

# Little Dudes Ferret Ranch

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## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Little Dudes Ferret Ranch (herein called LDFR). Our organization is comprised of volunteers donating their time and services for which we depend on to keep the shelter operating and the ferrets cared for. All of our volunteers are appreciated regardless of how much time they have available to give.

The purpose of this application is to determine your level of ferret knowledge and experience. All information obtained will be used for this purpose and will not be shared with anyone outside our organization. By completing this form, we can better match your interests with available shelter activities. Please take a moment to answer to questions below so we can learn more about you.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call? \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (If under 18, please have a parent or guardian sign giving their permission for you to volunteer)

Do you have any pets now? \_\_\_\_\_ What type/how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Are they spayed/neutered? \_\_\_\_\_ Current on vaccines? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain how/where your pets are housed (i.e., indoors/outdoors, garage, etc.) :  
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Have you ever owned a ferret before? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, do you still have him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what happened to him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of experience have you had with ferrets? (breeding, showing, pets, volunteering) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ How many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Which days & how many hours per week/month would you like to volunteer? (Check all that apply)

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Available on short notice? YES / NO

What activities are you interested in? (check all that apply):

**Administrative:**

- Checking voice mail and/or email (answer questions & forward to appropriate staff member, etc.)
- Performing ferret intakes
- Making appointments (surrenders, boarders)
- Adoption Advisory
- Calling on **FREE** ferrets in newspapers / on-line
- Offering advice and assistance to ferret owners selling their ferrets
- Organizing shelter records and supplies
- Transporting ferrets to doctor or picking up from rescue/animal control

**Specialized Ferret Care:**

- Handling Biters
- Scaling Teeth
- Administering vaccines
- Fostering healthy ferrets when shelter is at capacity
- Fostering sick ferrets
- Force Feeding
- Administering Oral Medications
- Administering SQ or IM Medications and/or fluids as prescribed

**General Ferret Care:**

- Bathing
- Cleaning Ears
- Clipping Nails
- Playing with Ferrets

**Skilled:**

- Ferret Related Art
- Photography
- Writing (newsletter articles, press releases, brochures, grant writing)
- Computer (web design, data entry)
- Public Relations (education, publicity, presentations)
- Fund raising/event coordinating

**Shelter Care:**

- Cleaning Cages
- Cleaning Other Areas of the Shelter
- Cleaning Litter Pans
- Washing Laundry
- Washing Cages to be sold to the public
- Changing bedding
- Filling Water Bottles and food bowls

**Other skills:**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), hereby agree to abide by the following policies during the time I am volunteering for LDFR:

- 1) I understand it is my decision to volunteer at LDFR and will not hold LDFR liable for any damage, injury or harm caused directly or indirectly through my volunteer activities with LDFR.
- 2) I will remember that in all my dealings with the public as a volunteer, I am representing LDFR and the public will consider my words and actions regarding rescue representative of the attitude and position of LDFR as an organization. If I enter into activities of a political or controversial nature, I am doing so as an individual and separate from LDFR.
- 3) I understand that as an individual, I cannot enter into agreements for the organization; any such activity will be forwarded to the Board of Directors.
- 4) I accept full responsibility for expenses incurred by myself as a volunteer for LDFR. Although I may be reimbursed by LDFR, I must have prior approval from an officer of the Board of Directors as well as the necessary documentation and receipts.
- 5) I will always remember that I represent a non-profit organization and cannot profit from any activity related to the organization.
- 6) I understand that LDFR cannot guarantee or be held responsible for the health, behavior or temperament of the ferrets I may handle. I have been fully advised and I accept the risk that I could expose my own personal ferrets to disease/illness by volunteering at LDFR. I am aware that ferrets may cause personal or property damage and I agree to keep the ferrets in my care securely contained.

I understand and agree to all of the above. I also understand that this form must be received and approved before I may volunteer at LDFR:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Shelter Use Only:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff member/Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_