

# Morning Starr No-Kill Animal Sanctuary

an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization

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Newsletter



## CPR for Animals

I have written about this before but I don't think it can be mentioned too many times. Please take a moment to visit our web site at [www.morningstarr.org](http://www.morningstarr.org) and on our homepage there is a short video showing CPR on a dog. Please view it a few times so that you become familiar with the procedure. If you are unable to take a full time course it is there to help you to feel more confident if something should happen to a pet. This procedure can be used on cats and ferrets too!

Animals can sense your unease, but cannot understand what is happening. You cannot verbally tell them. Your body language is very important. Be calm, yet deliberate in your actions.



## A.J., CALVIN, POPCORN, ROGUE & FEISTY ADOPTED!!

We are happy to announce that ALL these ferrets were adopted! A.J. and Calvin went to a great home in the Phoenix area in January. Their new owners were willing to drive 2 hours in the rain to get up here to adopt them. Popcorn, Rogue and Feisty were adopted to a wonderful home in the Waddell area. They also drove a long way to get their new fuzzies.

We are so happy for all you guys! With all this happy adoption news that brings our ferret population down to only our older or sick ferrets. Marshmallow who has had surgery for a growth on her tail, Cocoa who is a little older guy who is Marshmallow's play mate, Cisco who is over 7 years old and is now in assisted living, Eddie and Murphy who are an older pair. These ferrets will stay with the sanctuary as adoption is too stressful for them at this time in their lives. They could always use sponsors who want to help with their care. We have also adopted out over 25 ferrets by being a resource for people looking for a new home for their ferrets and people who are looking to adopt ferrets.



## A DONATION BUCKET AT OLSEN'S GRAIN IN CLARKDALE, AZ

We have placed a donation bucket at Olsen's Grain in Clarkdale. Sometimes it is easier to donate a product that we need then to give money. A bale of Alfalfa is only around \$8-9, or a bag of rabbit food around \$12, etc. If you want to donate an item you can do so while you are there or call them and make a donation to Morning Starr on your credit card. They know what we usually use so if you are not sure of what to donate just ask them. If you want a receipt then make sure you give your mailing address or email. Many people have already helped in this way, so thank you! We pick up the donations once a week and are so grateful for the bags of feed and hay that have already been donated to us. Olsen's phone number is 928-649-3900.

## FERRET CARE TIPS

### Den /cage

For the ferret den, use a wire cage that's at least 18" long, 18" deep, and 30" wide. Bi-level cages with stairs or ramps, shelves and hammocks are appreciated, as well as either carpet or linoleum tiles on the floor. Do not use aquariums due to poor ventilation. I weave fabric through the stairs so their feet do not get caught. The cage should have a secure latch and openings no larger than 1" x 2". Avoid wire, wood, newspaper or cedar chips. The cage should be kept in a cool, shaded area where temperatures range from 55 to 70 degrees.

### Litter Box

Use a small plastic tray, or special high back litter boxes and fill it with litter pellets made from paper or plant fibers. Attach it to one side of the cage, away from sleeping and eating areas. Clean often. Do not use cat litter as it is toxic to ferrets.

### Play Time

Play time is important! Ferrets love to crawl through almost anything, including PVC piping, cardboard boxes, paper bags, clothes dryer hoses, and even denim blue jeans. Some ferrets love toys that make noise, are fuzzy or just easy to carry around. Make sure there are not small pieces that can be chewed off. They are very social and love the interaction with other ferrets, family pets and you.

### Diet

Quality ferret diet contains at least 34% animal meat protein and 22% fat. Cat and dog foods are not recommended. Approved snacks: chicken or turkey. AVOID vegetables, fruits, egg whites (albumin) and raw onions. Special "Duck Soup" is good for the older or sick ferret. Recipe can be found on our website homepage. Click on the link *recipes*.

### Handling

Ferrets enjoy supervised time outside their cages within a secured area. A ferret has limited vision, so owners should avoid sudden movements, use a gentle voice and handle the ferret carefully. When picking up a ferret, let him come to you, then lift him from behind with one hand supporting his chest and one cradling his hips. You may also grasp the scruff of a ferret's neck and support his bottom with your hands.

### Cleaning

Spay or neuter your ferret to minimize odors, and change the bedding frequently. Bathing a ferret with kitten shampoo, ferret shampoo, or diluted baby shampoo may also help, but too many baths will backfire and cause the animal's scent and oil glands to work overtime. Every few weeks, clean the ferret's ears with a cotton swab soaked in a pet-specific ear cleanser. You may also wish to talk to your veterinarian about preventative treatment for fleas, ticks and ear mites. Clip nails approximately every 2 weeks. At the top of our homepage at our website is a link to [expertvillage.com](http://expertvillage.com) where I demonstrate how to cut the nails.

Ferrets Love Toys,



places to hide in,



safe places to play,



and a nice big  
Cage



## SOOTHING FOR SORE EARS!

**GARLIC & GOLDENSEAL OIL MIXED EQUAL PARTS WITH  
TEA TREE OIL**

Ear problems are very common in most animals. The liver, a primary organ often affected by allergens, metabolic waste and chemicals, has a special relationship to the eyes and ears. As the liver becomes burdened the ears begin to exhibit symptoms associated with toxic reactions. They become more prone to irritation (waxy build-up, pustules, rashes, etc.) from grasses, pollen, mold, urea, yeast, sugar, vaccinations, parasites, bacterial or viral organisms, pesticides, food stabilizers and various other chemicals. Therefore, a clean body (liver) is vital to the reversal of ear problems.

Ear conditions often occur during warmer weather when animals might have an allergic sensitivities, are bathed or swim more. Water may become trapped in the ear canal, encouraging bacteria and yeast to grow there, followed by an ear infection. Foxtails and other foreign bodies may also become lodged in the ear. Always check first to see if you can find anything in the ear and remove it prior to treatment.

Proper ear care is of utmost importance to an animal's wellness. What I use for my dogs is Garlic & Goldenseal oil mixed equal parts with Tea Tree oil. This mixture is great for all types of infections and can reduce the discomfort of ear infections. Always talk with your vet and let them know what natural remedies you are planning on trying or are currently using.



## Greyhounds

Greyhounds of the Verde Valley has many wonderful greyhounds ready for adoption. They are also looking for foster homes and dog walkers. Please consider Blackjack or any other! If you are interested in adopting or fostering please contact:

Greyhounds of the Verde Valley, Inc.  
P.O. Box 4453, Cottonwood, AZ 86326  
Donna 928-634-7765  
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a new search engine powered by Yahoo!, and raise a penny or more for us every time.

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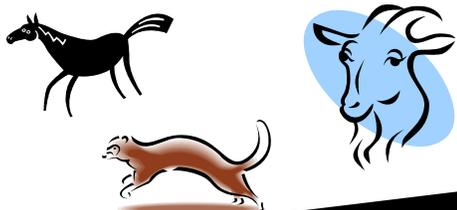
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<http://morningstarr.petfinder.com>



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**Thank you in advance for your generous gift.**



## Help! We Always Need Lots Of Stuff!



- **Alfalfa Hay** or any other feed may be purchased at Olsen's Grain. If you leave your name and address, a tax receipt will be sent to you. Call Olsen's at 928-649-3900 they know exactly what we need.
- Halters, lead ropes, new or used.
- **Lots of Equine Sr. for the Sr. horses.**
- **Corral Panels**
- Timothy hay for rabbits.
- COW STUFF
- **Horse corral panels**
- Surgical bandages and equipment.
- Ferret pine pellet litter (must be wood pellets).
- Ferret Hammocks and baby blankets, litter boxes (small), ferretvite.
- **STRAW**
- **A BIG FARM TRACTOR**
- Goat Cob, sweet feed.
- **Ink cartridges (will pick up)**  
\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Any amount is appreciated.

We need corral panels! Anyone who has any, old, new, rusty, it does not matter. Will pick up.



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