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**Subject: Request for Support for Petition 2025-003 on Domestic Ferret Legalization**

Dear CalAnimals Team,

I am reaching out on behalf of LegalizeFerrets.org to seek your support for Petition 2025-003, which we have submitted to the California Fish and Game Commission. This petition challenges the current classification of domestic ferrets as restricted wildlife and requests their lawful recognition as domestic animals, as they are in 48 other states.

As an organization dedicated to supporting the success of animal welfare and sheltering professionals in California, your leadership and advocacy have been instrumental in shaping policies that protect animals and advance their humane treatment. Given your expertise in public safety and humane animal care, we believe that your voice would be invaluable in urging the Commission to re-evaluate their outdated stance on domestic ferrets.

The petition (attached) is supported by extensive evidence, including:

- **Exhibit A & A2:** Legal definitions of domestic animals in California law.
- **Exhibit B:** Proof that ferrets are a domesticated species.
- **Exhibit C:** Civil code provisions that should apply to ferrets.
- **Exhibit D & D2:** Data on ferret bites and the availability of a rabies vaccine.
- **Exhibit E & E2:** Environmental reports confirming the absence of feral ferret populations in California.
- **Exhibit F:** A comparative legal review of ferret regulations across all U.S. states.



- **Exhibit G:** Evidence demonstrating that there are no documented cases of feral ferret colonies in California or any adverse environmental impacts.

We respectfully ask for your organization's support in the form of a letter endorsing our petition. Your endorsement would highlight the importance of aligning California's policies with modern animal welfare standards and ensuring a fair, science-based assessment of domestic ferrets.

We appreciate your consideration and would be happy to provide any additional information you may need. Please let us know if you are willing to lend your support, and we would be honored to collaborate with you on this effort.

Thank you for your time and for all that you do to protect and advocate for animals in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Pat Wright', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

**Pat Wright**

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