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Subject: Request for Editorial Support on Domestic Ferret Recognition

Dear Editorial Board,

I am reaching out on behalf of **LegalizeFerrets.org** regarding an important issue that has long been ignored by the California Fish and Game Commission—the misclassification of domestic ferrets. California remains the only state to ban these widely recognized domestic pets, despite never holding a public hearing, presenting scientific evidence, or allowing a fair administrative review.

For the first time in decades, we have made a breakthrough: **our petition for a regulation change has been accepted for consideration** by the California Fish and Game Commission. The petition has been assigned **Tracking Number 2025-03** and will be **received by the Commission at its April 16-17, 2025, meeting**, with a decision (grant for further consideration or denial) scheduled for **June 11-12, 2025**. This represents a rare opportunity for the state to correct an outdated and unscientific classification.

Despite overwhelming evidence—including peer-reviewed environmental impact studies and historical documentation of ferret domestication—the Commission has historically dismissed our concerns without proper review. This petition hearing is a critical step toward **government accountability and ensuring evidence-based decision-making**.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter with a member of your editorial team who supports **transparent government processes and science-driven policy decisions**. Our full petition and supporting exhibits can be found here:

<https://www.legalizeferrets.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Petition-FGC1.pdf>

<https://www.legalizeferrets.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/AllExhibits.pdf>

Given SCNG’s commitment to taking informed positions on key issues affecting California residents, we hope you will consider lending your voice to this cause. Please let us know if you would be open to a meeting or interview to discuss this further.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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