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Manitoba Ferret Association  
& No Kill Shelter  
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## To provide the best possible care to all ferrets.

### Application for Adoption

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Retired/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU RENT OR OWN YOUR HOME/APPARTMENT      YES                  NO

ARE YOU PREPARED TO PROVIDE PROOF THAT PETS/SPECIFICALLY FERRETS ARE ALLOWED IN YOUR RENTAL UNIT?

YES                  NO

1.      Have you owned ferret(s) before?                  YES                  NO

2.      Do you have ferret(s) now?                          YES                  NO

Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what happened to them? \_\_\_\_\_

3.      Do you have other pets?                                  YES                  NO

List other pets: \_\_\_\_\_

4.      Do you have children?                                  YES                  NO

Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What do you have in the way of supplies for your ferret?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you have at least two hours every day to exercise your ferret? YES NO

7. Ferrets are expensive to look after. Do you have the financial means to take your ferret to a qualified vet for its annual distemper vaccinations and check-ups, provide high quality ferret/kitten food from our recommend choices, use only safe pellet style litter, meat based treats, safe non vinyl toys and a suitable ferret cage or ferret dedicated room? Please explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you and your family prepared to commit to being the caregiver of this ferret for its full life including lifestyle changes such as having a child or changing residences? YES NO

9. What gender and or color preference to do have?  
MALE FEMALE COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Would you take a bonded pair? YES NO

11. Are you prepared to leave your name on a waiting list if no ferrets are available at the time of your inquiry? YES NO

\*I have answered the above questions truthfully. I have researched information on ferret care needs and or I am prepared to educate myself on ferret care needs prior to acquiring a ferret.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Shelter Operator: \_\_\_\_\_



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### MANITOBA FERRET ASSOCIATION ADOPTION AGREEMENT FORM

FERRET \_\_\_\_\_

FERRET \_\_\_\_\_

1. I am adopting the ferret(s) to be a companion animal to myself and/ or my immediate family and that I am not a dealer of animals. I will not under any circumstances allow this ferret(s) to be given away as a gift, prize or premium. I will not use this ferret for the purpose of ritual, rite or medical experimentation. I will not allow this ferret (s) to be declawed, as I understand that this is extremely detrimental to its health.
2. I understand that the ferret(s) I am adopting from the Manitoba Ferret Association Shelter have been altered and vaccinated against Canine Distemper. This/these ferret(s) are healthy to the best knowledge of the Manitoba Ferret Association Shelter and are being adopted in good faith. I accept this ferret(s) "as is" with all its faults as well as its values.
3. I agree to have this/these ferret(s) taken to a knowledgeable veterinarian once a year for a clinical examination and for distemper vaccines. The rabies vaccine is optional. I also agree that if this/these ferret(s) are ever injured or ill, I will have them cared for by a knowledgeable veterinarian. I agree to keep this/these ferret(s) as healthy as possible and attend to their medical needs.
4. I agree that I will never hit, throw or otherwise abuse or mistreat this/these ferret(s). I agree to discipline and train this/these ferret(s) by humane methods that will not cause physical or emotional damage to the ferret(s). I am aware that the Manitoba Ferret Association Shelter is dedicated to helping members train their ferret(s) in humane methods and that I can contact the MFA for any advice or training techniques that may be required.
5. I agree to never place this/these ferret(s) in any dangerous situation that may cause harm to the ferret(s). Examples - ferrets must never be taken outside without a harness and leash, must be transported by carrier in all vehicles and are never left alone with strangers, children, unknown animals, etc).
6. I agree to house this/these ferret(s) in a secure cage and or ferret- proofed room whenever I cannot supervise this/these ferret(s). I also agree to provide this/these ferret(s) with a minimum of two hours play time each day and that I will carefully monitor their activity so as to prevent injury or harm to this/these ferrets.

7. I agree to provide this/these ferret(s) with a high meat protein, good quality dry food and give them unlimited access to their food until the ferret(s) reaches four - five years of age. After this, I understand that I should switch over to a mixture of high quality kitten and cat foods as befits an aging ferret. I also agree to feed this/these ferrets only safe treats. I will not feed my ferret(s) nuts of any kind; high salt or high sugar treats.

8. I agree not to offer this/these ferret(s) any toys that can harm them - example no soft rubber, plastic or erasers and no items small enough to be swallowed by a ferret.

9. I agree that if this ferret(s) should wander from my care and become lost I will notify the MFA shelter immediately. I shall follow the instructions outlined in the "What to do if your ferret goes missing" checklist.

10. I agree that once the ferret is adopted by me I am solely responsible for its behaviour and agree that the Manitoba Ferret Association shall be held blameless in case of accidents or bites involving the ferret or damage to property.

11. I realize I have 30 days from the date of adoption where the Manitoba Ferret Association will cover the ferret's health problems excluding any injuries/blockages incurred at the new home. I will immediately contact the Manitoba Ferret Association Shelter for instructions on which shelter referred vet clinic to take my ferret(s) to. I accept that the Manitoba Ferret Association will not cover medical costs other than at the designated clinic.

12. I attest that I am of legal age to be a party to this contract in Canada.

13. I agree not sell, give away or trade this/these ferret(s) if I cannot care for them any longer. I understand that the Manitoba Ferret Association Shelter offers a 100% REFUND within the first thirty days to all adopters and that I may return this/these ferret(s) to the shelter if I am unable to care for them any longer. Ferrets adopted in pairs or larger groupings must ALL be returned together. After the thirty day period the refund is no longer valid but I understand that I am still obligated to return this/these ferret(s) (pairs, groups) to the Manitoba Ferret Association Shelter if I can no longer care for them.

14. I understand that in order to adopt this/these ferret(s) I must become a member of the Manitoba Ferret Association.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read, understood and agree to comply with all the conditions set forth in this adoption contract. I agree to maintain my ferret(s) in a quality, healthy and non-abusive manner. I agree to provide the Manitoba Ferret Association Shelter with any changes in address etc. that may affect the Manitoba Ferret Association's ability to locate me if necessary. I also understand that if the Manitoba Ferret Association Shelter feels that I am mistreating or otherwise putting my ferret(s) in jeopardy, they have the legal right to take custody of the ferret(s) into the shelter and said ferret may be adopted into an approved home. I also understand that if I can no longer care for this/these ferret(s) and return them to the Manitoba Ferret Association Shelter, the Manitoba Ferret Association Shelter is not required to inform me of their new adoptive home(s), health or any other information pertaining to the well-being of this/these ferret(s).

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopting ferret owner

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF SHELTER OPERATOR