

Survey Title: Pet Store Adoption-Education Events

Q10: If you do go into stores that sell ferrets, how do you feel about that? If not, why not?

Response

We have two local stores that take excellent care of their ferrets. I don't go into the one who refuses to provide proper care for their ferrets. It is just too stressful.

We are NOT welcome.

mainly will go in to check conditions of ferrets ,what information they are providing ,and what support they offer in australia in nsw its next to none and most petshops will recommend feeding fruit and vegetables or bread and milk .

should ban selling ferrets at pet stores- enough in rescues

We would rather know what is happening in pet shops that sell ferrets as we are likely to receive their ferrets through rescue if they don't provide proper information or adoption processes. We look at how they are housed, what they are fed and enquire about diet and what kind of information and guarantee they have for health, temperament etc....

I find it very difficult to contain my emotions !! These stores will sell ferrets to anyone even those who haven't a clue on how to look after them. IT MAKES ME MAD!!

Yes, both local stores sell ferrets, if I did not go in there I would not be going to any pet stores. I wish they did not sell ferrets, but unfortunately it is out of my control.

While we would like to have stores NOT sell ferrets, we try to educate store employees as well as their customers, so that makes it easier to take.

not allowed to sell ferrets in petshops in the uk only on order

We go to Petco because it has lots of traffic, and because participating occasionally makes us eligible (along with our 501(c)3) for grants from the Petco Foundation, which do come in handy.

We don't like it but we know we can't stop it. We just educate to hopefully talk them into adopting from our shelter seems we're the only one in Me. The stores tell us they encourage adoptions but a buck is a buck to them. Our flyers are right beside the ferts for sale.

It pains me to think about the ferret's poor odds of ending up in a forever home with proper care

Too hard for me to see them in there.

I do not like that they are being sold there. They are ill kept, and the staff knows nothing about them. They do not care who they sell the ferrets to.

Pet stores should not sell ferrets or any animals

What's to feel. I am there to educate both the public and the employees.

I wish they didn't sell ferrets, but at least they are encouraging adoption.

Like most shelters, we wish they DIDN'T sell them. But we try to educate both the public and employees while we are there.

I am against ferret "mills" and do not promote stores that sell them

Although I don't like ferrets being sold in pet stores I still go into the store (Petco) because anyone interested in learning about ferrets really needs some with experience to talk to them about all that is involved, not by an employee that may be told to say whatever will get the ferret sold. I also don't believe everyone is capable of fostering/adopting a ferret. When you adopt a ferret their history isn't always known (people do lie) and you may not be aware of any abuse or neglect the ferret has endured and fears they may have. An adopter has to be patient and willing to do whatever is needed to make the ferret feel welcome, loved and secure. I don't believe everyone has this ability, for those people, buying a ferret is better for them.

Hate it. Seriously. I personally have a hard time going in but Maurice doesn't mind. It's just too heartbreaking sometimes and I usually get into an argument with management.

Not happy - many are not groomed -nails cut etc. Promotes breeding - impulse buying

Years ago, maybe 2003-2004, when PETCO started up in Grand Rapids & Holland (MI), I would take one weekend a month and go to GR on Saturday & Holland on Sunday. I would not do November, December, January. When I would start up in February, they acted like they didn't know me (there was such a turnover in those days). Sometimes they would not even have a space cleared for me & I would have to do it myself. Then their manager approached me with the idea of bringing shelter ferrets to the store. They said if I did, they would not sell kits. I agreed with the condition that I would not allow them to be kept in the octagon tank. I suggested they create a room, like the aviary they had, for me to create a proper environment FOR ferrets (a proper cage, bedding, food, litter, toys, play area). It would have a locked door. I would provide volunteers. They balked at the cost & I walked away. It was then I realized when you take ferrets into PETCO and any other pet store that sells ferrets, you are not so much educating as you are free advertising for PETCO.

Because of limited breeders, the public turns to mass breeders. Supply and demand. It is up to us to make sure the stores are taking good care of the babies.

Thankfully most pet stores around my area do not sell ferrets.

The stores we are working with are great about allowing us to clip the nails for the store ferrets and get them out for some exercise. We do not mix with our shelter ferrets.

The staff at the stores we go to are very willing to learn and love the knowledge we give.

I hate it.

we try to educate everyone, we do let people know it is less expensive to adopt than to shop , the stores dont usually say anything