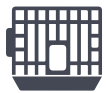


ferret care sheet



Always wash your hands after handling your ferret or its housing to help maintain sanitary conditions.



habitat

Appropriate cage size. Ferrets need plenty of room to play. Ferrets like to climb so a tall cage is ideal. The cage should be escape proof. Up to two ferrets can easily be maintained in a large cage no smaller than 24" long x 24" wide x 18" in height (bare minimum). Provide a corner litter box. Pelleted or recycled paper is recommended. Cedar and pine are not recommended. A sleeping enclosure should always be provided in your ferret's cage, and should be dark and enclosed. Ferrets love sleep and play areas such as slings, hammocks, and shelves should be provided. Be sure all cage furniture is securely attached to the cage.



temperature

The temperature should be kept in their comfort range of between 50° and 80° Fahrenheit or high humidity. Avoid extreme temperatures.



diet

Ferrets are strict carnivores. Their gastrointestinal transit time is 3 to 4 hours therefore they should have easy to digest high-quality proteins and fats. It is very important to avoid high carbohydrates and high fiber foods due to the absence of intestinal flora to break them down. A sign of a fat deficient diet is a dry and dull coat. A dry based food may reduce the incidence of dental calculi build up. A commercial food made especially for ferrets should be provided. There are a number of quality ferret diets available.

DO NOT feed kitten, cat or dog food.



water

Provide fresh, clean, chlorine-free water daily.

shopping list

- appropriate sized cage
- appropriate litter (no cedar or pine)
- ferret food
- food bowl
- water bottle
- ferret treats
- exercise toys
- nest house / hammock
- litter box
- vitamins
- book about ferrets

fun facts

average size

female 12 to 16 inches long **male** 7 to 24 inches long

average life span

up to 8 years

misc. information

ferrets sleep 70% - 75% and play the other 25% - 30%
toys encourage ferrets to be more active & inquisitive
they should visit vets at least once a year

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