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Subject: Request for Support – Petition 2025-003 to Reclassify Ferrets as Domestic Animals

Dear Dr. Weitzman,

I am reaching out regarding **Petition 2025-003**, which has been officially acknowledged by the **California Fish and Game Commission (FGC)** and seeks to **reclassify ferrets as domestic animals** in California. Despite being recognized as domesticated pets in **48 other states**, ferrets remain classified as **wild and detrimental** here—an outdated and scientifically unsupported designation that creates unnecessary challenges for pet owners, veterinarians, and animal welfare organizations.

I understand that **ferrets occasionally come into the care of the San Diego Humane Society**, yet due to their current legal status, placement options are extremely limited. This leaves humane organizations in a difficult position, unable to offer these animals the same opportunities for adoption as other domestic pets.

By **supporting Petition 2025-003**, you would be advocating for a **compassionate and practical solution**—one that allows shelters, rescues, and responsible pet owners to **properly care for, place, and protect domestic ferrets**.

How You Can Help

We would be deeply grateful if the **San Diego Humane Society** would consider **submitting a letter of support** to the Fish and Game Commission in favor of Petition 2025-003. Your leadership in animal welfare carries significant influence, and your support could be instrumental in ensuring that **ferrets are given the legal recognition they deserve**.

If you would like to discuss this further or need additional information, enclosed is too much information, but also a “too much to read” version.

Thank you for your time and for your ongoing work to protect and advocate for animals in San Diego. I look forward to your thoughts on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Pat Wright

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