

# The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth

Presented By: Greater Chicago Ferret Association      October 8, 2016

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

Using the GFSOE online Registration Entry Form results in discounted ferret registration rates. The online form can be found at [ferret.show](http://ferret.show)

<b>Title Bearing Rings</b>	Adolescent, Breeder, Late Alter, Companion (Early Alter)
<b>Specialty Classes</b>	Albino, Angora, Black Mitt/Black Roan Mitt, Black Sable, Blaze/Panda, Cinnamon/Champagne, Chocolate, Dark Eyed Whites, GCFA Graduates, Premier Invitational, Mitts, Mutt, Passport, <del>Physically Challenged</del> , Point, Sable Hob, Sable Jill, Super Senior, Shelter, Roan (Silver).
<b>Sanctioning</b>	The Greatest Ferret Show On Earth is Sanctioned by the American Ferret Association.
<b>Maximum Class Size - Title Class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Per AFA guidelines, the maximum number of ferrets that are allowed to be judged by a judge is 85, and our class sizes will reflect that.</li><li>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.</li></ul>
<b>Maximum and Minimum Class Size – Specialty Class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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..</li><li>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.</li></ul>
<b>Title Class Awards</b>	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.
<b>Specialty Awards</b>	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.
<b>Best of Show Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If sponsored, Best of Title trophy will be awarded to the ferret with the best average placement in the Title Bearing Rings.</li><li>If sponsored, Best of Specialty Groups trophies will be awarded to ferrets whom best exemplifies their group (structure, pattern, color) in the Specialty Rings.</li><li>If sponsored, Best of Specialty Trophy will be awarded to the ferret which best exemplifies the Specialty classes overall.</li><li>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).</li></ul>
<b>Combining Classes:</b>	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
<b>Rules and Scoring</b>	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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<p><b>Entry Deadline</b></p>	<p>The early entry deadline is September 1, 2016. All entries must be received by September 19, 2016. <b>Entries received after September 19<sup>th</sup> will NOT be accepted. A postmark of the 19th is NOT acceptable.</b> Changes made after September 19 will be at the discretion of the Show Director and will be an additional \$2 per change. Changes made after September 19 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.</p>
<p><b>Entry Fees</b></p>	<p>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). <b>Sorry, no refunds on entries.</b> We will accept electronic payments using PayPal. <b>PayPal entries will be assessed a 3% PayPal processing fee.</b> If you choose to mail a check, please note that your entries are not guaranteed until payment is received. Make checks payable to <b>GCFA Show Funds.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCFA Members in good standing will receive a discount on entries.</li> </ul> <p>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: <a href="http://www.gfsoe.weebly.com">http://www.gfsoe.weebly.com</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choosing to send registration via another avenue results in \$1 per entry administrative charge. <b>The surcharge is reflected on the paper form.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Show Books</b></p>	<p>To help defray the cost of printing, show books cost \$3 when purchased by the registration deadline (September 19<sup>th</sup>). Show books purchased at the door cost \$5.</p>
<p><b>GFSOE Bucks</b></p>	<p>GFSOE bucks have a value of \$1 each and 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. Five GFSOE bucks are given for every \$100 in online early entries with a maximum of ten GFSOE bucks allowed per person. For example, if a person spends \$220 in online early entries, they will receive ten GFSOE bucks (value of \$10). To be eligible, registration must be completed through the online form and registration and payment must be received by the early entry deadline (September 1st).</p>
<p><b>Registration and other Forms</b></p>	<p>Link to registration forms can be found at <a href="http://www.gfsoe.weebly.com">http://www.gfsoe.weebly.com</a></p>
<p><b>Date of Birth</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Entry Requirements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Ferrets must be free of fleas, ticks, and ear mites</li> <li>• Ferrets must not appear to be ill or unhealthy</li> <li>• Ferrets must have nails trimmed on all four paws</li> <li>• It is advised that all ferrets be bathed and groomed prior to show day</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Owners will be asked to remove from the show hall any ferret that does not meet the guidelines</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Non-Vetted Show</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>Proof of Vaccinations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RABIES:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>CDV:</b> Proof of Canine Distemper vaccination within one year of the show date is required. Distemper Titer Proof is also accepted.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ADV Testing Required</b></p>	<p>All ferrets entering the show hall must provide proof of negative ADV (Aleutian's Disease Virus) testing within one year of the show date. <b>Testing must be by the Blue Cross CEP Test</b> and results must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) On tester's original results letterhead</li> <li>2) Testing date must be on the letter and within the stated period</li> <li>3) Ferret names must be on the testing resultS letter (names must match show entry).</li> <li>4) Avecon POCT instant tests are NOT ACCEPTABLE. A letter from your vet is NOT ACCEPTABLE. Faxes or copies are NOT ACCEPTABLE.</li> </ol>
<p><b>ADV Waiver</b></p>	<p>You will be required to sign a statement at check-in to the effect that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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 <a href="http://www.gfsoe.weebly.com">http://www.gfsoe.weebly.com</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>AFA Banned Breeders and Ferrets of Unknown Lineage</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>If you require a list of banned breeders, please contact the show registrar.</p>

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<b>Ferrets for Sale or Adoption</b>	<b>Anyone selling or adopting any ferret, kit or adult, must purchase a vendor booth.</b> 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.
<b>Intact Ferrets</b>	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.
<b>Carriers</b>	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 kennel are expected. <b>NAKED KENNELS WILL BE PENALIZED.</b>  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.
<b>Playpens</b>	Currently small playpens are allowed in the exhibitor space (quiet area) or within a vendor's space but not in the common areas.
<b>Handlers</b>	Please provide enough handlers to show ferrets in their respective rings in a timely manner.
<b>Check-in / Show Time</b>	Ferrets must be checked in with the entry clerk between 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM. <b>Ferrets not checked in by 9:00 AM may be scratched from the show.</b> 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.
<b>Admission</b>	The price of admission this year is \$7 for adults and children 13 and older, and \$3 for children between 6 and 12 years of age. Children under 6 are free. A family rate of \$14 is also available; A family is two adults and children. Vendors and GCFA members in good standing are free. <b>Remember, this is a fundraiser and all proceeds benefit the GCFA shelter ferrets.</b>
<b>Fun Matches/Contests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You may enter your ferrets in fun matches even if they are not entered in the show classes. <b>Ferrets participating in the fun matches must meet all entry requirements.</b></li><li>• The following fun matches will be held: Costume Contest, Picture Contest, Paper Bag Escape, Tink/Tank &amp; Kissing Contest. You may sign your ferrets up during registration or at the show prior to the match event.</li><li>• For the Picture Contest, please bring a 4"x6" photo that you took to participate and put your name on the back of the picture.</li><li>• The Costume Contest will involve a parade to allow all participants to view the entries a ballot to vote.</li><li>• Tink/Tank is a contest for lightest and heaviest ferrets.</li><li>• The entry cost for the contests are \$3 per ferret or all contests for \$10.</li><li>• Sign-up sheets can be found at the Fun-match Booth</li><li>• Where possible, the contest will be a timed or counted contest so attendees and exhibitors can participate with their ferrets as they have time.</li></ul>

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<b>Hall Rules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ferrets are the <u>ONLY</u> animals permitted in the show hall, provided they meet the entry guidelines listed above.</li><li>• DO NOT leave any animals, ferrets or other, in your vehicle unattended at any time during the show!</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• Ferret cages MUST have some type of flooring beneath them.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul>
<b>Sponsorship and Advertising</b>	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 <a href="mailto:RobinP.GFSOE@gmail.com">RobinP.GFSOE@gmail.com</a> by September 19th. Payment must be received by September 19, 2016. If you donate a raffle item valued at \$50 or more by September 1 <sup>st</sup> , you will receive a free ½ page ad in the show book. The ad and description of item must be received by September 1 <sup>st</sup> .
<b>Vendors</b>	Applications must be received by September 19, 2016. Set-up times are Friday from 3:30- 7:00 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 Information and application section of this packet as well as on our website.
<b>Important Health Notes</b>	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. Please take great consideration when you are asked if others can hold or pet your ferrets.
<b>Liability</b>	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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## 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) The testing date must be on the letter and within the stated period
- 3) All of the ferret names must be on the testing result's letter and the names must match the show entry(s).

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

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## 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: <http://www.gfsoe.weebly.com>

### Residence Inn, Bloomingdale

295 Knollwood Dr, Bloomingdale, IL 60108

(630) 893-9200

\$104.00/night + Pet Fee

Up to 8 ferrets is \$25.00

8-10 Ferrets is \$50.00

**10 animals is the maximum amount of animals allowed per room.**

All rooms are non smoking. 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.

### Quality Inn and Suites

1600 E Main St, St Charles, IL 60174

(630) 584-5300

\$79.00/night + \$25.00 Pet Fee

All rooms are non smoking and on the first floor. 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 22nd to ensure group rate.**

## 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 I-290:

290 West toward 294 North (Milwaukee/Rockford), exit IL-64 West North Ave onto East North Ave, Turn Left on Randall Road. Turn Right at Oak Street just past Costco. Follow the road to the back of Fairgrounds and Turn Left.

### Via I-355:

I-355 to I-88W, exit Rt. 59 toward Warrenville/Chicago, Turn Left on Joliet Street, Turn Left on Roosevelt Rt. 38, Turn Right on Randall Road, Turn Left at Oak Street - traffic light just after the fairgrounds. Follow the road to the back of the Fairgrounds and Turn Left.

### Via I-88 from the West:

I-88E to Orchard Road exit, Turn Right on Orchard Road, Turn Left on Randall Road, pass Roosevelt Rd (Rt. 38) and Turn Left at Oak Street – which is the traffic light just after Fairgrounds. Follow the road to the back of Fairgrounds and Turn Left.

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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'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.

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 with cleanup 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	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 be 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.
Previous Vendors	Until June 30th 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 July 1 <sup>st</sup> on a first-come/first-serve basis, and will be accepted until September 19 <sup>th</sup> .
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 3:30-7:00pm and Saturday morning 7:15-9:00am.
Take-Down	Vendors are asked to not take down their display before 3:30 PM Saturday.
Deadlines	<b>Registration Deadline: Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2016    Returning Vendor early registration deadline: June 30th 2016</b>
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.
GFSOE Bucks	Some registrants 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.

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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 (may be 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 (may be 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.		\$50	
Electricity		\$15	
Extra Chair		\$1.50	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

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## 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 (<mailto:RobinP.GFSOE@gmail.com>) by September 1<sup>st</sup>.  
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.

	Number	Rate	Total
<b>Full Page Ad</b>		\$50	
<b>Half Page Ad</b>		\$30	
<b>Business Card Ad</b>		\$15	
<b>Memorial Ad</b> *One front and back page of the show book will be dedicated to our beloved ferrets who passed in the last year. <i>Space is limited</i> and on a first come, first serve basis. (Picture and name listed)		*Free	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

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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. You may fill out this form and send it in, or use the website (<http://www.gfsoe.weebly.com>) and complete the form.

			AVAIL	RATE	TOTAL
<b>GREATEST SPONSOR ON EARTH</b> Name on 4 trophies and 4 ribbons: Greatest Opposite On Earth, Greatest Specialty On Earth, Greatest Title On Earth, and Greatest Ferret On Earth. Prominent signage at show hall, free vendor booth. Name and/or logo on GCFA and GFSoE websites. Recognition on show book cover, two full pages including show book back cover and one inside. Name is listed first on the show t-shirt, free show t-shirt, show book and commemorative ribbon..			1	\$1500	Winner: Emmy Flinn's Patrick & Gisele FUND
<b>RINGMASTER OF TITLES (All 4 Title Rings; can be split into two sponsorships, see below)</b> 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 area.. Name on print ads before the event after sign-up. Name and/or logo on GCFA and GFSoE website until December 31st of that year. Two full page ads in the show book, with option of inside front cover. Name on show t-shirt & commemorative ribbon.. Free vendor booth.			1	\$750	N/A
<b>RINGMASTER OF TITLES I (Breeder and Adolescent)</b> 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 & commemorative ribbon.. Free vendor booth.			1	\$375	Taken by: Animal House of Chicago
<b>RINGMASTER OF TITLES II (Late Alter and Companion)</b> 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 & commemorative ribbon.. Free vendor booth.			1	\$375	Taken by: Glenwood Village Pet Hospital
<b>RINGMASTER OF SPECIALTIES</b> Name on 3 trophies and 3 large Ribbons: Best of Color, Best of Pattern, Best of Structure. 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 & commemorative ribbon.. Free vendor booth.			1	\$500	Taken by: Ness Exotic Wellness Center
<b>TITLE CLASS</b> Name on 1-10 <sup>th</sup> 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. Free commemorative ribbon. Please rank your class requests:			4	\$250 Or \$300	Taken See below
Adolescent: <b>Totally Ferret</b>	Late Alter: <b>Casey's Hidden Pantry</b>	Breeder: <b>Ferret Breeders Network</b>	Companion: <b>Chicago Exotics Animal Hospital</b>		
<b>SPECIALTY CLASSES</b> Name on all ribbons and trophy. 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. For \$100 a Best Opposite award is added. Due to class sizes, GCFA Grad, Passport, Sable and Shelter classes are designated the \$100 level and include the Best Opposite award. Free commemorative ribbon.			18	\$65, \$75, or \$100	
Albino/DEW: <b>Taken</b>	Angora: <b>Taken</b>	Black Mitt/ Black Roan Mitt: <b>Taken</b>	Black Sable: <b>Taken</b>	Blaze/Panda/Mutt: <b>Taken</b>	
Chocolate: <b>Taken</b>	Champagne: <b>Taken</b>	GCFA Grad: <b>Taken</b>	Premier Invitational: <b>Taken</b>	Mitt: <b>Taken</b>	
Passport: <b>Take</b>	Point: <b>Taken</b>	Sable: <b>Taken</b>	Senior: <b>Taken</b>	Senior: <b>Taken</b>	
Shelter: <b>Taken</b>					

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## RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION

Since its inception 28 years ago, the Greater Chicago Ferret Association has rescued more than 7700 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:**

Docano Creations  
Attn: Beth Cano  
904 Main Street  
Antioch, IL 60002

For donations questions and information please contact Jill Anderson at:  
[Jill.GFSOE@gmail.com](mailto:Jill.GFSOE@gmail.com)

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

\*\*\*If you donate a raffle item valued at \$50 or more by September 1<sup>st</sup>, you will receive a free ½ page ad in the show book. The ad and description of item must be received by September 1<sup>st</sup>\*\*\*

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## FERRET ENTRIES AND DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

### TITLE CLASSES

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 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. <b>THIS IS A NON-AFA CLASS</b>
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 <b>THIS IS A NON-AFA CLASS</b>
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.

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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	<del>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.</del>
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).
Premier Invitational	Open to all ferrets who have won 1. A blue ribbon in a Championship ring; or 2. Won a Championship Ring Best In Show; and or 3. Won a Championship ring Best Opposite award at an American Ferret Association show in 2014 through 2016.
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, well defined mask, cream undercoat, 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. <b>Bring only seniors who are in the best of health.</b> Bring a cage cover to make your senior's cage quieter and less stressful. Take <i>extra</i> 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.
Premier Invitational	For entry to this class, your ferret must have been awarded a blue ribbon in a Championship ring or a Best In Show at any AFA Sanctioned ferret show during 2014 through 2016. Held only if sponsored and minimum of 3 entries.

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## FERRET REGISTRATION

**ENTRY DEADLINE: Received by September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**This is NOT a postmark date.** Entries must be in the registrar's hands or email account by the 19th. Changes received after September 19<sup>th</sup> 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							
Ferret Name							
Color/Pattern				<b>TITLE CLASS ENTRIES</b>			
Sire (Father)				Adolescent		Alter	
Dam (Mother)				Breeder		Companion	
Breeder	<b>SPECIALTY CLASS ENTRIES</b>						
Sex		Albino		Angora		Black Mitt/BRM	
Date of Birth		Black Sable		Blaze/Panda		Chocolate	
Has your ferret been spayed/neutered?		Cinn/Champagne		DEW		GCFA Grad	
Date of ADV Test		Mitt		Mutt		Passport <sup>1</sup>	
Date of Rabies Vaccine		Point		Premier Invitational		Roan	
Date of Distemper Vaccine/Titer		Sable		Senior		Shelter	
<sup>1</sup> Passport Entries should have proof of lineage	Circle Contests: Costume, Kissing, Paper Bag, Picture, Tink/Tank						
<sup>2</sup> Shelter Name:						Check here if this ferret is a foster	

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Ferret Name							
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Date of Rabies Vaccine		Point		Premier Invitational		Roan	
Date of Distemper		Sable		Senior		Shelter	



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Vaccine/Titer						
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<sup>2</sup> Shelter Name:				Check here if this ferret is a foster		

<b>Registrant Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>City, State ZIP</b>	
<b>Email/Phone</b>	

RING	# Entries	GCFA Rate	Standard Rate	Ring Total
Title: Adolescent		\$21	\$23	
Title: Alter		\$21	\$23	
Title: Breeder		\$21	\$23	
Title: Companion		\$21	\$23	
Albino/DEW		\$14	\$16	
Angora		\$14	\$16	
Black Mitt / BRM		\$14	\$16	
Black Sable		\$14	\$16	
Blaze/Panda/Mutt		\$14	\$16	
Chocolate		\$14	\$16	
Cinnamon/Champagne		\$14	\$16	
GCFA Grad		\$14	\$16	
Mitt		\$14	\$16	
Passport		\$14	\$16	
Point		\$14	\$16	
Premier Invitational		\$14	\$16	
Roan		\$14	\$16	
Sable		\$14	\$16	
Senior		\$14	\$16	
Shelter		\$14	\$16	
Contest Costume		\$3	\$3	

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Contest Kissing		\$3	\$3	
Contest Paper Bag		\$3	\$3	
Contest Picture		\$3	\$3	
Contest Tank/Tink		\$3	\$3	
All Contests Flat Rate Per Ferret		\$10	\$10	
<b>Total</b>				

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## SUMMARY OF COSTS

Registrant Name	
Address	
City, State ZIP	
Email/Phone	

	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	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	

Send paper entries "snail mail entries" to:

Pamela Hines Straw  
GCFA Show Registrar  
1506 W Highland Ave  
Chicago, IL 60660

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 results in discounted ferret registration rates. The online form can be found at [ferret.show](http://ferret.show)