

Survey Title: Pet Store Adoption-Education Events

Q19: Please share any additional comments or thoughts you have on this topic.

Response

promotion is needed for ferrets and rescues
many people dont know there out there or just have the standard ferret few that there mean and evil animals

There are very few ggroups that follow through with the stores but they tend to pick those to raise money for anyway.

I think adoption events are a worthy endeavor and appreciate that our local PetSense store does not sell pets, but does sponsor adoption events at their store a couple times a year. I just do not have the personal time, nor volunteer base, to participate.

I have participated in the past however, and it saddens me that the majority of people that came to see the ferrets, were not interested once they found they had to complete an application and there were no on-the-spot adoptions.

I'd love tips on getting started or a foot in the door without being 501

I work full-time and really don't have time to do these, but continue to do so. Sometimes a have a good volunteer set up for me and handle things til I get there. With 30+/- ferrets on meds and supplemental feedings, I can't get anywhere early in the am!

Please don't use the term "expert" with ferrets. It gives the conotation one knows everything about a topic and that is impossible when it comes to ferrets since new information is always coming out. I prefer the term "ferret knowledgeable". I came up with that term back in 1987.

It actually seems LESS useful to go on big adoption days because people come for dogs and cats and ignore the ferrets. If we are the only ones there, people will stop a moment and watch them play, which gives the opportunity for discussion.

It would be nice if stores, like Petco, that sell ferrets had signage in that area about their local ferret shelters and promoted "adoption first" policy and for prospective buyers to get education "first".

Unfortunately Petco won't allow us to do adoption days because we are not a 501c3.

I do not encourage anyone to participate in a pet store event because you are not helping yourself out as much as you are providing advertising for the store itself. I do encourage shelters participate at pet fairs/pet expos, etc. because you are among your peers. Also, the people coming to these events are also truly animal lovers. I make presentations at humane society kid summer camps, library presentations, etc. We have a dog sanctuary that has an Open House every year & I take ferrets & have a table. An area church has a Companion Animal Pet Fair as part of their Reverence For Life Sunday (coincides with Earth Day). I set up ferrets in a playpen from 10a-1p on that Sunday. I'm there along with a few other animal groups. The congregation is encouraged to bring their animals for the service, they have a blessing for the animals. It's fantastic. The church takes the collection that day and splits it up among the groups that attend.

Wish we, as shelters, could get samples from food suppliers to hand out.

I know I'm old, cranky & having been doing this way too long, but if all those stores just stopped selling ferrets like hotcakes, "Adoption Events" would be unnecessary.