



Hungarian Ferret Club Exhibitors' Guidebook

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The Ferret Exhibition

Welcome on the exhibitions of the Hungarian Ferret Club. This guidebook explains the system of the Hungarian Ferret Club's exhibitions. We hope you'll find it useful. If you still have questions after reading the guidebook, please ask us on +36 70 500 0060 or at the info@mvk.hu e-mail address.

Participating on a ferret exhibition is a good fun and you can learn a lot. The judging procedures and the results of the categories may help you how to keep a ferret healthy. You meet other ferret owners and you can exchange experiences, news, ideas, tricks.

We await everyone on the exhibition. Every ferret may enter the beauty contests, and may win regardless of origin, ancestry or pedigree. From the judges' view it doesn't matter if the ferret is from a pet shop, from a private breeder or from a shelter. The limitations are only about age and health.

You may get information about the date of the events on the <http://www.mvk.hu> homepage, the +36 70 500 0060 phone number or the info@mvk.hu e-mail address.

Application

To enter one of the categories you have to register your ferret. You may also attach the registration form with the entry form.

Any ferret may enter the beauty contest categories, but chipping is required for ferrets entering the breeding exam category.

You will need the following information to fill the registration form:

- The name of the ferret: Please give the full name of the ferret. If he/she has a „family name”, or other full name, please use that as well.
- The gender of the ferret: If the ferret is neutered/spayed, you must mark that, too. Vasectomized males cannot enter the breeding exams, but they may enter the beauty contests in the intact category.
- The birth date of the ferret: Give the year/month/date if possible. If not known, give the year/month estimation and use that date in the future. If you have no idea about the birth date of your ferret, give a year estimation, please.
- The colour of the ferret: If you aren't sure, you may attach a good-quality photo to the registration. The colour may be sable (dark), beige (light coloured), albino (white with red eyes), and silver (with mixed black and white guard hairs). If your ferret doesn't have a white marking, then his/her pattern is „standard”, and if you don't know the fur length of your ferret then he/she is most probably „short-haired”.

The following datas aren't required but optional:

- The parents' names: If they are not known, leave the fields empty.
- The breeder's name and address: If not known, leave the fields empty.

The following datas should be given on the entry form:

- The ferret's registration or pedigree number: If you send in your registration or pedigree form attached to the entry form, please leave the field empty.
- The data of the ferret: If you didn't give a registration number, please fill the ferret's datas. If you gave the registration number, you may also fill the ferret's datas but it's not required. Giving the other datas might help us if you gave the registration number incorrectly, or unreadably.
- The owner's data: Please fill the fields as precisely as possible because we might use the datas to contact you about the event.



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- The place and date of the event: This is already filled in the downloadable forms.
- Name of the category: The categories are grouped in two: the breeding exam (with adult category) and the beauty contests.

The entry form and the registration form must be sent by post to the following address:

Magyar Vadászgörény Klub

Hungary, 1078, Budapest, Pf. 75.

You may also give us the forms personally on one of our club-days or other events. If the forms or the payment arrives after the deadline, we cannot guarantee the participation. Paying is possible by bank transfer, in a post office, or in person. The bank account number is:

Magyar Vadászgörény Klub

HU65 - 10102244 - 57022200 – 01000005

(Budapest Bank Rt.)

Limitations

The Hungarian Ferret Club (Magyar Vadászgörény Klub) gives the following requirements about participations:

- All ferrets entering the area of the exhibition (all ferrets, not just the participants) must be above 3 months old.
- All ferrets entering the area of the exhibition (all ferrets, not just the participants) must have valid vaccination records. The records must contain the name, date and serial number of the vaccination. We cannot accept copies of the records, you must show us the original. Verbal evidence is not accepted.
- All ferrets entering the area of the exhibition (all ferrets, not just the participants) must be in good health, they mustn't have external or internal parasites or contagious health problems.
- Dirty carrier or dirty accessories are not allowed in the area of the exhibition. For the list of proper accessories, see below.
- Ferrets that have stitches or are after surgery, if they are in estrus or is pregnant, pseudo-pregnant or lactating may not enter the area of the event. The size of the vulva must be below 4 mm.
- On the judges' decision the biting ferrets may be disqualified if the behaviour prohibits the judging.

Further preparations

A good owner makes sure his/her ferret is in good condition way before the exhibition's date. The following factors impact on the ferret's health and appearance, thus his/her results:

- **Feeding:** The ferret needs not just ferret kibble but also raw meat. A ferret's diet have requirements (min. 32% protein, min. 18% fat) for proper health. Poultry and other meat should be preferred over ingredients of vegetable origins.
- **Exercise:** assure that the ferret plays at least 3-4 hours a day. The peoper excercises give good bone and muscle structure, and is important to fill the ferret's social needs.
- **Grooming:** The regular grooming helps the ferret keeping his/her health and well-being. Cut the ferret's nails regularly, clean his/her ears, brush his/her coat. The lack of regular grooming is well recognizable for the judges. Do not overgroom the ferret thou. A ferret should remain ferret.



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Preparations before the event

A few days before the event you might do some things to assure your ferret's best condition:

- **Claws:** Two-three days before the event cut the ferret's claws. This assures that on the day of the event the claws will not be sharp. If the claw's cutting edge is still sharp on the day of the event, you may try filing the edges, for the sake of the judges' hands. Cut the nails on all four legs. Do not cut very much, only cut the end of the nail so the ferret will still be able to use the claws for walking. Do not cut in the pink part of the nail. Nail polishing or other chemical beautifiers should be penalized.
- **Fur:** When washing the fur the primary consideration is that the ferret must remain natural. The ferret should keep his/her own smell and the fur should not be damaged by the treatment. The ferrets who have unnatural smell or are treated with deodorants will be penalized. The ferrets whose fur is unnaturally treated (coloured, whitened, etc) will be penalized, too. Cleaning the fur is also possible with changing the bedding more regularly.
- **Ears:** You may clean the ferret's ears on the day of the event. Be careful when cleaning the ears, do not push the wax in the inner ear. Do not clean the very inside of the ear, only clean where the judges may see it. If the ear of the ferret is cleaned more than advised and it hurts the ferret the ferret may be penalized.

You must visit your veterinarian max. 3 days before the event and ask for a health certificate. The certificate must contain the last vaccinations of the ferret, and the text that the ferret is healthy, free of parasites. The health certificate may be found in the appendix of this book, too.

Packing

You may use this list when packing for the event:

- Grooming kit: nail clipper, brush, ear cleaning solution, q-tips, cotton balls.
- Carrier (No more than 60x60 cm in size) with:
 - Bedding (no hammocks in judging carrier, please)
 - Litter pan
 - Food dish
 - Water bowl
 - Safe toys
- Cage cover
- Extra bedding
- Food
- Litter
- Litter shovel
- Paper towels
- Disinfectant
- Leash and harness
- Vaccination record (original, with canine distemper and rabies shots)
- Health certificate (not older than 3 days)
- Money



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Travelling

The ferrets cannot stand heat well. If possible, travel in an air-conditioned vehicle if the weather is hot. Be careful the ferret's carrier is not on direct sunlight. Be careful the ferret's water dish will not leak during the travel.

Check-in

When you arrive, your ferret will be checked whether he/she is a participant or not. We check if the ferret's health certificate and vaccination records are correct. If we find any problems with a ferret, we will not allow them to enter the event's area.

Vaccination records: All ferrets entering the area of the exhibition must have proper vaccination against canine distemper and rabies. The vaccination must not be older than 1 year. We will check the name, date and serial number of the vaccination. Verbal evidence or copy is not accepted. If there is any problem with the vaccination of the ferret, he/she may not enter the exhibition's area.

Placement: The ferret may be put in a cage, a wire cage or in a carrier. The carriers should have proper air ventilation and have escape-proof doors. The cages, carriers must not be rusty, wires must not be bent, and have a solid bottom. Urine or fecal matter must not be present on/in the cage/carrier (except in the litter pan), the bedding, food and water dishes must be clean. The cages and carriers should not be too big and doors opened to the front should be preferred over doors that open on the top. It's advised to cover the side and the back of the cage. The carriers, cages should have a writing that says: „Do not put your finger in the cage, please” (In Hungarian: „Ne nyúlj a ketrecbe!”) Food and water must be always available for the ferret. The ferret must also have a litter pan. Paper litter is allowed, clay litters are not advised. We advise the granulated wood litter. The litter pan and bedding should be cleaned in 24 hours before the event, and bring extra bedding for accidents. Before the judging, the ferret will be in a separated area, in his/her carrier, so he/she will be closed for a longer time. Make sure he/she will not feel uncomfortable during this time.

Preparations before entering the ring

After your ferret passed the health checks, you will be given one or more entry number. Please check that you've got a number for each category and ferret. If you have more than one ferrets, you might mark your ferret's name on the back of the paper. Check the time schedule to see when will you have to appear in the ring.

You should set up your cages as soon as possible and put as many carriers on top of each other as possible, if there isn't enough place. Please be considerate to the other exhibitors. If you get into contact with other ferrets, wash your hands, possibly with a disinfectant.

Listen the announcements during the exhibition. Be prepared when your ferret's category is called – being late may be penalized by score reduction or disqualification. The time schedule may not be always correct, and there are places where the announcements are less noticeable, so if you are unsure about when will your category be called, ask the organizers.

Etiquette

Keep the children under control. They should not run in the exhibition's area.

Watch your ferrets.

Do not put your ferrets on the ground unless it's an area specifically marked for them.

Be patient with other exhibitors.

No smoking on the exhibition's area, please.



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No other animal is allowed in the exhibition's area (except service dogs)

Only the selected people may enter the judging ring. It will be marked visibly, and it contains the judge's table and a few meters around it. The ring will be small enough so the judges' comments will be heard, but large enough so the judge may consult the helpers, assure a peaceful condition for the judged ferret, and give enough air for the judge and the helpers.

The breeding exam

The aim of the breeding exam is to filter ferrets not advised for breeding, and help the private breeders by determining the value of the ferret. The aim of the judging is to determine breedability for which the base is health, behaviour and good-looking.

Attending a breeding exam category is only available if the ferret is in the Hungarian Ferret Club's pedigree database. Requiring the pedigree sheet is not necessary but the ferret's data should be registered by the pedigree form. The ferret must be chipped for proper identification. The ferret must be over 10 months old.

Fix the entry number of the ferret on the carrier and place the ferret in the gathering area when requested.

The scoring is done by three judges who judge separately from each other. The steward takes the ferrets from the gathering area to the ring. The owner of the ferret may check his/her ferret in the gathering place (after asking for permission from the stewards) but may not enter the judging ring.

The judge will examine the ferret, will give comments and informations about scoring to the scribe. The scribe notes the comments, the qualification and calculates the score of the ferret. The ferret then go back to the gathering area so the second, third judge can examine him/her, too.

The final score and qualification of the ferret is calculated by the average of the judges' scores. There is no winner in the breeding exam categories and there is no award given. The award is that you get the comments and scores of each judge. The results of the breeding exam is not public.

The Beauty contests

The beauty contests give a judging procedure where the healthiness and outfit of the ferret is judged.

The categories are the following:

Dark intact male, dark intact female, dark pet, dark kit,
beige intact male, beige intact female, beige pet, beige kit,
albino intact male, albino intact female, albino pet, albino kit,
patterned intact male, patterned intact female, patterned pet, patterned kit.

If there aren't enough participants, certain categories may be grouped based on the decision of the breeding board.

Dark colours are: blackself, standard black (black sable), standard brown (sable), standard chocolate, solid black, solid brown, solid chocolate, black point, brown point (sable point), chocolate point.

Beige colours are: standard pastel, standard cinnamon, solid pastel, solid cinnamon, pastel point, cinnamon point.

Albino colour is: albino.

Patterned colours are: All variants of panda, blaze/badger, mitt, silver, DEW in each colour.

Age requirement: Ferrets below 10 months must enter the kit categories. Ferrets above or exactly at 10 months must enter the adult categories.

Vasectomized males should enter the intact categories.

Entering the beauty contest is only available with ferrets registered in the Hungarian Ferret Club's registration or pedigree database. Requiring the data sheet is not necessary, it is enough if the ferret's registration or pedigree form is filled. Chipping is not necessary, but allowed.



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Fix the entry number of the ferret on the carrier and place the ferret in the gathering area when requested.

The scoring is done by one judge. Multiple judges work on different categories at the same time. The steward takes the ferrets from the gathering area to the ring. The owner of the ferret may check his/her ferret in the gathering place but may not enter the judging ring.

The judge will examine the ferret, will give comments and informations about scoring to the scribe. The scribe notes the comments, the qualification and calculates the score of the ferret. The ferret then go back to the gathering area where they might be recalled or taken by the owner. Please wait the end of the judging before you take your ferret because the judge may recall him/her for further judging.

When all ferrets are judged, the scores and qualifications are calculated. The ferrets qualified as „excellent” are then recalled to determine the winners of the categories. After all categories are judged, the winners of the categories are called in to find the BIS (Best In Show) ferret.

If the ferret doesn't appear when called he/she gets a score deduction. If the ferret doesn't appear until all ferrets are judged, the owner may only ask the judge to judge the ferret if all categories are judged. The given awards may not be recalled even if the ferret gets an „excellent” qualification.

The winners of each category are awarded after the category's judging is done. The BiS award is given at the end of the day. After the awards are given, the organizers take a photo of each winner ferret and their owner. If there are no „excellent” ferrets in a category, the winner award is not given.

About health issues

Every time your ferret becomes in contact with other people, ferret, or material that previously contacted other ferrets, people you must take care of his/her health. To minimize infections, please work with the organizers.

General risks:

- The ferret may get the flu or other infections from a person or a ferret
- ECE (Epizootic catarrhal enteritis): This is a highly contagious coronavirus that is contagious from ferret to ferret. The signs of the disease is green, mucous diarrhea that usually ends in a few days, but sometimes it remains for a long time. The ferret may also vomit, be depressed and dehydrated. There is no vaccination against this. The ECE might be fertile long after the ferret is healed so fertile individuals cannot be filtered.
- Biting: If your ferret bites someone, it might cause problems with the authorities. Be sure your rabies vaccinations are up-to-date.

Responsibility of the organizing group:

- All ferrets entering the rings must have proper vaccinations and health certificate. This assures the ferret was seen by a veterinary before the exhibition and found it healthy. The ferret might have got some disease after the visit, or the disease might have been in a hidden state so we cannot make a 100% promise that no ferret will be contagious at the time of the exhibition.
- Disinfection methods: All judges, stewards and helpers will wear plastic apron and short-sleeved shirt. They must disinfect their hands, table and apron between judged ferrets. They must make sure the ferret doesn't touch their textile clothes, hair or other places where disinfection cannot be carried out easily.

The responsibility of the owner:

- Minimalize contacts: Minimize your ferret's contact with others. Do not let any other person than the judge and the steward touch your ferret or put his/her fingers into the cage. Use a cover to protect the sides of the carrier or cage. Do not touch other people's ferrets. If you touch them, wash your hands with a disinfection fluid. Do not let your ferret climb into other ferrets' carrier or cage. Get a disinfection fluid if possible for these cases.
- Be responsible: If your ferret is sick or believed to be sick, do not bring him/her to the exhibition. The



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stressful surrounding is not good for a sick ferret and it is also dangerous for other ferrets. The responsibility should also be considered if your ferret is not sick but contacts sick ferrets shortly before the event.

- Disinfect at home: After the event, wash your clothes, change your shoes before entering the house. Clean, disinfect the carrier, litter pan you've used. If you can, separate your ferrets who attended the exhibition from the others who've been left at home (the optimal would be a 4 week long quarantine).

Complaints

Complaints should be given in written. About organizing issues the complaints should be addressed to the organizing group. About judging decisions, scoring, awards you should address the Hungarian Ferret Club's Judges' Board. There is no protestation available against the judges' decisions. This means that the given scores, awards or not given awards will not be changed. Protestation is available for errors, like entering the wrong category, in two hours after the judging, by paying the double of the registration fee, in written that should be given to the organizing group's leader. The organizers will decide within an hour. If the protesting was correct, the complaint payment will be paid back.



Magyar Vadászgörény Klub Nevezési lap / Entry form

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Nyomtatott nagybetűvel, vagy írógéppel kérjük kitölteni / Fill with capitals!

Tulajdonos adatai / Owner's data:

MVK tagkártya száma²

MVK member ID²

Név

Name

Cím

Address

Telefonszám

Phone

E-mail

E-mail

A vadászgörény adatai / Ferret's data:

MVK regisztrációs száma²

Breeding registration number²

Név

Name

Születés ideje

Birth date

Chip szám²

Chip number²

Neme¹

Gender¹

Színe¹

Colour¹

nőstény / female

ivaros / intact

vadas / sable

egyéb / other:

hím / male

ivartalan / altered

bézs / pastel

albinó / albino

kedvenc / pet

kölyök / kit

Nevezés adatai / Entry's data:

Rendezvény neve

Name of event

Rendezvény ideje

Date of event

Kiállítási kategória¹

Beauty-contest category¹

**A nevezők számától függően
a kategóriák szükség szerint
összevonhatók**

Depending on the number of
entries, the categories may be
grouped if necessary

III. Közép-európai Vadászgörény Fesztivál

3rd Central-european Ferret Festival

2007. október 14. 9.00 – 18.00

14th of October, 2007, 9am-6pm

Sötét / Dark:

ivaros hím / intact male

ivaros nőstény / intact female

Bézs / Beige:

ivaros hím / intact male

ivaros nőstény / intact female

Albinó / Albino:

ivaros hím / intact male

ivaros nőstény / intact female

Mintás / Patterned:

ivaros hím / intact male

ivaros nőstény / intact female

Tudomásul veszem, hogy a nevezés díjköteles. A nevezési lap benyújtásával egy időben a díjat a Klub számára megfizetem, a befizetést igazoló szelvény másolatát a nevezéshez csatolom. I take notice of the entry fee. I pay all entry fees before sending in the entry form, and attach a copy of the receipt of the payment to the entry form.

Amennyiben a vadászgörény nem regisztrált, nevezési lapjához csatolni kell a kitöltött regisztrációba vételi lapot is. Tenyészszelemlén csak chipezett, ivaros vadászgörény indulhat, de szépségversenyen chip nélküli görény is indulhat. If the ferret is not registered in the MVK database, the registration form must be attached to the entry form. Only intact, chipped ferrets may enter the breeding exam, but ferrets without chip may enter the beauty contest.

Aláírással kifejezetten hozzájárulok, hogy adataimat a Magyar Vadászgörény Klub nyilvántartási célból tárolja, kezelje és feldolgozza. By signing this form I give contribution to the MVK to store, handle and process my data for registration purposes.

Kelt / Place and date:

Tulajdonos aláírása / Owner's signature

¹ Kérjük a megfelelőt beikszelni. / Please mark the correct answer.

² Ha nem létezik, vagy nem tudod, hagyd üresen. / Leave it empty if it doesn't exist or if you don't know.



Hungarian Ferret Club Registration form for foreign ferrets

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Phone: 06 70 555 07 07

E-mail: torzskonyv@mvk.hu

Csak külföldi állatok számára! Only for foreign ferrets! Please, fill with capitals!

Tulajdonos adatai / Owner's data:

Név

Name

Cím

Address

Telefonszám

Phone

E-mail

E-mail

Honlap

Homepage

A vadászgörény adatai / Ferret's data:

Tenyésztő szervezet neve²

Name of breeder organization²

Külföldi törzskönyvi szám²

Foreign registration number²

Név

Name

Születés ideje³

Birth date³

Chip szám²

Chip number²

Neme¹

Gender¹

Színe¹

Colour¹

Mintázat¹

Pattern¹

Szőrzet típusa¹

Fur length¹

Anyja neve²

Mother's name²

Anyja törzskönyvi száma²

Mother's registration number²

Apja neve²

Father's name²

Apja regisztrációs száma²

Father's registration number²

Tenyésztő adatai / Breeder's data:

Név

Name

Cím

Address

Telefonszám

Phone number

E-mail

E-mail

I declare that the ferret identified by the given data is my property.

By signing this form I give contribution to the MVK to store, handle and process my data for registration purposes.

Place and date:

Owner's signature

¹ Please mark the correct answer.

² Optional.

³ If not known, estimate it with month-year or year.