



We Are Expecting a Major News Article on Ferret Legalization Tomorrow

A major news service has told me the story is set to release on Monday. Of course, things could always get delayed. But hopefully it will bring in more support. We have revamped the LegalizeFerrets website to meet the need!

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In case you aren't a member, please use this link →
<http://legalizeferrets.org/3000-club/3000-club-signup.php>

Our Apologies. Emailbrain, our email company has been out all day Sunday. I'm using good ol' fashioned Microsoft Word to send this out, but I'm very limited in what I can do this week. Remember our motto – "Never Perfect but Always on Time" ☺

Next Fish and Game Commission is This Thursday

For the third time in as many meetings I will be in front of the Fish and Game Commission advocating they move forward on ferret legalization knowing they will not.

Embassy Suites at Los Angeles International Airport North
9801 Airport Blvd. Los Angeles
Public Comments begin at 8:30am

At the Dec 16th meeting I made the formal presentation which was ignored – you can watch a video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glsi2aP6iiQ>

At the Feb 3rd meeting I told them I never received a response to my official request. President Jim Kellogg said they have covered the ferret issue 4 or 5 times the past ten years and they aren't going to do so anymore. They are "charged with protecting and protection of the public resources, that's what we're going to do and don't have time to waste on ferrets. "They did it in the past and there was a good enough investigation."

But his story unravels easily. This is what is on their website (http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/nuis_exo/ferret/ferret_issues_4.html):

Fish and Game Commission Hearing on Legalization of Ferrets

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The resource you are looking for might have been removed, had its name changed, or is temporarily unavailable.

The California Fish and Game Commission, at its April 6, 2000, meeting in Sacramento, listened to a request by Californians for Ferret Legalization that the Commission consider removing ferrets from the restricted species list. As explained at the meeting, a regulatory action by the Commission is considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, which requires the preparation of an environmental document. Therefore, at the conclusion of public testimony, the Commission directed the Californians for Ferret Legalization, as project proponents, to fund the preparation of the environmental document to assess the potential impact to the environment of this proposed action. ***The Commission would not be in a position to again consider this matter until such an environmental document were prepared*** ([Meeting Summary, agenda item 7](#)).

But follow the link and what do you get? (File Not Found)

§ 6253. Time for inspection of public records; "Unusual circumstances"

(d) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit an agency to delay or obstruct the inspection or copying of public records. The notification of denial of any request for records required by Section 6255 shall set forth the names and titles or positions of each person responsible for the denial.

February 22, 2011

I do not have an estimated time of completion. Also, I believe it is the Commission that is working on this PRA request. They will update me as soon as they've finished I'm sure.

Megan Penick
Public Records Act Officer

February 4, 2011

Re: Public Records Act Request No. 11-02-027

Dear Mr. Wright:

This letter is in response to your Public Records Act (PRA) request received by the Department of Fish and Game on February 04, 2011 seeking copies of records relating to the topic of ferret legalization at Commission meetings over the last ten years.

The Department has determined it will comply with your request by providing you copies of all responsive documents that are not exempt from disclosure.

And that was indeed, the last time they

considered the issue of ferrets.

On February 4th I filed a Public Records Request Act for the minute meetings where the Fish and Game Commission has covered ferrets while Jim Kellogg has been president. The Commission has acknowledged the request but has not produced the minutes. Since it has been nearly a month they are now in violation of the state law.

A search of the meeting summaries listed on their webpage which go back to January 2003 fail to show the word “ferret” listed on any meeting. Please help me out – look over their meetings and see if you can find mention of ferrets (link is at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/meetings/FGCmeetings.asp> then go to each year.)

My goal at Thursday’s meeting is to ask for minutes of the meetings President Kellogg refers to that deal with ferrets, point out our Public Records Request Act has been unfilled, in violation of the law (and you may remember what President Kellogg said about people who break the law... “they need to be punished.)

I am leaving La Mesa (east of San Diego) at 5:15 am to be in LA at 8:30 am – if anyone wishes to go with me, I’ve got room. Or is anyone wishes to address the Commission themselves, feel free. I won’t take longer than three minutes.

Claim Filed in Response to DFG’s “Ferrets Are Voracious Predators”

We finally found the right claim form to make a claim for damages for a statement in the Desert Sun where a DFG wildlife biologist claimed ferrets are “voracious predators” and a threat to the poultry industry. An earlier Public Record Request Act revealed that DFG has no research or documentation to back up that claim – and we supplied research to the contrary, (not accepted of course). Count on the claim being denied (though I did make a strong case) and this going to Small Claims Court. It is hard to imagine that we could get a judgment in Small Claims Court but even taking them to court could embarrass them and generate publicity. And if there truly is justice, we’d win!



Update on Fausto and Superdesolorian kalor fragalistic

I obtained a dose of the new super anti ferret adrenal drug and had the implant done for Fausto last week. Big scary needle but as you can see from the photo he was given a little gas. I believe Fausto was the first ferret to receive the

medication at the Avian and Exotic Animal Hospital. And Dr Jenkins, as promised, here is your plug:

His practice is online at <http://drexotic.com/>

Fausto received a Lupron injection a couple of weeks ago when it looked like we couldn't locate any Superlorin. I have yet to see any change.

For those of you who don't know – Superlorin is the miracle drug (seriously, people are talking about miracle cures but let's wait and see before we get too excited) for treating adrenal disease in ferrets. It affects the communication between the brain and gonads which aren't there in sterilized ferrets. When a ferret is sterilized, that communication is mis directed to the adrenal which then becomes cancerous. We will keep you posted on any updates. If you know your vet is treating with Superlorin please let us know and we will share.

We also heard from Dr Cecil who currently has the drug. We asked him for his information and prices:

Exam \$49

Blood Profile \$130

Suprelorin implant (w/anesthesia) \$300

Price for implant might vary a little depending on Australian exchange rate, shipping, etc.

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Ferret Care Article of the Week:

Sorry I missed last week, but I have had a bad upper respiratory infection and just didn't feel up to writing. This brings up a good point about our babies getting infections from us. There is a bit of debate out there, from the research I have done online, but my vet agrees that it could be possible so there are a few precautions that I, personally, take when I have to handle my babies if I'm sick.

One is that I make sure to wash my hands well with hot water and soap. I also use a hand sanitizer right before I handle them. You know, help them out of the cage, love on them, pet them stuff like that. Because I was also coughing and sneezing a lot, I also wore a mask. They weren't too sure about that at first, but they got used to it. I also used hand sanitizer before handling their food, bedding and even the litter and litter pans. I usually make sure my hands are clean before handling all these anyway, I just made EXTRA sure while I have been sick. Just because I am not feeling well is no reason for them to not get playtime and all the attention they deserve (and expect!).

They have gotten used to the new cage and they love it. I only have to open the bottom door and they have figured out they can get out on their own (well, Honey, the baby still thinks she needs to be helped). The other three come and go as they please from the cage during playtime. Buddy, my oldest, is even learning to go back in the cage to use the litter box!! I wish the 3 girls would take lessons from him. WooHoo!! Talk about progress!! Buddy is the oldest in years, but the newest of my group. Gidget, the oldest of the three girls - and the boss - is finally learning to accept Buddy and I have found all 4 of them sleeping in the same bed most of the time now. Talk about real progress. She still gets on him sometimes, and by 'getting on' him I do mean actually climbing up on his back, grabbing hold of the scruff of his neck and hanging on for dear life!! She just won't leave the guy alone! She has been getting time outs for that lately and it seems to be working. Unless - is she waiting for me to go to sleep at night??? But when I get up in the morning, they are all cuddled together in one bed.

Drop me a line people at legalfuzzies-ferrets@yahoo.com and let me know what topics or issues you would like me to research and report back on.

In the meantime, Pat and the organization can use all our help, support, prayers and anything else you have to offer in the legalization efforts.

In Conclusion

What a frustrating way to get CLIFFNotes out. Thanks EmailBrain for being down all day and not updating your Facebook Status to let us know. Usually I love EmailBrain, but today, not so much!

Plus one of my neighbors has decided to share hodad music with the entire community – so it is almost cocktail time and I'll get this out.

Sorry I don't have the ads and everything else.

Once again, CLIFFNotes is out! Not perfect, but on time!

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