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|  | State | Membership Association | Bloodlines |
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| Four Paws Wrecking Crew Ferretry | Ohio |  | GermanFinnishEnglish |
| Fuzzy Loving Ferrets | New Jersey |  | FrenchDanishAustrianFinnishScottishEnglishGermanSwedishNew ZealandRussianWelshNorwegianCanadianAngora |
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