

# Ferret Tales

## Ivy

Ivy, now 6-7 years old, came to us skinny and terrified of everyone and everything. We believe that she had been abused. Following the sudden death of her cage mate, George, she stopped eating and drinking entirely and required hand feeding,

Ivy has learned to trust humans again, but she is still an emotional little girl. To this day, she will stop eating if anything in her life changes, even slightly.

Ivy has recently been diagnosed with insulinoma and requires very regular feeding and medication.

This is the case for many of the ferrets at Ferrets Unlimited Rescue Services. Your support helps us with the medical bills for these old but very sweet souls. Just because they may be a little older doesn't mean they shouldn't be loved just as much as the others! They should shine!



## Sophia

Sophia is about one 1 year old and is our miracle baby!

She was surrendered to us with a "sore on her foot," and the owner could not afford veterinary care for her. He had been treating her foot with peroxide for about a week!

Sophia's foot was so infected and grotesquely inflamed that it didn't even look like a foot! Bone was literally protruding from the wound. In spite of her pain, Sophia was gentle and affectionate and never whined or complained. She just wanted to be held!

We immediately took Sophia to Avon Lake Animal Clinic, where Dr. Krupka recommended amputation of her leg to

ensure that the infection was contained.

Sophia came through her surgery with flying colors and has healed beautifully. She runs and plays like any other ferret and is an inspiration to everyone who meets her. It is still

unclear as to what exactly happened to her foot, but one theory is that her foot got in the way when her former owner opened a door without looking for her. This seems to make sense, given that she is always waiting by a door!

## Tommy Bear

Tommy Bear was an older ferret who came to us via Avon Lake Animal Hospital, where his family took him to be euthanized. They knew he required serious veterinary attention and were distraught because their financial situation was precarious and they could no longer afford to care for him. These were not 'dumpers' — they were caring and loving ferret

people who believed they had no other humane option, given their economic circumstances. Thankfully, Dr. Krupka told them about FURS and encouraged them to surrender Tommy Bear to us.

Tommy required partial amputation of his tail and other veterinary care, which Avon Lake Animal Clinic donated *pro bono*. He then went into foster care.

Sadly, Tommy has since passed on, but his last days were spent in the care of people who loved him, cared for him, and spoiled him shamelessly in his final days.

## Pinkie, Panda Bear, DQ & Big Red

These lovable ferrets were taken from an overcrowded home in Parma Heights. Pinkie required emergency surgery, and he and Panda Bear were taken into permanent foster care because of their age and health.

Big Red and DQ are young, energetic, and up for adoption! They stole the show at our booth at Canine Fun Days at the Metroparks Polo Field in August and are looking for a forever home. They are each about 2 to 2-1/2 years old.

## Mila (Miracle)

Miracle (since renamed Mila by her foster mom) and her buddy Lazarus were placed in a cardboard box and dumped on the doorstep of our Intake Coordinator's home. Her mom

discovered this 'bundle of joy' when she looked out and saw ferrets running around the back yard!

Lazarus has been adopted. Mila remains in foster care; she is now about 4 years old now. She is a beautiful, petite little cinnamon girl

who has undergone successful adrenal surgery and is now on Lupron to control her condition. Her coat is still thin, but growing back. She enjoys playing with some of her other foster siblings, as long as they don't dominate her. Since she is so tiny, she has learned to be 'big' in other ways — like attitude!



## Blanche, Dorothy, and Rose: The 'Golden Girls'

Dumped in the parking lot of Walmart in Medina in a cage with a sign that read, "Free Ferrets," Blanche, Rose, and Dorothy are beautiful, healthy girls, about 2 to 2-1/2 years old. We were contacted by the Medina County Humane Society and immediately went to pick them up.

Blanche had been adopted, and Dorothy and Rose are looking for forever homes!

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