The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth #31 October 12, 2019

Presented By: Greater Chicago Ferret Association
Sanctioned By: American 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

Title Bearing Rings	Adolescent, Breeder, Late Alter, Companion (Early Alter)
Specialty Classes	Albino, Angora, Black Mitt/Black Roan Mitt, Black Sable, Blaze/Panda, Champagne, Chocolate, Dark Eyed Whites, GCFA Graduates, Mitts, Mutt, Passport, Physically Challenged, Point, Premier Invitational, Roan (Silver), Sable, Senior, Shelter.
Sanctioning	The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth is Sanctioned by the American Ferret Association.
Maximum Class Size Title Class	• Per AFA guidelines the maximum number of ferrets that are allowed to be judged by a judge is 85. Our class sizes will reflect that. • Depending on the number of Title Class judges secured, the show committee will determine the maximum entries per class. After the registration deadline, ferrets on waiting lists may be added to classes which have already met the maximum number of entries if another class has not reached the maximum number of entries.
Maximum and Minimum Class Size Specialty Class	• The Specialty Classes may be limited to 15 entries based on two specialty judges. These numbers could increase based on number of specialty judges in attendance. • Any specialty class with 4 or less entries that is not sponsored may be combined with another class or cancelled. If the class is cancelled a refund shall be given the day of the show.
Title Class Awards	All ferrets entered in the title bearing classes will be judged in three rings. Rosette ribbons will be awarded for 1st place through 10th place in each ring. Trophies will be awarded for first place of each ring. A Best of Class trophy will be awarded to the winners of each class. A Best Opposite Ribbon will be awarded to the highest ranked ferret of the opposite gender.
Specialty Awards	Each ferret entered by the registration deadline will receive a ribbon in the Specialty Class. 1st place will receive a plaque or trophy. If sponsored, a Best Opposite award will also be included.
Best of Show Awards	• If sponsored, Best of Title trophy will be awarded to the ferret with the best average placement in the Title Bearing Rings. • If sponsored, Best of Specialty Groups trophies will be awarded to ferrets that best exemplify their group (structure, pattern, color) in the Specialty Rings. • If sponsored, Best of Specialty Trophy will be awarded to the ferret which best exemplifies the Specialty classes overall. • If sponsored, Greatest Ferret on Earth trophy will be given to the best overall ferret in the show between Best of Title and Best of Specialty.
Combining Classes:	The following classes may be combined if registration for them is under 5 ferrets: Albino with Dew, Champagne with Chocolate; Blaze/Panda with Mutt
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.
Entry Deadline	The early entry deadline is September 8, 2019. All entries must be received by September 22, 2019. **A postmark of the 22nd is NOT acceptable.** **Entries received after September 22nd will NOT be accepted.** Changes made after September 22nd will be at the discretion of the Show Registrar and will be an additional $2 per change. Changes made after September 22nd will not be listed in the show book. No entries will be accepted via phone. No entries will be taken at the door. No exceptions.
Entry Fees	Please see the Ferret Registration Summary Sheet for a list of entry fees. Entry fee includes admittance to the show hall for members of the immediate household (total of 4 family members). PayPal payments are accepted through the link on The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth website at gfsoe.weebly.com Make checks payable to **GCFA Show Funds**. Please note that your entries are not guaranteed until payment is received. **Sorry, no refunds on entries** • GCFA Members in good standing will receive a discount on entries. • Entries received on or before September 8th are considered early entries and receive a discount.

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Show Books	To help defray the cost of printing, show books cost $5 when purchased by the registration deadline (September 22nd). Show books purchased at the door cost $10.
Registration Forms	Link to registration forms can be found at http://www.gfsoe.weebly.com/registration.html
Entry Requirements	• Absolutely no ferrets under the age of 16 weeks or older than 6.5 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. • Ferrets must be free of fleas, ticks, and ear mites • Ferrets must not appear to be ill or unhealthy • 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, scoop-able kitty litter, wood shavings, or any other kind of dusty litter. • Owners will be asked to remove from the show hall any ferret 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.
Non-Vetted 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) and tested negative for Ferret Aleutian's Disease Virus. Proof of valid ADV testing within one year (12 months) from the show date for each ferret will be required to check-in. 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.
Proof of Vaccinations	• **RABIES**: All ferrets must have been vaccinated against rabies with the IMRAB-3 rabies vaccine within one year of the show date. You must have written proof of this vaccine - specifically a record from your veterinarian clearly stating the date of vaccine and specifying the brand/type of vaccine as IMRAB-3. Listing "ferret rabies" is not acceptable. If your ferret has had a reaction to the rabies vaccination and your vet feels it is unsafe to vaccinate for rabies please bring a note from your vet stating this information. • **CDV**: Proof of Canine Distemper vaccination within one year of the show date is required. Proof of Distemper Titer is also accepted.
ADV Testing Required	All ferrets entering the show hall must provide proof of negative ADV (Aleutian's Disease Virus) testing within one year of the show date. **Testing must be by the Blue Cross CEP Test** and results must be: 1) On tester's original results letterhead 2) Testing date must be on the letter and within the stated period 3) Ferret names must be on the testing results letter (names must match show entry). 4) Avecon POCT instant tests are NOT ACCEPTABLE. A letter from your vet is NOT ACCEPTABLE. Faxes or copies are NOT ACCEPTABLE.
ADV Waiver	You will be required to sign a statement at check-in to the effect that: • No ferret that you are bringing into the show hall has ever had a definitive positive test result using the Blue Cross CEP. POCT and ELISA blood and saliva tests are not acceptable. • If in the past 4 months a ferret from your household (shelter/facility/ferretry) has had a definitive positive test result on the Blue Cross CEP you understand that all ferrets in the same household (shelter/facility/ferretry) are considered as being exposed. You also understand that you cannot show or bring any ferrets from said household into the show hall regardless of their testing status. • You understand that just because all ferrets in the show hall have been tested for ADV within twelve months of the show this is not a guarantee of safety. You understand that the test is only as good as the day it was taken and you still need to practice SAFE FERRET habits at all times. The ADV waiver is available to download at http://gfsoe.weebly.com/showing-your-ferret.html

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AFA Banned Breeders and Ferrets of Unknown Lineage	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 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. Pet Store ferrets (Marshall Farms, Pet Valley Farm, etc.) are not considered to be ferrets of unknown lineage and banned breeders. If you require a list of banned breeders, please contact the show registrar.
Ferrets for Sale or Adoption	**Anyone selling or adopting any ferret, kit or adult, must purchase a vendor booth.** No kits under the age of 16 weeks will be permitted to enter the show hall. It is inappropriate to leave animals in vehicles. Please leave them at home or in your hotel room. Failure to comply with these rules may result in expulsion from the show hall and future shows.
Intact Ferrets	No stud service will be allowed in the show hall. No pregnant jills, nursing jills, 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.
Carriers	This is a carrier show. All Title Class entries must be brought to the designated drop-off area in an approved judging carrier. No hammocks, sleep sacks, food, or water in the carriers. The judge needs to be able to easily remove your ferret from the carrier. However, a small secured litter box, and a small blanket on the floor of the carrier are expected. EMPTY CARRIERS WILL BE PENALIZED. Recommended carriers include: Kennel Cab Medium (23" L x 14 1/2" W x 11 1/2" H), Pet Escort (23" L x 14 1/2" W x 11 1/2" H), and Vari-Kennel Small (21" L x 16" W x 15" H.) Specialty Entries have the option of bringing their ferrets to the judging station in a carrier or by hand.
Playpens	Currently small playpens are allowed in the exhibitor space (quiet area) or within a vendor's space but not in the common areas.
Handlers	Please provide enough handlers to show ferrets in their respective rings in a timely manner.
Check-in / 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. Vendors and Judges will have the option of having their ferrets checked in first, followed by other participants. Judging will begin promptly at 9:15 AM.
Admission	• $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 • Vendors and GCFA members in good standing are free **Remember, this is a fundraiser and all proceeds benefit the GCFA shelter ferrets.**
Fun Matches/Contests	You may enter your ferrets in fun matches even if they are not entered in the show classes. **Ferrets participating in the fun matches must meet all entry requirements.** The following fun matches will be held: Car Chase Race, 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 cost per ferret is $3 per match. Registration will be day of show only. Sign-up sheets can be found at the Fun-match Booth

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Hall Rules	• Ferrets are the ONLY animals permitted in the show hall, provided they meet the entry guidelines 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 long 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 big 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. • If a food vendor is secured, no other sale of food will be allowed in or outside the show hall except limitedly by the GCFA itself.
Sponsorship and Advertising	Class and Show Sponsorship as well as Show Book advertising is available. Please see the Sponsorship Form and Advertising Form in this packet for more information. All ads must be emailed in JPG or PDF format to Robin Pikscher at RobinP.GFSOE@gmail.com by September 22nd. Payment must also be received by September 22nd. If you donate a raffle item valued at $50 or more by September 22nd, you will receive a free ½ page ad in the show book. The description of item and the ad must be received by September 22nd.
Vendors	Applications must be received by September 22nd, 2019. 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. Information is available in the Vendor Information and Application section of this packet as well as on our website at http://gfsoe.weebly.com/registration.html
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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ADV Policy in Effect for All AFA Sanctioned and Sponsored Shows

Last Update: June 2014 Previous Update: March 2011

The American Ferret Association is extremely concerned about the dangers of Aleutian Disease Virus (ADV), a communicable parvo virus that affects ferrets. To promote the safety of ferrets at shows and events, and to help educate the public about this serious virus, the AFA began requiring testing for ADV with the Holiday Ferret Expo on December 8, 2001. For all AFA sanctioned shows contracted after June 1, 2014, the following ADV policy is in effect as a requirement for entrance to shows by exhibitors and their ferrets. Learn more about what ADV is and what testing options are available by following this link:
http://www.ferret.org/read/aleutian.html

ADV POLICY

All ferrets at an AFA show must provide proof of negative Aleutian's Disease Virus (ADV) testing within twelve months of the show date. Testing must be by the CEP Test and results must be:

1. on tester's original 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 and names must match show entry.

→ Avecon Point of Care Tests (POCT instant tests) are NOT ACCEPTABLE.
→ A letter from your vet is NOT ACCEPTABLE
→ Faxes or copies are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Notarized copies with raised seal are acceptable.

ADV Waiver Statement

The following waiver must be signed by each person bringing ferrets into an AFA show hall. (Forms are available in the show packet for each AFA event).

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).

If in the past 4 months a ferret from my household (shelter/facility/ferretry) has had a definitive positive test result on the CEP test, 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.

I also understand that just because all ferrets in the show hall today have been tested for ADV within the twelve 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.

Questions can be directed to afa@ferret.org.

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HOTEL:

Hotel information can also be found at the website: http://gfsoe.weebly.com/hotel-information.html

We are happy to be working with the Hampton Inn again this year.
The hotel is only a 12 minute drive from the DuPage County Fairgrounds!

Hampton Inn Chicago-Carol Stream
205 East North Avenue
Carol Stream, IL 60188
(630) 681-9200
$119.00/night + taxes
NO PET FEE!
All rooms are nonsmoking. Upgrades are not available and special requests are not guaranteed.
This hotel requires a credit card that can be charged at least $50.00 as a hold when you check in.
Please make appropriate arrangements.

All rooms must be booked by September 19th to ensure group rate.

LOCATION & DIRECTIONS TO DuPAGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

O'Hare International Airport	20 miles
Midway International Airport	30 miles
I-88	3 miles
I-355	5 miles
I-290	8 miles
I-294	8 miles
I-55	15 miles
I-90	15 miles

LOCAL:
Route 38 (Roosevelt Road) to County Farm Road, turn north to Manchester Road, turn east to Fairgrounds

Via I-294 and I-355 South:
I-88 west (Aurora) to Winfield Road exit, turn right (north) on Winfield Road to Route 38 (Roosevelt Road), turn right (east) to County Farm Road, turn left (north) to Manchester Road, turn right (east) to Fairgrounds

Via I-355: North
Route 38 (Roosevelt Road) west exit, turn right (west) on Route 38 (Roosevelt Road) to County Farm Road, turn right (north) to Manchester Road, turn right (east) to Fairgrounds

Via I-88 from East or West:
Winfield Road exit, from the east turn right (north) on Winfield Road, from the west turn left (north) on Winfield Road, to Route 38 (Roosevelt Road), turn right (east) to County Farm Road, turn left (north) to Manchester Road, turn right (east) to Fairgrounds

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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 admittance and discounts on entries at 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)			

I want to help!

We would love to have you volunteer for a few hours. Please let us know which areas you are interested in.
Please stop by the GCFA table when you enter the show hall. You will get your assignment at that time.

I would like to help with ferret registration	Morning	
I would like to help with admissions	Morning	Afternoon
I would like to help stage the ferrets before being judged	Morning	Afternoon
I would like to be a judge's steward	Morning	Afternoon

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VENDOR INFORMATION	
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. Electricity is available for an extra fee.
Max Booth Rental	Depending on space, vendors may limited to 2 total booth rentals. Vendors requesting a third booth should make the request on the application, and a waiting list shall be compiled and given on a first-come, first-served basis.
Corner Booths	Corner booths cost more due to increased frontage space and the additional table. Due to a finite number of corner booths, applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
Electricity	In order to reduce expenses, booths requesting electricity may be placed close to each other.
Playpens	A large playpen will not fit in the size constraints of the standard, interior booth. If you are bringing ferrets, please plan accordingly by purchasing a corner booth or an extra booth, or bringing a specially-sized pen. Playpens must have some type of flooring beneath them and should be waterproof or water-resistant.
GCFA Members	In the event of a tie with regards to the first-come, first-served rule, GCFA members shall take precedence.
Vendor Variety	The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth strives to exhibit a variety of vendors. Please describe the items sold accurately so that we can accomplish this goal. Descriptions also help the club place vendors so that similar vendors are not next to each other.
Shelters and Clubs	Shelters, rescues, and other not-for-profits are limited to one booth at the discounted rate.
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: Sept 22nd 2019**
Refunds	Application fees shall be returned in the event that 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.

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VENDOR APPLICATION

COMPANY INFORMATION			
Name		GCFA Member	
Company Name			
Address			
City, State ZIP			
Email / Phone			
Merchandise			

	Number	Rate	Total
Vendor Booth 10' wide, 8' deep. 8' table and 2 chairs provided.		$60	
Corner Booth 10' wide, 8' deep. Two 8' table and 2 chairs.		$75	
Shelter / Rescue / Not-for-Profit 10' wide, 8' deep. 8' table and 2 chairs provided.		$50	
Commercial Non-Sales (Veterinarians, Pharmacies) 10' wide, 8' deep. 8' table and 2 chairs provided.		$45	
Electricity		$10	
Extra Chair		$1.50	
		TOTAL	

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ADVERTISING INFORMATION AND 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 Pikscher (mailto: RobinP.GFSOE@gmail.com) by September 22nd. Advertising information mailed to or dropped off at the shelter will not be distributed.

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

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

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SPONSOR INFORMATION

To help defray the high cost of hosting the Greatest Ferret Show on Earth, and thus maximizing the proceeds that we are able to pass on to running our ferret shelter, we are seeking individuals and corporations interested in sponsoring our show. 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. Levels of sponsorship and the benefits of each level are outlined below.

	AVAIL	RATE	TOTAL
GREATEST SPONSOR ON EARTH Top Sponsor Billing! Lead sponsor on all eligible advertising including print and electronic media. Full page advertisement on the back cover of our Show Book, plus full page interior ad. Name/Business on both GCFA & GFSOE websites with web link if applicable. Prominent 3' X 6' banner in show hall. Your name/dedication on the top awards and ribbons: Greatest Title On Earth, Greatest Specialty On Earth, Greatest Opposite On Earth and Greatest Ferret On Earth. Your name listed first on the back of our popular show themed t-shirts. Free corner vendor booth with prominent placement. Free show t-shirt, show book, and commemorative ribbon	1	$1500	
RINGMASTER OF TITLES (All 4 Title Rings; can be split into two sponsorships at $375, see below) Prominent placement on all eligible advertising including print and electronic media. Full page advertisement on front interior cover of our Show Book, plus full page interior ad. Name/Business on both GCFA & GFSOE websites with web link if applicable. Prominent 3' X 5' banner in the Title judging area. Your name/dedication on Best of Title awards & ribbons and corresponding Opposite ribbons for: Companion, Adolescent, Late Alter, & Breeder. Prominent placement on the back of the show themed t-shirts. Free interior vendor booth. Free show book and commemorative ribbon.	1	$750	
RINGMASTER OF TITLES I (Companion and Adolescent) Prominent placement on all eligible advertising including print and electronic media. Half page advertisement on front interior cover of our Show Book, plus full page interior ad. Name/Business on both GCFA & GFSOE websites with web link if applicable. Prominent banner in the Title judging area. Your name/dedication on Best of Title awards & ribbons and corresponding Opposite ribbons for: Companion & Adolescent. Prominent placement on the back of the show themed t-shirts. Free interior vendor booth. Free show book and commemorative ribbon.	1	$375	
RINGMASTER OF TITLES II (Late Alter and Breeder) Prominent placement on all eligible advertising including print and electronic media. Half page advertisement on front interior cover of our Show Book, plus full page interior ad. Name/Business on both GCFA & GFSOE websites with web link if applicable. Prominent banner in the Title judging area. Your name/dedication on Best of Title awards & ribbons and corresponding Opposite ribbons for: Late Alter & Breeder. Prominent placement on the back of the show themed t-shirts. Free interior vendor booth. Free show book and commemorative ribbon.	1	$375	
RINGMASTER OF SPECIALTIES Prominent placement on all eligible advertising including print and electronic media. Full page advertisement on back interior cover of our Show Book, plus full page interior ad. Name/Business on both GCFA & GFSOE websites with web link if applicable. Prominent 3' x 5' banner in the Specialty judging area. Your name/dedication on Best of Specialty awards & ribbons for: Best of Color, Best of Pattern & Best of Structure. Prominent placement on the back of the show themed t-shirts. Free interior vendor booth. Free show book and commemorative ribbon	1	$500	
TITLE CLASS – 4 options listed below. Full page advertisement preceding the Title Class being sponsored. Name/Business listed on GFSOE and GCFA websites with website link if applicable. Your name/dedication on the awards and ribbons for all 3 Rings. Free show book and commemorative ribbon. $10 discount on vendor booth. **Option to upgrade to a Title Class package for $350 which includes a 2'X4' banner in show hall and name included on back of show t-shirts plus discount on vendor booths.	4	$250 or $350	**1 Taken** **3 Available** **See Below**

Adolescent: **Sponsor Needed**	Late Alter: **Sponsor Needed**	Breeder: **Sponsor Needed**	Companion: **Anonymous**

SPECIALTY CLASSES – 19 options listed below Full page advertisement in the show book preceding the Specialty Class sponsored. Name/Business listed on GFSOE website. Your name/dedication on the award and ribbons for class sponsored. Free show book and commemorative ribbon. **Option to upgrade for $100 includes a "Best Opposite" award which is always appreciated by those who have ferrets entered in the class. Special note: Due to class size, GCFA Grad, Passport, Sable and Shelter Specialty Classes are $100	19	$75 or $100	**8 Taken** **11 Available** **See Below**

Albino/DEW: **Taken**	Angora:	Black Mitt/Black Roan Mitt: **Taken**	Black Sable:	Blaze/Panda/Mutt:
Champagne:	Chocolate:	GCFA Grad: **Taken**	Mitt: **Taken**	Passport:
Physically Challenged:	Point:	Premier Invitational:	Roan:	Senior:
Sable Hob: **Taken**	Sable Jill: **Taken**	Shelter Hob: **Taken**	Shelter Jill: **Taken**	

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RAFFLE INFORMATION

Since its inception 32 years ago, the Greater Chicago Ferret Association has rescued more than 8000 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 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
Docano Creations
904 Main Street
Antioch, IL 60002

For donations questions and information please contact Jill Anderson at:
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Name	
Address	
Email/phone	
Description of raffle items	
Estimated donation value	

If you donate a raffle item valued at $50 or more by September 22nd, you will receive a free ½ page ad in the show book.
***The description of item and the ad must be received by September 22nd ***

The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth #31 October 12, 2019

Presented By: Greater Chicago Ferret Association
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FERRET ENTRIES AND DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

TITLE CLASSES Date of Birth or Age is required for the Title Classes. If you do not know the exact date, the closest month and year is acceptable. Please record this date for future shows.	
ADOLESCENT	All whole or late-altered ferrets 16 weeks to 12 months of age on date of show. Adolescents will not be judged against breeders, late alters or companions.
ALTER (Late Alter)	All ferrets 1 year to 6 ½ years 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	All intact ferrets 1 year to 6 ½ years as of the date of show. Breeders will not be judged against adolescents, late alters or companions.
COMPANION (Early Alter)	This class is open to all early altered (usually pet store) ferrets (Marshall Farm, Path Valley Farms, etc.) 16 weeks to 6 ½ years 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.

SPECIALTY CLASSES	
Albino	Ferrets with completely white bodies and red eyes. (May be combined with DEW if less than 5 entries)
Angora	Ferrets with at least 25% angora bloodlines. These ferrets may be breeder or non-breeder ferrets. This class will be judged for conformation and structure (how well the ferret is put together), disposition, and maintenance (how well the ferret is cared for). Proof of lineage may be requested. This class is not eligible for AFA's Specialty Ferret of the Year program THIS IS A NON-AFA CLASS
Black Mitt Black Roan Mitt	Black Mitt: Ferrets whose guard hairs are 60% + black, have dark eyes, a black to mottled nose and well defined mitts on all four feet. Guard hair color should be black and should be 60-100% in concentration. Black Roan Mitt: Ferrets whose guard hairs are 40-60% black with even roaning, have dark eyes, a black to mottled nose and well defined mitts on all four feet. Light silvers should be entered in Dark- Eyed White, medium silvers in Roan.
Black Sable	Ferrets whose guard hairs are bluish black and have a solid black nose. A black undercoat is desirable but a white/buff undercoat is acceptable
Blaze / Panda	Blaze: Ferrets with a white stripe on the top of the head, white mitts/toes, and a bib. Panda: Ferrets with an all white head and neck, mitts/stockings, and a bib (May be combined with Mutt if less than 5 entries)
Champagne	Ferrets with a muted light brown coat, a cream undercoat, and bar mask.
Chocolate	Ferrets with chocolate brown coats, a cream undercoat, and a bar mask.
Dark Eyed White	Ferrets with 90%+ white coats and ruby to black eyes. They can be marked or patterned. (May be combined with Albino if less than 5 entries)
GCFA Grad	Ferrets who have been adopted from the GCFA. Ferrets in this class must be spayed or neutered Must submit adoption contract or proof the ferret came from the GCFA with your entry form. This class is not eligible for AFA's Specialty Ferret of the Year program THIS IS A NON-AFA CLASS

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Mitts	Ferrets with 4 white feet starting at the tip of the toe and not to extend more than two-thirds of the leg. Evenness of color of mitts side-to-side and front-to-back contributes to the score.
Mutt	Ferrets with multiple or no distinct color or pattern. (May be combined with Blaze / Panda if less than 5 entries)
Passport	Privately bred ferrets (intact or late altered), which are at least 25% foreign bloodline. Ferrets participating in this class should be prepared to show lineage if asked.
Physically Challenged	Open to all ferrets with a visible physical handicap such as, but not limited to: missing limbs or other features, extraneous digits or appendages, major obvious structural abnormalities, physical deficiencies such as severely misaligned jaws, missing ears or eyes (including cataracts), tail shorter than 2 inches, completely missing or extremely kinked. Deafness, non-obvious blindness, and cauliflower ears do not qualify for this class.
Point	Ferrets whose points (legs and tail) are dark and body is light. Must have a V-mask to almost no mask (eye markings only).
Premier Invitational	Ferrets who have been awarded a blue ribbon in a Championship Ring or won a Championship Ring Best In Show or won a Championship Ring Best Opposite award at an AFA sanctioned show during 2016 through 2018.
Roan (Silver)	Ferrets whose guard hairs are black/sable/chocolate/champagne with roaning (silver) and dark eyes. This includes medium patterned silvers. Guard hair color concentration should be 50%; roaning should be evenly 50% also.
Sable	Ferrets with warm, deep brown coats, cream undercoat, well defined mask, and lined or mottled nose.
Senior	Ferrets 4 to 6.5 years young. No color requirements. 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.
Shelter	Ferrets who have been adopted from a recognized ferret shelter. Ferrets in this class must be spayed or neutered. Must submit adoption contract or proof the ferret came from a shelter with your entry form.

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FERRET REGISTRATION

DEADLINE: Entries must be received by September 22nd

This is NOT a postmark date. Entries must be received by online registration or in the registrar's hands or by the 22nd. Changes received after September 22nd are at the discretion of the Show Registrar and will be assessed $2 per change. Payment must accompany your registration. Entries are not guaranteed until payment is received. Paper 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. There will be no refunds on entries.

Owner Name							
Ferret Name							
Color/Pattern		TITLE CLASS ENTRIES					
Sire (Father)		Adolescent		Alter			
Dam (Mother)		Breeder		Companion			
Breeder		SPECIALTY CLASS ENTRIES					
Sex		Albino		Angora		Black Mitt / BRM	
Date of Birth		Black Sable		Blaze/Panda		Champagne	
Has your ferret been spayed/neutered?		Chocolate		DEW		GCFA Grad	
Date of ADV Test		Mitt		Mutt		Passport [1]	
Date of Rabies Vaccine		Physically Challenged		Point		Premier Invitational	
Date of Distemper Vaccine/Titer		Roan		Sable		Senior	
		Shelter [2]					
[1] Passport Entries should have proof of lineage							
[2] Shelter Name:				Check here if this ferret is a foster			

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Registrant Name	
Address	
City, State ZIP	
Email / Phone	

RING	Number of Entries	GCFA Rate	Standard Rate	GCFA Rate	Standard Rate	Ring Total
		Through September 8		September 9 – September 22		
Title: Adolescent		$17	$19	$20	$22	
Title: Alter		$17	$19	$20	$22	
Title: Breeder		$17	$19	$20	$22	
Title: Companion		$17	$19	$20	$22	
Albino		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Angora		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Black Mitt / BRM		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Black Sable		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Blaze / Panda		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Champagne		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Chocolate		$12	$14	$13	$15	
DEW		$12	$14	$13	$15	
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Mutt		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Passport		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Physically Challenged		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Point		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Premier Invitational		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Roan		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Sable		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Senior		$12	$14	$13	$15	
Shelter		$12	$14	$13	$15	
					Total	

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SUMMARY OF COSTS

Registrant Name	
Address	
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Ferret Entry Subtotal	
Vendor Subtotal	
Advertising Subtotal	
Sponsorship Subtotal	
GCFA Membership Subtotal	
Purchase a Show Book – add $5 each ($10 at door)	
GRAND TOTAL	

Send paper entries to:

Faith Pommier
GFSOE Show Registrar
111 S Park St
Westmont, IL 60559

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

Please make checks payable to "GCFA Show Funds"

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The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth website at gfsoe.weebly.com