

STA Ferret Rescue

The Ferret Rescue, Racing and PR arm of STARescue Small Animal Welfare

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We are a small group of experienced ferret enthusiasts who, as well as rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming ferrets give up our weekends, bank holidays and evenings to provide ferret racing at various public and corporate events.

This helps introduce people to the wonders of these creatures and raising funds for STARescue, a registered charity based in Sonning and Basingstoke working to rescue and rehome small animals including dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, chinchillas, mice, rats, ferrets, birds and any other animal in need of our care.

Ferret racing is great fun for competitors and spectators alike. If you are looking for an original way to entertain your guests or raise funds at a corporate event or show, then we can help.

Our course consists of 4 sets of clear pipes (specially coated so they don't get warm in the sun) with obstacles such as water pools and see saws for the ferret to negotiate, so spectators can see the ferrets throughout the race. Racing can be held indoors or outside, and spectators also get to meet, stroke and cuddle some of these endearing creatures between races.



The rules are simple, spectators place a bet on the ferret they want to win, and cheer it on as it makes its way through the course. The race isn't over until one ferret has emerged from the pipes and has all four feet on the floor.

Claire and Roy Shuttleworth have been looking after the rescue's ferrets from their home in Sonning since July 2004. Since then at least 800 ferrets (and 8 polecats) have come into their care, with between 150-200 ferrets arriving each year from Hampshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Swindon! We take in all stray and unwanted ferrets, and try our hardest to reunite strays with their owners before we rehome them.

For more information about ferret racing or the rescue visit our website www.starescue.org.uk