### 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 Pamela [registrar.gfsoe@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.gfsoe@gmail.com)

Using the GFSOE online Registration Entry Form spreadsheet found at

www.greatestferretshowonearth.info results in discounted ferret registration rates.

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| **Title Bearing Rings** | Adolescent, (Late) Alter, Breeder, Companion (Early Alter) | |
| **Specialty Classes** | | Albino, Angora, Black Mitt/Black Roan Mitt, Black Sable, Blaze/Panda, Cinnamon/Champagne, Chocolate, GCFA Graduates, Dark Eyed White, Mitts, Mutt, Passport, Physically Challenged, Point, Sable Hob, Sable Jill, Seniors, Shelter, Silvers (Roans). |
| **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 allowed to be judged by a judge is 85, and our class sizes will reflect that. * Depending on the number of Title 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 will be limited to 15 entries based on two specialty judges. These numbers could increase based on number of specialty judges secured.  * 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, and not combined, 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 offered for 1st 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. |
| **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 whom best exemplifies 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 Specialty and Best of Title). | |
| **Combining Classes:** | The following classes may be combined if registration for them is under 4 ferrets:  Cinnamon/Champagne with Chocolate; Panda/Blaze with Mutt; Albino with Dew | |
| **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. | |

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| **Entry Deadline** | The early entry deadline is September 1, 2014. All entries must be received by September 20, 2014. **Entries received after September 20th will not be accepted.** Changes made after September 20 will be at the discretion of the Show Director and will be an additional $2 per change. Changes made after September 20 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). **Sorry, no refunds on entries**. We will accept electronic payments using PayPal. PayPal entries will be assessed a 3% PayPal processing fee. If you choose to mail a check, please note that your entries are not guaranteed until payment is received.   * GCFA Members in good standing will receive a discount on entries.   Entries received on or before September 1st are considered early entries and receive a discount if using the GFSOE online Registration Entry Form. (link found at the website:  www.greatestferretshowonearth.info)   * Choosing to send registration via another avenue results in $1 per entry administrative charge. The surcharge is reflected on the paper form. |
| **Show Books** | New This Year! To help defray the cost of printing, show books cost $3 when purchased by the registration deadline (September 20th). Show books purchased at the door cost $5. |
| **GFSOE Bucks** | GFSOE bucks have a value of $1 each are good for redemption at the GCFA Raffle table, GCFA Sales Table, or any vendor at this year’s GFSOE. GFSOE Bucks are not redeemable for cash except by a vendor who receives them as payment for purchase. A registrant must enter their ferrets in five or more specialty classes to receive GFSOE bucks. GFSOE Bucks are distributed for each ferret entry into a specialty class by the early registration deadline using the online registration form(minimum 5 specialty entries). Upon meeting those guidelines, they receive a GFSOE Buck for each specialty entry. For example, if a person registers two ferrets in three specialty classes each using the online entry form by the early registration deadline, they will receive six GFSOE bucks. |
| **Registration and other Forms** | Link to registration forms can be found at [**http://www.greatestferretshowonearth.info.**](http://www.greatestferretshowonearth.info/) |
| **Date of Birth** | 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. |
| **Entry Requirements** | * Absolutely no ferrets under the age of 16 weeks, or older than 6.5 years old, will be permitted to enter the show hall! Leave them 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, scoopable 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. |

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| **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 Aleutians 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 was 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. Distemper Titer Proof 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 result’s 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 (names must match show entry). 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 on 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 (POCT and ELISA blood tests are not acceptable), 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, that 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 [www.GreatestFerretShowOnEarth.info](http://www.GreatestFerretShowOnEarth.info/) |
| **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 (PVF, MF, 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. |

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| **Ferrets for Sale or Adoption** | **Anyone selling or adopting any ferret, kit or adult, must purchase a vendor booth. Breeders selling kits in the show hall will be asked to complete the GCFA ferret sale contract**. 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. |
| **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, sacks, food, or water in the carriers. However, a small secured litter box, and a small blanket on the floor of the kennel is expected. NAKED KENNELS 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** | **Due to limited space, playpens are not allowed 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 9:00 AM. |
| **Admission** | The price of admission this year is $5 for adults and children 13 and older, and $2 for children between 6 and 12 years of age. Children under 6 are free. A family rate of $10 is also available; A family is two adults and children. Vendors and GCFA members in good standing are free. |
| **Costume Contest** | * 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: Costume Contest and Photo Contest. * For the Photo Contest, please bring a 4”x6” photo that you took to participate. * The Costume Contest will involve a parade to allow all participants to view the entries * The entry cost for both the costume and photo contests is $5.00 per ferret * Matches may be paid for at the time of the event, or by using the registration form * Sign-up sheets can be found near the main entrance. * Ferrets must be registered 30 minutes before the event starts. |
| **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 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. 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 cages MUST have some type of flooring beneath them. * If a food vendor is secured, outside food and beverages are not permitted in the show hall. |
| **Sponsorship and Advertising** | Class and Show Sponsorships, as well as Show Book advertising, are available. Please see the Sponsorship and Advertising Form for more information. All ads must be emailed in PDF or JPG format to Robin Pikscher at [RobinP.GFSOE@gmail.com](mailto:RobinP.GFSOE@gmail.com) by September 1st. Payment must be received by September 1, 2014. If you donate a raffle item valued at $50 or more by September 1st, you will receive a free ½ page ad in the show book. The ad and description of item must be received by September 1st. |
| **Vendors** | Applications must be received by September 14, 2014. Set-up times are Friday from 4:00- 7:30 PM, and Saturday from 7:15-9:00 AM. If you arrive early, please understand vendor tables may not be set up. Information is available in the Vendor and Club Registration section. |
| **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. The judges will 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 which are lost or delivered late by Postal Services. |

# AFA ADV POLICY

All ferrets at an AFA show must provide proof of negative Aleutian's Disease Virus (ADV) testing within one year of the show date. Testing must be by the Blue Cross Animal Hospital’s 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 sanctioned or AFA show hall.

(Forms are available in the show packet for each AFA sanctioned event).

* + - No ferret that you are bringing into the show hall has ever had a definitive positive test result on the Blue Cross CEP (POCT and ELISA blood and saliva 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 Blue Cross Animal Hospital CEP (POCT and ELISA blood and saliva tests are not acceptable), I understand that all ferrets in the same household (shelter/facility/ferretry) are considered as being 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 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 on this policy can be directed to [afa@ferret.org.](mailto:afa@ferret.org) Blue Cross Animal Hospital Addresses:

Blue Cross Animal Hospital ATTENTION: Dr Blau - CEP TESTS

401 N Miller Ave

Burley, ID 83318

(208) 678-5553

**PET-FRIENDLY HOTELS:**

Policies are subject to change, so please verify that pets are still allowed when you make your reservation.  Hotel information can also be found at the website: [www.GreatestFerretShowOnEarth.info.](http://www.greatestferretshowonearth.info/)

### Quality Inn & Suites (Formerly Holiday Inn Express) St. Charles

* (630) 584-5300

### 1600 E. Main St, Saint Charles, IL 60174

### Mention Ferret Show when booking to get discounted group rate of $79 plus a one time $25 flat rate pet fee in the “pet friendly” section of the hotel. Free hot breakfast buffet and free wifi.

**Super 8**

([630)377-8388](tel:630-377-8388)

1520 E. Main St.Saint Charles, IL 60174

Pet fee is $10 per pet per day.  Group rates not available. Call for rates.

**LOCATION & DIRECTIONS TO KANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

O’Hare International Airport 50 minutes 30.79 miles

Midway International Airport 1 hour and 6 minutes 38.72 miles

Downtown Chicago 1 hour 39.83 miles

Oakbrook 42 minutes 29.27 miles

Rockford 1 hour and 5 minutes 55.74 miles

Milwaukee 2 hours and 4 minutes 99.62 miles

**Via 290:**

290 West toward 294 North (Milwaukee/Rockford), exit IL 64 West North Ave onto East North Ave, Left on Randall

Road. Turn Right at Oak Street just past Costco. Follow road to back of fairgrounds

and turn Left.

**Via 355:**

355 to 88W, exit Rt 59 toward Warrenville/Chicago, Left on Joliet Street, Left on Roosevelt Rt38, Right on Randall

Road. Turn Left at Oak Street - traffic light just after the fairgrounds. Follow road to the

back of the fairgrounds and turn Left.

**Via 88 from the West:**

88E to Orchard Road exit, Right on Orchard Road, Left on Randall Road, pass Roosevelt Rd (Rt. 38

Turn left at Oak Street –traffic light just after fairgrounds. Follow road to the back of fairgrounds

and turn Left.

**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 our Newsletter “Off the Paw,” invitations to our social events including 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

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| 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’d love your support for a few hours. Volunteers will get a t-shirt. Please let us know which areas you are interested in working. Please stop by the GCFA table when you enter the hall so we know you are present and accounted for. You’ll get your assignment and t-shirt at that time. For every two hours of volunteering, you’ll receive a raffle ticket to a volunteer- only raffle.

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| I’d like to help with publicity before and after the show | YES | |
| I’d like to help set-up Friday afternoon | YES | |
| I’d like to help clean-up Saturday evening | YES | |
| I’d like to help with hospitality (restaurant locations, hotels, etc) | YES | |
| I’d like to steward | Morning | Afternoon |
| I’d like to help with admissions | Morning | Afternoon |
| I’d like to help with the raffle / silent auction | Morning | Afternoon |
| I’d like to help at the GCFA Sales Table | Morning | Afternoon |
| I’d like to help stage the ferrets before being judged | Morning | Afternoon |

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| **VENDOR INFORMATION AND APPLICATION** | |
| Applications | Due to a finite number of vendor booths, applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will not be accepted until payment is received. |
| Booths | Booths are10 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 | Due to a finite number of booths available, vendors are 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 | Due to the size constraints of booths, only corner booths may utilize two tables per booth. 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 will 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. |
| 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. |
| Previous Vendors | Until June 15th previous year's vendors have the right of first refusal, but their spot shall be released to new vendors after the "returning vendor" deadline. Vendor registration will be open to new vendors on June 16th on a first-come/first-serve basis, and will be accepted until September 14th. |
| Shelters and Clubs | Shelters, rescues, and other not-for-profits will have different rates based on whether they are selling only their organization’s branded merchandise, or if they are selling non-branded items.  Shelters, rescues, and other not-for-profits are limited to one booth at the discounted rate. |
| Non- Sales Booths | Organizations wishing to attend the Greatest Ferret Show on Earth, but not sell anything, shall have a reduced booth rate. Examples of this type of “vendor” are veterinarians and pharmacies. Not-for- profits wishing to procure this type of booth shall have a further discounted rate. |
| Set-up | Set-up is Friday afternoon 4:00-7:30 and Saturday morning 7:15-9:00. |
| Take-Down | Vendors are asked to not take down their display before 3:30PM Saturday. |
| Deadlines | **Registration Deadline: Sept 20th, 2014 Returning Vendor early registration deadline: June 15, 2014** |
| Refunds | Application fees shall be returned in the event that all vendor spaces are exhausted by the time payment is received. Other refunds are at the discretion of the Show Committee. |
| GFSOE Bucks | People who enter ferrets early and online in the Specialty classes are eligible for GFSOE Bucks. These are redeemable at vendor and the GCFA booths during the show. Each GFSOE Buck has the value of $1. As a vendor, you may exchange these for raffle tickets during the show. Or at the end of the show, you may exchange the GFSOE Bucks with the Vendor Captain at the rate of $1 for each Buck. |
| 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**

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

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|  | **Number** | **Rate** | **Total** |
| Vendor Booth (limited to 2)  10' wide, 8' deep. 8' table and 2 chairs provided. |  | $60 |  |
| Breeder Booth (limited to 1)  10' wide, 8' deep. 8' table and 2 chairs provided. |  | $60 |  |
| Corner Booth (limited to 1)  10' wide, 8' deep. Two 8' table and 2 chairs. |  | $75 |  |
| Shelter/Rescue/Not-for-Profit Selling Non-Charity-Branded Merchandise  10' wide, 8' deep. 8' table and 2 chairs provided. |  | $60 |  |
| Shelter/Rescue/Not-for-Profit Selling Charity-Branded Merchandise Only  Limited to 1 booth |  | $45 |  |
| Non-Sales Booths (vets, etc)  Limited number available |  | $45 |  |
| Non-Sales Booths (501c3)  Limited number available |  | $30 |  |
| Electricity |  | $15 |  |
| Extra Chair |  | $1.50 |  |
| \*\*Vendors who purchase Ad space in the show book will receive a 50% off advertising discount except on Memorial ads | | |  |
| **TOTAL** | | |  |

**ADVERTISING INFORMATION**

The 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, DOC, PDF) to: Robin (RobinP.GFSOE@gmail.com) by September 1st. Items dropped off at the shelter will not be distributed.

Advertisers purchasing a full-page ad have the option of having additional advertising material available to show-goers.

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|  | **Number** | **Rate** | **Total** |
| Full Page Ad |  | $45 |  |
| Half Page Ad |  | $30 |  |
| Quarter Page Ad |  | $20 |  |
| Business Card Ad |  | $15 |  |
| Memorial Ad  (Picture and name listed of those who have passed to the bridge) |  | $5 each |  |
| **TOTAL** | | |  |

**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. You may fill out this form and send it in, or use the website (www.greatestferretshowonearth.info) and complete the form.

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| **GREATEST SPONSOR ON EARTH**  Name on 3 trophies and 3 ribbons: Greatest Specialty On Earth, Greatest Title On Earth, and Greatest Ferret On Earth. Signage at show hall entrance, prominent free vendor booth. Name on print ads before the event. Name and/or logo on GCFA and GFSOE websites until 3/15/15. Recognition on show book cover, two full page ages including show book back cover and one inside. Name listed first on show t-shirt. | | | | | | 1 | | $1500 |  |
| **RINGMASTER OF TITLES**  Name on 4 large trophies and 4 large Ribbons: Best of Adolescent, Best of Alter, Best of Breeder, Best of Companion. Name on 4 large opposite ribbons for each title class. Signage in Title Class Judging Hall. Name on print ads before the event. Name and/or logo on GCFA and GFSOE website until 12/31/2014. Two full page ads in the show book, with option of inside front cover. Name on show t-shirt. Free booth. | | | | | | 1 | | $750 |  |
| **RINGMASTER OF TITLES I (Breeder and Adolescent)**  Name on 2 large trophies and 2 large Ribbons: Best of Adolescent, Best of Breeder. Name on 2 large opposite ribbons: Adolescent, Breeder. Signage in Title Class Judging Hall. Name on print ads before the event. One full page ad in the show book, and half page ad on inside front cover. Name on show t-shirt. Free booth. | | | | | | 1 | | $375 |  |
| **RINGMASTER OF TITLES II (Late Alter and Companion)**  Name on 2 large trophies and 2 large Ribbons: Best of Alter, Best of Companion. Name on 2 large opposite ribbons: Alter, Companion. Signage in Title Class Judging Hall. Name on print ads before the event. One full page ad in the show book, and half page ad on inside front cover. Name on show t-shirt. Free booth. | | | | | | 1 | | $375 |  |
| **RINGMASTER OF SPECIALTIES**  Name on 3 large trophies and 3 large Ribbons: Best of Color, Best of Pattern, Best of Structure. Signage in Specialty Class Judging Hall. Name on print ads before the event. Name and/or logo on GCFA and GFSOE website until 12/31/2012. Two full page ads in the show book, with option of inside back cover. Name on show t-shirt. Free booth. | | | | | | 1 | | $500 |  |
| **TITLE CLASS**  Name on 1-10th place ribbons for 3 rings of that class (total 30 ribbons). Name on 3 trophies, one for champion of each ring. Signage by ribbon display and during the judging of the class. Logo and link Show Website. Full page ad in the show book. Name on show t-shirt. If requesting a vendor booth, a discounted rate of $50 is offered for the first booth.  Please rank your class requests: | | | | | | 4 | | $250  Or  $300 |  |
| Adolescent: | | (Late Alter): | | Breeder: | | Companion: | | | |
| **SPECIALTY CLASSES**  Name on 1-10th place ribbons for that class. Name on 1 trophy for champion of that class. Signage by ribbon display and during the judging of the class. Logo and link Show Website. Half page ad in the show book is $65.00 or with full page ad in show book is $75.00. | | | | | | 17 | | $65 /$75 |  |
| Albino: | Angora: taken | | Black Mitt/  Black Roan Mitt: taken | | Black Sable: | | Blaze/Panda: | | |
| Chocolate: | Cinn/ Champ: taken | | DEW: | | GCFA Grad: taken | | Mitt: | | |
| Mutt: taken | Passport: | | Physically Challenged: | | Point: | | Sable Hob: | | |
| Sable Jill: | Senior: Taken | | Shelter: Taken | | Roan/Silver: | |  | | |

**RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION INFORMATON**

Since its inception 27 years ago, the Greater Chicago Ferret Association has rescued more than 7000 ferrets. The Greatest Ferret Show on Earth is the largest fundraiser for the shelter, with the raffle and silent auction 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 501c3 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 our raffle coordinator:** Martha Cannon

1029 S. 3rd Street

St Charles, IL 60174

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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 1st, you will receive a free ½ page ad in the show book. The ad and description of item must be received by September 1st.

**TITLE CLASSES**

**FERRET ENTRIES AND DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES**

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| 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**

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| Albino | Ferrets with red eyes and completely white bodies. (May be combined with DEW if less than 5 entries) |
| Angora | Open to all 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 is your ferret put together), disposition, and maintenance (how well is the ferret cared for). Proof of lineage may be requested.  THIS IS A NON-AFA CLASS |
| Black Mitt/ Black Roan Mitt | Black Mitt: Open to all ferrets whose guard hairs are 60% + black with dark eyes, 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: Open to all ferrets whose guard hairs are 40-60% black with even roaning, dark eyes, 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 | Open to all ferrets whose guard hairs are bluish black, a solid black nose, and white/buff undercoat. |
| Blaze/Panda | Blaze: Ferrets with a white stripe on the top of their heads, as well as white mitts/toes, and bib. Panda: Ferrets with mitts/stockings, bib, and all white head and neck. |
| Chocolate | Ferrets with chocolate brown coats, cream undercoat, and bar mask. |
| Cinnamon/ Champagne | Cinnamon: Ferrets with solid reddish brown coats with darker reddish brown legs and tail Champagne: Ferrets with muted light brown coat |
| Dark Eyed White | Ferrets with 90%+ white coats and ruby to black eyes. They can be marked or patterned. (May be combined with Albinos if less than 5 entries) |
| GCFA Grad | Ferrets who have been adopted from the GCFA. Must submit adoption contract or proof the ferret came from the GCFA with your entry form. Ferrets in this class must be spayed or neutered. This class is not eligible for AFA's Specialty Ferret of the Year program  THIS IS A NON-AFA CLASS |
| 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 contribute to the score. |

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| Mutt | Ferrets with multiple or no distinct color or pattern. (May be combined with Blaze or Panda if less than 5 entries) |
| Passport | Open to all 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, tails.  under 2 inches in length, extraneous digits or appendages. |
| Point | Open to all ferrets whose points (legs and tail) are dark and body is light. Must have a V-mask to almost no mask (eye markings only). |
| Sable Hob | Male ferrets with warm, deep brown coats, well defined mask, cream undercoat, and lined or mottled nose. |
| Sable Jill | Female ferrets with warm, deep brown coats, well defined mask, cream undercoat, and lined or mottled nose. |
| Seniors | 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 shelter. Must submit adoption contract or proof the ferret came from a shelter with your entry form. Ferrets in this class must be spayed or neutered. |
| Roan | 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. |

**FERRET REGISTRATION**

ENTRY DEADLINE: Received by September 20th

Changes received after September 20th are at the discretion of the Show Registrar and will be assessed $2 per change. Payment must accompany your registration form. Entries are not guaranteed until payment is received. 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

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| 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 | | |  | Chocolate | |  | |
| Has your ferret been spayed/neutered? |  | Cinn/Cham | |  | DEW | | |  | GCFA Grad | |  | |
| Date of ADV Test |  | Mitt | |  | Mutt | | |  | Passport 1 | |  | |
| Date of Rabies Vaccination |  | Physically Challenged | |  | Point | | |  | Roan | |  | |
| Date of Distemper Vaccination/Titer |  | Sable Hob | |  | Sable Jill | | |  | Senior | |  | |
|  |  | Shelter 2 | |  | Picture | | |  | Costume | |  | |
| 1 Passport Entries should have proof of lineage | |  | | | | | | | | |  | |
| 2 Shelter Name: | | | | | | Check here if this ferret is a foster | | | | |  | |

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| Ferret Name |  | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | | |  | Chocolate |  |
| Has your ferret been spayed/neutered? |  | Cinn/Cham |  | DEW | | |  | GCFA Grad |  |
| Date of ADV Test |  | Mitt |  | Mutt | | |  | Passport 1 |  |
| Date of Rabies vacc |  | Physically Challenged |  | Point | | |  | Roan |  |
| Date of Distemper vacc/titer |  | Sable Hob |  | Sable Jill | | |  | Senior |  |
|  |  | Shelter 2 |  | Picture | | |  | Costume |  |
| 1 Passport Entries should have proof of lineage | |  | | | | | | |  |
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| **Registrant Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **City, State ZIP** |  |
| **Email/Phone** |  |

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| **RING** | **# Entries** | **GCFA Rate** | **Std Rate** | **Ring Total** |
| Title: Adolescent |  | $21 | $23 |  |
| Title: Alter |  | $21 | $23 |  |
| Title: Breeder |  | $21 | $23 |  |
| Title: Companion |  | $21 | $23 |  |
| Albino |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Angora |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Black Mitt / BRM |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Black Sable |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Blaze/Panda |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Chocolate |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Cinn/Champagne |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| DEW |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| GCFA Grad |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Mitt |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Mutt |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Passport |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Physically Challenged |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Point |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Roan |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Sable Hob |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Sable Jill |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Senior |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Shelter |  | $14 | $16 |  |
| Costume |  | $5 | $5 |  |
| Picture |  | $5 | $5 |  |
| **TOTAL** | | | |  |

**SUMMARY OF COSTS**

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| **Address** |  |
| **City, State ZIP** |  |
| **Email/Phone** |  |

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| **Ferret Entry Subtotal** |  |
| **Vendor Subtotal** |  |
| **Advertising Subtotal** |  |
| **Sponsorship Subtotal** |  |
| **GCFA Membership Subtotal** |  |
| **Purchase a Showbook – add $3 each ($5 at door)** |  |
| **Grand Subtotal** |  |
| **3% Paypal Processing fee** |  |
| **GRAND TOTAL** |  |

Send paper entries “snail mail entries” to:

Pamela Hines

GCFA Show Registrar

4517 N Central Park Ave #2E

Chicago, IL 60625

**Checks should be made out to “GCFA Show Funds.”** **Paypal payments must include a 3% processing fee.**

**Online Entry Discount**

Using the GFSOE online Registration Entry Form spreadsheet (link found at the website:

www.greatestferretshowonearth.info) results in discounted ferret registration rates.