

How to Be a Furry

* So you want to be a furry...

...great! Now, all you have to do is read this guide for tips on how to be a good little furry. In case you don't know what a furry is, I'll let you know. The basic label for a furry is an "animal anthropomorph", which means half-man, half-animal of some sort. For example, Bugs Bunny is a furry. (and good fuhd) Of course, you'll want to go beyond that. The kind of furry you're going to be is a yerfer running up and down the mucks shouting, "YIFF!!!"

Still with me? Good. First, let's define a few terms. Yiff is a secret word meaning...well then, wouldn't be secret if I told you now, would it? Just trust me, everyone on a MUCK will love to hear this word. You actually might get to score (however virtually) with a few (hundred) other yerfers. Yiff however, isn't too important at the moment, but keep it in mind for now!

The next step to becoming furry is to have the mandatory art binder, or five. Go to your local office supply store and pick up a few, but don't forget to get some protective clear plastic covers. While you're there, pick up the best color printer they have; the Alps MD-2300 is good. Buy the most expensive model, plenty of ink, plenty of paper, even if you end up maxing all of your credit cards. Next, you'll need to go find some furry art out there on the 'net. You are connected to the 'net, aren't you? Oh yeah, you're on this page, so I take it that you are.

Next, leech every picture you can of furry art. Remember, no matter how bad the picture looks, if you're a furry, it looks GREAT. Never mind what those "mundanes" might think; they just suck for not being as cool as you. Anyway, get a nice download and print routine going, and fill up those binders! NB: Remember, only pictures of a sexual nature are of any real value to the 'furry community'. If it doesn't display an orgy, then why'd the artist bother anyway?

Remember however, if you aren't a furry artist, you're just not quite as awesome as them. You must perform a worship ritual every time you reach one of their personal sites, download their pictures, view their pictures, or print them. Your personal imagination just sucks compared to theirs, and if you can't draw, you are worthless. Be especially thankful if an artist gives you "special pieces" that no one else gets, because they are gods and you are a mere mortal. If you are an artist already, devote your effort and time to producing furry art so others may worship you. Buy a few pieces from the 'gods' at the conventions you'll have to attend. Remember to bring your binders to these events!

Should you have money left over, there's lots of things still left you can buy. Your computer can never be too upgraded; after all, you want your connection to the MUCKs and such to be as fast as possible. And the bragging rights never hurt either. BTW, you'll most likely want some knowledge of computers while you're at it. Many furry discussions get into technical talks, which you'll want to keep up in. This will also help you out when you suddenly follow through on your urges to move to the fabled land of furrydom, "California".

Should you STILL have money left over, go ahead and buy lots of t-shirts, buttons, and other materiale related to your 'species' until you HAVE maxed out your credit card. If you've maxed out your fundings from the previous steps, max out your parents', friends', roommates', and whomever elses' funds. They'll understand. Hopefully.

Remember to never really get to know the species you've chosen. It really makes you look obtuse because you actually cared about your species in the slightest. Since you're a yerfer anyway, it doesn't matter much. Again, repeat the process of running up and down the mucks screaming that magical word, "YIFF!!!" This should elevate you in the eyes of the 'fandom' everywhere. Remember, if you're not on the minds of furies everywhere, you're just not wearing the fur right. Fur should be an instant way of attracting attention to yourself and making yourself special, don't forget this!

Don't forget to abuse the English language on the way to make yourself look cute. Join almost any 'f' and 'r' word, with a 'u'. For example, "furword" instead of "forward", "fur example" instead of "for example". Also, they aren't "persons", but "furons". And so on. If you watch other furs, you'll soon get acquainted with several other cute words that you can abuse until Barney himself would retch. Making cute little sounds in your daily life is optional.

One last note. Anyone with a fursuit deserves about half the worship of an artist, as do server owners and their furry admins. But it's real easy to make a fursuit! Just grab some carpet, a good knife, and make a suit! Duct tape is recommended.

* Going Virtual

Being a furry is usually lonely. But now, with the miracle of the internet, you can chat with fellow furs from across the globe. Most do so with the miracle of MUCKs, which are like the old text game Zork. Of course, this means it was probably quite pointless to upgrade any parts of your machine, except maybe the monitor and the video card to display those pictures. Don't forget a keyboard cover to protect it from spooage, either.

Remember, an avid mucker has a far more interesting character than the real person. So should you. Allow yourself to lie, deceive, and live a life of role playing -- non-stop. Real life is so troubling anyway. And don't worry that you could hurt someone or step on their feelings, it's only virtual. Real life is that boring span of time between MUCKing sessions, or other role playing sessions.

* The Furry Web Page

To have a furry web page, or pages, you have to abide by certain guidelines. They're really simple, and will "furitize" your pages and make them look really cool. First, you MUST be in the FurRing with it's (sickeningly) cute icons. You'll never get any hits on your page without it! Next, you'll need Virtual Vikki's Seal of Approval to make your site the bomb. Nevermind that it really doesn't do anything for your traffic, except maybe direct them elsewhere...wonder where that could be. Anyway, you'll of course need to link to at least 50 distinct furry art archives. However, never provide any material of your own. And certainly never provide anything useful. The only people who get to do this are artists and furry site admins, and even they don't have to provide anything useful.

Now that you've got all this, you might want an accessory or two. Definitely don't support MS Internet Explorer; after all, Microsoft is just evil and their free product will make them millions. Make sure to mark all your pages as Netscape Enhanced, even if they're not really. After all, no one seems to know about the most over hyped browser on the web. Next, you'll want to put in a link button for "Kevin & Kell", a furry comic strip done on the web.

Slap this up on the web somehow, and you've made a furry web page!

-Bad Tiggy

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