veterans/Disabled – Kerry with Malachai
Kits – Alex with Missy
Best in Show – Alex with Bert
Reserve Best in Show – Vicky with Rupert

Soham Pumpkin Fair 28th September 2019

This is a great end of season show and as usual the weather was kind to us. We only had 1 slot for racing and sadly we lost one of the money belts during this slot but we still managed to raise – buckets £16.35 - tombola £35.00 - racing £50.30 = £101.65

All of our shows raised £1720.30, this is £983.44 more than what we raised last year. We couldn't have raised this amount without all the hard work and tireless PR done by all our members who attend.

We also had our Winter meal on the 10th November at The Freckenham Golden Boar, 25 of us donned our gladrags and came to our last event of the season and the last of our 30 year celebrations. It was a great day and it was really nice to socialise and find out more about the people behind the ferrets. We also had 2 delicious cakes bought for us by Lena Coombes which was a lovely surprise and much appreciated.

Our first event of 2020 will be the **AGM** on the 29th March at **Swanton Morley Village Hall, Manns Lane, NR20 4NP**. This a great event and a must for any new members. We will be having a ferret show before the AGM, please let our show secretary-Adrienne Punt know if you would like to attend, if you need to borrow a show cage please let us know.

The arrangements on the day will be:

9.30 Doors open.

10.00 - 11.00 Booking ferrets in for the show. It will be £1.00 per animal to enter.

11.00 Judging begins

AGM to follow as soon as all classes have been judged

Ordinary meeting to follow the AGM

Finish no later than 4.00 - earlier if possible!

We will supply tea/coffee/milk /sugar/mugs, but please bring your own picnic lunches. Any biscuits/cake/snacks you wish to bring to share will be appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

It's that time of year again when you need to renew your membership, the good news is that the price has stayed the same. £10 per adult, £20 for a family of 2 adults, 2 children (under the age of 18). I will be at the AGM if you would like to renew there, if not you can print a form from our website and send me a cheque or a paypal payment, all the details are at the bottom of the membership form. Please can I remind you that if you are paying by Paypal please pay with a debit card as we get charged if you use a credit card. We are in the process of designing an online membership card and anyone renewing will receive a card this way.

EVENTS FOR 2020

Saturday/Sunday, 25th/26th April, East Anglian Game and Country Fair, Euston Estate, Thetford IP24 2QH.

Sunday 7th June, Euston Rural Pastimes, Euston Estate, Thetford, IP24 2QH

Sunday/Monday, 30th/31st August, Fenland Country Fair Stow-Cum-Quy Park,
Stow-Cum-Quy, CB25 0AF

Saturday/Sunday 12th/13th September, Sandringham Country Fair,
Sandringham, Norfolk, PE31 6AZ

Saturday 26th September, Soham Pumpkin Fair, The Recreation Ground,
Fountains Lane, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5HS

If you would like to come along to any of these events please ask our
show secretary - Adrienne Punt for more details.

Albinos Really Do Make The Best Pets (But You Can Have Too Much Of A Good Thing).

By Adrienne Punt

Last year, 10 albino ferrets, mum, dad and their 8 week old babies came into the Norwich rescue; I could not have been more unprepared for their energy, voracious appetites and the quantity of poo. But they were also the most joyous beasts, especially as they careered around my house. If I went into the room where they were playing, they were all over me in an instant, making me feel like a wildebeest on the Serengeti being attacked and pulled down by a pack of hyenas.

Of course, CFWRS did what it does best and set about finding them all great new homes, and this is how it happened:

Donna and Sadie were first to help out and took mum on a “temporary” foster (we’ve heard that one before). She had been driven mad by the kits and her hormones were out of control. She was now smaller than her babies, but she was still trying to drag

them about and was hurting both them and herself; everyone was distressed. The kits were chowing down on hard kibble but still suckling from her when they could. She was too thin and very nippy (who can blame her) and had bitten both Donna and Sadie even before they'd left my house.

Taming her was not easy and they both sustained many nips before she relaxed into the luxury of home-life in Bury St Edmunds. In fact they did such an amazing job with mum, AKA Amber, that she won Best in Show at the East Anglian this year. Much to my relief, Donna then took on dad, AKA Snowy, reuniting the parents - great, that was 2 down, 8 to go.

There was then the problem of Beauty (the runt of the litter who needed a small step in the cage to reach the food and water bowls). She was deaf, oddly uncoordinated and had discoloured teeth, but she stole my heart with her feisty nature and hilarious behaviour. So that was one more down; she was staying with me. She's an amazing animal; it's just a pity that Tony has spoilt her by kissing her too much and pandering to her desire to be picked up. Of course, I had to keep one of her sisters too, Eugenie, to keep her company, so that's 4 down, 6 to go.

The cavalry, in the shape of Paige, then cantered over the hill and took 2 beautiful boys back to Ipswich. They were much more placid than the girls and moved in with her group. The final 4, 2 jills and 2 hobs, went to 2 different, but carefully approved homes, at about 13 weeks old. It broke my heart to say goodbye, but it was also a great relief to get them all rehomed.

So, the photo below shows some of them reunited one year on at the Heveningham show in June. From left to right there's me and Eugenie, Paige with Ben and Jerry, Donna with Amber and Snowy and then Tony with the adorable Beauty.



Many thanks to Adrienne Punt for her story of what it is like to help out with the rehoming side of our organisation. If you would like to write a story to feature in the next newsletter please email me. It can be funny, sad or just a story about the everyday life of your ferrets.

For Sale

100cm plastic 3 tiered rabbit hutch in black. This is a used item but in good condition and ideal for indoor ferrets. £30



100cm plastic Ferplast rabbit hutch with front opening, ideal for taking to the shows. This is a used item but in good condition. £20





If you are interested in either of these cages then please let me know at the email address below, I can bring them along to the AGM. Tracey Webb

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