

Ferret Shelter Forum GRANT DEADLINE July 1, Petco Grant Deadline,
Directory Updates



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Ferret Shelter Forum Grant Deadline - Fri., July 1

If you want to attend or send a representative to the August 27th [Ferret Shelters Forum in Hartford](#), Friday, July 1 is the deadline to [apply for transportation financial aid](#).

These funds are offered specifically to help existing and startup shelters attend. There is a simple, 1 page application asking only for basic info; an estimate of total travel costs; and how much help you need to attend. Decisions will be made by July 15.

We're delighted to announce Forum attendees are already booked from Florida, Chicago and Oregon. Millie Sanders of Texas Ferret Lovers will be one of the workshop panelists. We are still looking to add additional experienced shelters to the

will focus on tips about screening adopters; juggling work and sheltering, dealing with adopters and surrenders; enticing and managing volunteers, especially in a home environment. Here's a chance to share experience and knowledge. Call Vanessa at 860-247-1275 to chat. If you can't attend in person, perhaps you want to add some thoughts/ideas remotely, or outline them on paper to share with your peers. If you found something that works, or tried something that didn't, let us know. We expect to record the presentations and panels.

Petco Foundation Grant Cycle Deadline July 15

A reminder about the Petco Foundation. The foundation's current grant program can possibly help, even if you are a network-based shelter.

Shelters can apply for event sponsorship, a particular program, or just general funds to help animals get adopted. You could ask for help funding a pet food pantry, to pay vet bills for animals that arrive with health needs, or to help promote adoptions.

Unlike years past, the Petco Foundation will now help fund salaries. If, for example, you're tech-challenged and hiring someone to post your animals online will help them get adopted, ask for help from the Foundation! Last year FACT received funding to provide rabies shots and ear mite medicine for our adoptees.

[Here are detailed application instructions.](#)

Are you in Alaska, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Washington, or Wisconsin?

Here's a new grant opportunity that crossed our path. If you are in one of these states and have (or can initiate) a relationship with a local or statewide SPCA, get in touch with them with details about the following program. See if you can work together to help ferrets and garner grant support for the effort..

ASPCA Northern Tier Shelter Initiative Coalition Grants Program

The ASPCA Northern Tier Shelter Initiative Coalition Grants Program is providing support to local, state, or regional coalitions of organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin that are working together to improve and advance animal welfare in their communities. Priority will be given to coalitions working toward long-term, systemic, and sustainable community and regional

that increase capacity to provide quality animal care and services as well as programs that increase coalition live release rates or decrease shelter intake. Coalitions must include at least two established 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal welfare organizations, tribal authorities, or governmental organizations. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time. Visit the [ASPCA website](#) to learn more about the program.

Ferret Shelter Directory Refresh

If you haven't looked recently, there is a new look to the individual Directory listings. Rather than a single page for a shelter's information, there are now "tabs" under each shelter. The initial tab provides the shelter overview; the second houses the Google map; and the third if for the Contact form.

We hope you agree it's a cleaner presentation. Will be doing more face-lifting as time allows over the summer.

Email Clean-up

I'll be cleaning up the Directory email list over the summer as well. We have had folks register for the Directory, but not register a shelter or register multiple email addresses. Reminder, we can only have 1 registration per listing though we can add as many folks from your organization as you would like to the directory mailing list. I just need to find a better way to identify them. So, heads up, you may receive a separate mailing verifying participation in the Directory to tidy things up.

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Best wishes to all and look forward to meeting some of you at the Ferret Forum in August!

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