

The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth #33

October 8, 2022

Presented By: Greater Chicago Ferret Association

The ferrets in the care of the Greater Chicago Ferret Association sincerely appreciate your support of the Annual Greatest Ferret Show on Earth!

If you have any questions contact Faith Pommier, Show Registrar, at registrar.gfsoe@gmail.com

Championship Rings	Kits, Early Alter (Companion), Late Alter, Chemically Alter
Color Specialty Rings	Albino, Blaze/Shetland/ Panda, Champagne/Cinnamon, Chocolate, Mitt, Point, Roan, Sable, Silver
Extraordinary Rings	Angora, Bibbed, Dark Eyed White and Marked White, GCFA Graduates, Mutt, Physically Challenged, Senior, Shelter, Square Peg, Stockings, Sunshine
Sanctioning	The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth is NOT sanctioned by the American Ferret Association (AFA). Points and Placements for this show will not be part of the AFA Points System nor count for AFA Ferret of the Year.
Championship Ring Awards	All ferrets entered by the registration deadline will receive a ribbon in the Championship Rings. A trophy will be awarded to the First Place male and female in each of the rings.
Color Specialty Ring and Extraordinary Ring Awards	All ferrets entered by the registration deadline will receive a ribbon in the Color Specialty Rings and the Extraordinary Rings. Trophies will be awarded for First Place in each of the rings.
Best of Show Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If sponsored, a Greatest Ferret on Earth trophy will be given to the best overall ferret in the show.• If sponsored, a Ringmaster of Championship trophy will be awarded to the ferret with the best average placement in the Championship Rings.• If sponsored, a Ringmaster of Color Specialty trophy will be awarded to the ferret which best exemplifies Color Specialty classes overall.• If sponsored, a Ringmaster of Extraordinary trophy will be awarded to the ferret that best exemplifies the Extraordinary classes overall.
Registration	<p>The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth is for altered and chemically altered ferrets only. Registration is open to ferrets 16 weeks old to 7 years old.</p> <p>The entry fee is \$16 per ferret for each class. The fee includes admission to the show hall. All entries must be received by September 12, 2022</p> <p>A link to online registration can be found at gfsoe.weebly.com/registration.html</p> <p>To register by mail please use the form on page 5 of this packet.</p> <p>PayPal payments are accepted through the link on The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth website at gfsoe.weebly.com Make checks payable to Greater Chicago Ferret Association. Please note that your entries are not guaranteed until payment is received. Sorry, no refunds on entries.</p>
Show Book	To help defray the rising cost of materials and printing, the Show Book cost is \$10. Ordering by the registration deadline is highly recommended since a limited number will be available at the door.
Entry Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Absolutely no ferrets under the age of 16 weeks or older than 7 years old will be permitted in the show hall! Please leave them at home or in your hotel room. This is for their own health and welfare.• All ferrets brought into the show hall must show proof of distemper vaccine or titer results administered within one year before the show date. Rabies vaccine is recommended but not required. ADV testing is not required.• This is 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.• Ferrets must not appear to be ill or unhealthy.• Ferrets must be free of fleas, ticks, and ear mites.• Ferrets must have nails trimmed on all four paws.• It is advised that all ferrets be bathed and groomed prior to show day.• Ferrets must be kept in clean, roomy cages with litter, litter pans, food dishes, and fresh food and water. Cage covers are recommended. Pelleted wood litter and other pelleted litter is recommended. Please don't use newspaper, scoopable kitty litter, wood shavings, or any other kind of dusty litter.• Owners will be asked to remove any ferret from the show hall that does not meet the guidelines• Willful violation of any of these guidelines is grounds for immediate disqualification from the show. In the event a ferret is disqualified entry fees will not be returned and the owner will be asked to leave.

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Check-In and Show Time	Ferrets must be checked in with the entry clerk between 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM. Ferrets not checked in by 9:00 AM may be scratched from the show. Judging will begin promptly at 9:30 AM.
Fun Matches and Contests	You may enter your ferret(s) in the fun matches and contests even if they are not entered in the show classes. Ferrets participating in the fun matches and contests must meet all entry requirements. The following fun matches and contests will be held: Costume Contest, Kissing Contest, Paper Bag Escape, Photo Contest, Tube Race The Costume Contest will be a parade to allow everyone to view the entries and to vote by ballot. The Photo Contest must be a 4"x6" amateur photo with your name written on the back. The entry fee is \$5 per ferret for each fun match and contest. Registration will be day of show only. Sign-up sheets can be found at the Fun Match Booth
Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Included with entry into ferret classes• \$7 for adults and children 13 and older• \$3 for children between 6 and 12 years of age• Children under 6 are free• \$15 family pass for two adults and children• GCFA members in good standing are free <p>Remember, this is a fundraiser and all proceeds benefit the GCFA shelter ferrets.</p>
Show Hall Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ferrets are the <u>ONLY</u> animals permitted in the show hall, provided they meet the entry requirements listed above.• DO NOT leave any animals, ferrets or other, in your vehicle unattended at any time during the show!• Please do not leave your ferrets unattended for extended periods of time. You are responsible for the health, security, and safety of your ferrets at all times.• Please, do not allow your ferret to walk on the show hall floor, even on a leash. There is a significant risk of injury with so much foot traffic and it invites the risk of your ferret picking up illness or communicable disease.• Ferret cages MUST have some type of flooring beneath them.
Vendors	Information is available in the Vendor Information and Application section of this packet as well as on our website at gfsoe.weebly.com/vendors-and-ads.html Set-up times are Friday from 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM, and Saturday from 7:15 AM - 9:00 AM. If you arrive early on Friday please understand vendor tables may not be set up.
Sponsorship and Advertising	Show and Class Sponsorship as well as Show Book advertising is available. Please see the Sponsorship Form and Advertising Form in this packet for more information.
Raffle	Two separate raffles are held during the day. They constitute a large portion of the show's proceeds. Donations of new, un-opened items are welcome. They do not have to be ferret related. Please see the Raffle Donation Form in this packet for more information.
Important Health Notes	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 are cautious when allowing other people and animals to come in contact with your ferrets. Please take great consideration when you are asked if others can hold or pet your ferrets. The judges take sanitary measures before handling each ferret.
Liability	The GCFA reserves the right to refuse entry or to expel any individual, shelter, club, vendor, or animal. The GCFA will not be responsible for any sickness or injury of any of the exhibitors, spectators, or animals, or to any damage or loss of equipment or personal property. Any incident related to the ferrets is the owner's responsibility. The GCFA will not be responsible for any applications that are lost or delivered late by Postal Services.

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GCFA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Greater Chicago Ferret Association
P.O. Box 3
Lyons, IL 60534-0003
708.442.8650

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Greater Chicago Ferret Association, please fill out this form. Your membership helps the GCFA in its mission to provide shelter and care for stray, abandoned and otherwise unwanted ferrets.

Besides free admission to the GCFA Greatest Ferret Show on Earth, membership benefits include receiving invitations to our social events including Woozlefest, the Walk-A-Thon/Picnic and the Holiday Party. You also have voting privileges and are invited to attend the club meetings held every two months.

New Member

Renewal

Gift

Date	
Name	
Address	
City, State, ZIP	
Phone	
Email Address	

1 year individual membership (\$30)	1 year family membership (\$45) (includes 2 adults living at same address)	Business Membership (\$95)
Lifetime Individual Membership (\$300)	Lifetime Family Membership (\$450)	

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DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

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CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

KITS	A ferret that has been spayed/neutered before 12 weeks old and is 16 weeks old to 1 year old at the time of the show. These are usually pet store ferrets. (Marshall Farms, Path Valley Farms, etc.)
EARLY ALTER (Companion)	A ferret that has been spayed/neutered before 12 weeks old and is 1 year old to 7 years old at the time of the show. These are usually pet store ferrets. (Marshall Farms, Path Valley Farms, etc.)
LATE ALTER	A ferret that has been spayed/neutered after 12 weeks old and is 1 year old to 7 years old at the time of the show. These are usually ferrets that have been purchased directly from a breeder.
CHEMICALLY ALTER	A ferret that has been given a deslorelin implant instead of surgical spaying or neutering. Veterinary proof of implant is required. A chemically altered ferret that shows signs of being in season will be disqualified.

COLOR SPECIALTY CLASSES

Albino	A ferret with a completely white body and red eyes.
Blaze / Shetland / Panda	Blaze: A ferret with a wide white stripe running over the top of the head, a bib, knee patches, and white mitts/toes. Shetland: A ferret with a thin white stripe running over the top of the head. Panda: A ferret with an all-white head and neck, a bib, and mitts/stockings.
Champagne / Cinnamon	Champagne: A ferret with a tan, light golden brown/beige coat, brown or burgundy eyes, and a pink nose. A banded mask or no mask is acceptable. Cinnamon: A ferret with a rust to reddish brown coat and a white or white with golden hue undercoat. The legs and tail are darker than the body. Eyes are dark to light burgundy and noses vary from pink to brick.
Chocolate	A ferret with a chocolate brown coat and a standard mask, legs and tail darker than the body.
Mitt	A ferret with four white feet starting at the tip of the toe and extending not more than 1/3 of the leg. The white must be clearly defined from the leg color. The coat may be any color other than white, the eyes and nose may be any color.
Point	A ferret with a distinct difference between body color and the legs and tail (the points) like a Siamese cat. The mask can be a "V" mask, a goggle mask, or no mask at all. The nose will be pink, dusky pink, or beige.
Roan	A ferret with guard hairs that are black, sable, chocolate, champagne, or cinnamon and has white hairs (roaning) scattered throughout. This class DOES NOT include Silvers.
Sable (includes Dark Sable and Black Sable)	A ferret with a rich dark brown or black coat, a cream, white, gray, or black undercoat, a well-defined mask or hooded mask, and a solid, mottled, speckled, or outlined nose.
Silver	A ferret that has any shade of gray, but not black, coat. Eyes are usually black, and the nose is pink, mottled, or black. The mask is a small blotch under each eye.

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EXTRAORDINARY CLASSES

Angora	A ferret with angora bloodlines. Full, Half, or Semi Angoras only in this class. No pet store ferrets. (Marshall Farms, Path Valley Farms, etc.)
Bibbed	A ferret of any color that has a distinctive bib.
Dark Eyed White and Marked White	A ferret with an all-white coat or white with dark markings or patterns on the body. Eyes are black or dark burgundy. The nose should be pink, however dark noses are acceptable.
GCFA Graduates	A ferret that has been adopted from the GCFA. Ferrets in this class must be spayed or neutered, NO chemically altered ferrets.
Mutt	A ferret that does not meet standard color or pattern requirements. The coat may be any color in combination with as many non-standard markings or patterns. The more blotches and splotches the better!
Physically Challenged	A ferret with a visible physical disability such as, but not limited to missing limbs or toes, short or no tail, misaligned jaws, missing ears or eyes, cataracts, blindness. Deafness does not qualify. Ferrets in this class are NOT ELIGIBLE for Championship Classes.
Senior	A ferret 5 years to 7 years young. There are no color or pattern requirements. NO chemically altered ferrets. NOTE: show day is tiring even for a young ferret. Please enter only seniors who are in the best of health.
Shelter	A ferret that has been adopted from a recognized ferret shelter. Ferrets in this class must be spayed or neutered, NO chemically altered ferrets.
Square Peg	A ferret that doesn't fit into any color category. For example, a sable ferret with some white fur on its neck or a chocolate ferret with white toes
Stockings	A ferret with two or all four white legs starting at the tip of the toe and extending towards the elbow. The white must be clearly defined from the leg color. The coat may be any color other than white, the eyes and nose may be any color.
Sunshine	A normally white ferret whose coat has a yellow tinge or has a faint to pronounced yellow stripe running along the back of the body. The coat is not oily and the color is not peach or orange. The eyes may be any color.

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FERRET REGISTRATION

Entries must be received by September 12, 2022

The entry fee is \$16 per ferret for each class. The fee includes admission to the show hall.

Please make additional copies of this form as needed.

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Ferret Owner Name	
Address	
City, State ZIP	
Email / Phone	

Ferret Name							
Date of Birth (must be 10/8/2015 to 06/18/2022)		Male		Female			
CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS Ferrets in the Physically Handicapped Class are NOT ELIGIBLE for Championship Classes.							
Kits		Early Alter		Late Alter		Chemically Alter	
COLOR SPECIALTY RINGS							
Albino		Blaze/Shetland/Panda		Champagne/Cinnamon		Chocolate	
Mitt		Point		Roan		Sable	
Silver							
EXTRAORDINARY RINGS							
Angora		Bibbed		Dark Eyed White and Marked White		GCFA Graduates	
Mutt		Physically Challenged		Senior		Shelter	
Square Peg		Stockings		Sunshine			

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TOTAL ENTRIES x \$16	
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VENDOR INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

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Applications	Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications and booth space will not be confirmed until payment is received.
Booths	Booths are 10 feet wide and 8 feet deep. Booths are furnished with an 8-foot table and 2 folding chairs. Additional chairs are available during set-up at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis.
Electricity	Electricity is available at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Booths requesting electricity may be placed close to each other based on outlet locations.
Set-up	Set-up is Friday afternoon 3:30pm -7:00pm and Saturday morning 7:15am -9:00am. If you arrive early on Friday please understand vendor tables may not be set up.
Take-Down	Vendors are asked to not take down their display before 3:30 PM Saturday.
Deadlines	Registration Deadline: September 12, 2022
Refunds	Application fees shall be returned if all vendor spaces are filled by the time payment is received. No other refunds will be issued.
Liability	The GCFA reserves the right to refuse entry or to expel any individual, shelter, club, vendor, or animal. The GCFA will not be responsible for any sickness or injury of any of the exhibitors, spectators, or animals, or to any damage or loss of equipment or personal property. Any incident related to the ferrets is the owner's responsibility. The GCFA will not be responsible for any applications which are lost or delivered late by Postal Services.

VENDOR APPLICATION	
Name	
Business Name	
Address	
City, State ZIP	
Email / Phone	
Merchandise	

	Number	Rate	Total
Vendor Booth 10' wide, 8' deep. One 8' table and 2 chairs provided.		\$40	
Double Booth 20' wide, 8' deep. Two 8' tables and 2 chairs provided.		\$60	
Electricity		No Charge	
TOTAL			

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SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

To help defray the high cost of hosting the Greatest Ferret Show on Earth, and thus maximizing the proceeds that are used for running our ferret shelter, we are seeking sponsors for the show classes. The Greater Chicago Ferret Association is a 501c3 charity (FEIN #36-3575428) and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Sponsorship includes a half-page ad in the show book associated with the class sponsored. Name/Business Name listed on the GFSOE website. Name/Business Name on the award for the class. Name/Business Name and dedication on the ribbon for class.

Your space in the show book can be used for an advertisement, poem or memorial, pictures, recognitions, etc. Please send your digitally formatted ad (JPG or PDF) to: Robin Pikscher (RobinP.GFSOE@gmail.com) by September 12, 2022.

SPONSOR INFORMATION	
Name	
Business Name	
Address	
City, State ZIP	
Email / Phone	
Wording on Ribbon	

Ring	Rate	
Kits - Male	\$50	
Kits - Female	\$50	
Early Alter - Male	\$50	
Early Alter - Female	\$50	
Late Alter - Male	\$50	
Late Alter - Female	\$50	
Chemically Alter - Male	\$50	
Chemically Alter - Female	\$50	
Albino	\$50	
Angora	\$50	
Bibbed	\$50	
Blaze / Shetland / Panda	\$50	
Champagne / Cinnamon	\$50	
Chocolate	\$50	
Dark Eyed White and Marked White	\$50	

Ring	Rate	
GCFA Graduates - Male	\$50	
GCFA Graduates - Female	\$50	
Mitt	\$50	
Mutt	\$50	
Physically Challenged	\$50	
Point	\$50	
Roan	\$50	
Sable - Male	\$50	
Sable - Female	\$50	
Senior	\$50	
Shelter - Male	\$50	
Shelter - Female	\$50	
Silver	\$50	
Square Peg	\$50	
Stockings	\$50	
Sunshine	\$50	

TOTAL	
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ADVERTISING APPLICATION

Show books for the Greatest Ferret Show on Earth are available for purchase. Extra show books are distributed after the show to local vets, pet stores, and visitors to the shelter. By purchasing an ad in the Greatest Ferret Show on Earth show book, you will reach those who purchase a show book as well as members of the Chicago pet community and ferret exhibitors across the country.

Please send your digitally formatted ad (JPG or PDF) to: Robin Pkscher (RobinP.GFSOE@gmail.com) by September 12, 2022. Advertising information mailed to or dropped off at the shelter will not be distributed.

ADVERTISER INFORMATION	
Name	
Business Name	
Address	
City, State ZIP	
Email / Phone	

		Number	Rate	Total
Full Page Ad	8.5" x 11"		\$50	
Advertisers purchasing a full page ad have the option of having additional advertising material available to show-goers.				
Half Page Ad	8.5" x 5.5"		\$30	
Quarter Page Ad	4.25" x 5.5"		\$20	
Business Card Ad	3.5" x 2"		\$15	
			TOTAL	

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RAFFLE INFORMATION

Since its inception in 1987 the Greater Chicago Ferret Association has rescued more than 9200 ferrets. The Greatest Ferret Show on Earth is the largest fundraiser for the shelter, with the raffle constituting a large portion of the proceeds. Please consider donating new, un-opened items to the event and helping the ferrets currently in our care. The items do not have to be ferret related. The Greater Chicago Ferret Association is a 501(c)(3) charity (FEIN 36-3575428) and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Please DO NOT send raffle items to the shelter, but instead send them to:

Beth Cano
8 Lake Gillilan Ct
Algonquin, IL 60102

For donations questions and information please contact Beth Cano:

BethC.GFSOE@gmail.com

Name	
Address	
Email/phone	
Description of raffle items	
Estimated donation value	

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SUMMARY OF COSTS

Name	
Address	
City, State ZIP	
Email / Phone	

	Ferret Entry Subtotal	
	Vendor Subtotal	
	Sponsorship Subtotal	
	Advertising Subtotal	
	GCFA Membership Subtotal	
	Purchase a Show Book – \$10 each	
	TOTAL	

Register Online at gfsoe.weebly.com

Send paper registrations to:
Faith Pommier
GFSOE Show Registrar
111 S Park St
Westmont, IL 60559

Send email entries to:
registrar.gfsoe@gmail.com

PayPal payments may be made through the link on
The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth website at gfsoe.weebly.com

Please make checks payable to "Greater Chicago Ferret Association"

Thank You for your support! See you at the show!