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Ferret Shelter Forum - Response Needed Please!

Last year we surveyed shelters about holding a Ferret Shelter Forum. (For new Directory participants, [you can read the responses here](#)). We are starting to plan to hold the forum in late summer this year. The Ferret Association of CT applied for and received a grant from Petco to help out with travel expenses to Hartford, CT. We expect to have it using on-site presentations and work-shops. They will be accessible via modern tech tools to deal with the geographic and financial challenges we're up against; as well as the inability of many to leave their charges even for a brief time. Now we need your help to plan, organize and work out the details.

[Here is a link to the information we need within the next 7 days](#). Please give us your input, even if you cannot attend the forum! The goal is to work out a way for almost anyone to attend from anywhere! While not "perfect" people can participate via

computer apps. Hartford has a new state of the art facility that non-profit can rent inexpensively. We will need some intrepid "guinea ferrets" to test it out! So please reach out to anyone you know who loves tech challenges! Email your responses, ideas, suggestions to LVGruden@FerretAssn.Org by February 7th so we can, at the very least, lock in the date.

Free Ferret Bedding

The free ferret bedding FACT sent out in late November went fairly smoothly. 17 parcels with over 125 pounds of new and used bedding and a few toys went out to 16 shelters who sent in requests. Vanessa and I tried our best to divide up piles of bedding from our member's stash as best we could along with supplemental donations we received. Most acknowledged receipt. We hope all were able to put most or all to good use or at least share with others.

We have enough for two additional shelters - probably 6 to 9 pounds of bedding each. No Della beds, but all in good to very good used condition. If anyone can use it, please email Vanessa at LVGruden@FerretAssn.Org. It goes to the first two shelters who request it.

Twitter Poll Results

We received only 9 responses to our Twitter Poll. I've posted the responses in the Resources section of the Shelter Directory - under [the Survey Results Tab](#). Other than most of us being busy, seems it isn't just Twitter that finds 140 characters of text limiting! It will be interesting to see if plans to change the platform will have any effect. FACT does have followers, and it has its uses (though limited). By "attaching" to your FACEBOOK posts, you can eliminate the extra work of having yet another social platform.

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Best wishes for the New Year and we look forward to hearing from you!

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Note: Previous newsletters and surveys/results are stored under the Directory Menu tab [Shelter Portal](#). Feel free to share the information.

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