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**Subject:** Seeking expert documentation regarding status of domestic ferrets

I am reaching out on behalf of **LegalizeFerrets.org**, an organization dedicated to correcting the outdated classification of ferrets in California.

We have submitted a **petition to the California Fish and Game Commission** to challenge the wrongful designation of ferrets as "wild and detrimental." Despite ferrets being domesticated for centuries—especially in the UK, where they have a well-documented history in pest control—California continues to treat them as if they are wild animals.

One of our biggest challenges is that **wildlife biologists lack experience with domestic ferrets**, as ferrets are not part of their field. To counter this, we need **expert statements from organizations and individuals knowledgeable about ferret domestication**. Given your expertise and historical records, we are asking if the **National Ferret Welfare Society** would be willing to provide a letter confirming:

1. **Ferrets (*Mustela putorius furo*) are fully domesticated animals** and have been for centuries.
2. **Ferrets are not a wild or detrimental species**, as there are no established feral populations in the UK or elsewhere.

We strongly believe that authoritative voices from the UK, where ferrets have been well-documented in domestic and working roles for centuries, could **significantly strengthen our case**. We would be grateful for any letter or statement you could provide, which we would submit as part of our legal petition.

For more details, here is a link to **our petition and supporting exhibits**:

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

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

If you have any questions or would like more details, I would be happy to provide additional information. Thank you in advance for considering this request—your expertise and historical knowledge of ferrets could make a real difference in our fight for proper recognition.

Looking forward to your response.

Best regards,

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