

Vet Care

Vet care is similar in scope to dog or cat care. A rainy-day fund is a wise investment.

Clip your ferrets' nails (avoiding clipping the pink vein) every week or two. If your ferret fidgets, add a little Ferretone (found at local pet stores) to his belly to distract him.

Do not bathe you ferret any more than once every two weeks. This will actually make him smell more and will dry out his fur. Protect your ferret from fleas and mites; do not use flea collars as they are poisonous.

Common Signs of illness include:

- Sneezing (cold or flu)
- Vomiting, lethargy, loss of appetite (obstruction, possible poisoning)
- Drooling, weakness, seizures (Insulinoma)
- Frequent urinating, hair loss (adrenal cancer)

Little Mischief Rescue is a new rescue focusing on ferret and rat rescue, welfare & education.

We are 100% run by volunteers.

The main chapter is in Vancouver, BC but we have volunteers throughout the province and as far as WA, OR, ID, CA & SK.

We take in abandoned, abused, or unwanted animals and help them find the loving homes they deserve.

We do not have a shelter, which means all of our animals are housed in various foster homes.

We are committed to providing the best possible care for our animals and, in turn, finding them the best adoptive homes we can.



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Opt To Adopt!

How long do they live?

7-10 years

Are ferrets destructive?

Ferrets may dig at the carpet near doors when young. Since they're instinctual diggers, you can't scold them out of it. Provide them a dig box, and you will stop the destructive behavior.

Do they stink?

All animals have an odor. Ferrets have a lightly musky scent, which you should only be able to smell when you hold them to your nose. Bathing them often will cause them to smell more. Soap strips the oils from their coats, which causes their oil glands to over-produce oils, making them smell. The key to keeping them smell free is to keep their litter box clean, feed them a good diet and wash their bedding once a week.

Do ferrets bite?

Ferrets which bite do so out of fear or excitement. Ferrets communicate with their mouths, but they can be taught to play gently, and to not bite.

Food & water:

Ferrets need an animal-protein diet, preferably 33% or higher in protein, and 18-22% fat. Ferret experts feed their pet's one or more of the following:

- Ferret Foods such as Totally Ferret, Innova or Marshalls ferret diets
- High quality kitten or cat foods such as Innova
- Home-made stews based on poultry (or game animals) liver and other innards, along with ferret or kitten kibble.

When selecting processed foods, look for chicken or other animal proteins as the first few ingredients on the label. Do not feed your ferrets dog food, excessive amounts of dairy products or chocolate.

Bedding & Housing:

Good ferret bedding is soft, warm, non-snagging, clean and allows a ferret to snuggle or burrow to sleep. Use old blankets, polar fleece, and/or hammocks.

Housing must be escape –proof, clean, and provide a secure water, food, play, and litter box amenities. You should also line the bottom of the cage with linoleum or other covering so your ferret does not have to walk on wire floors.

Ferret can overheat easily, never place a cage in front of a window.

Attention & Play Games:

Ferrets will kill (but not perhaps eat) rodents, birds, and small reptiles. If you own both, keep them well apart. A cat may or may not get along with a ferret. Ferrets play with other ferrets by holding on to the other with their teeth and dragging them., which a cat, may see as an attack.

Litter & Litter Training:

Ferrets can be litter box trained, they are fairly clean animals, and will not soil their sleeping/eating areas. Place the litter box in the area that they use most frequently.

Use dust-free litter like Yesterdays News or wood stove pellets. Do not use clay or scoop able litters.

Behavior :

Ferrets are like kittens or puppies that never grow up. Young ferrets have 2 speeds: OFF and GO. Middle Aged ferrets(2-4) are very active when awake, into everything, and love gentle roughhousing. Older ferrets (5+) are awake for briefer periods than younger ferrets, and may become lap ferrets.