

# ★ FERRET ★

## SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

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ITEM	PLU#	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Cage (Multi-Level)			
Water Bottle			
Food Bowl			
Food			
Duk Soup (for babies)			
Litter			
Toy			
Hiding Place			
<b>SUGGESTIONS:</b>			
Ferret			
Shampoo			
Vitamins			
Deodorizer			
Brush			
Harness			
Hammocks/ cage furniture			
Litter box			
Litter for litter box			

KREWE MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

This estimate is valid for 14 days from this date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

### CHOOSE YOUR PET CAREFULLY!

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Bring the pet (and your receipt) back within **14 days** and get a **STORE CREDIT** for **HALF** the purchase price.

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# FERRET

*Mustela furo*



**EXPERIENCE LEVEL**  
Beginner



**LIFE EXPECTANCY**  
7 years



**ACTIVITY**  
Crepuscular



**HABITAT**  
n/a



**DIET**  
Carnivore

**ADULT SIZE:** 18–24 inches

**NATIVE TO:** Entirely domesticated. Don't exist in the wild.

**GROUPING & BREEDING:** Ferrets are social animals and generally enjoy having a companion. Aside from other ferrets, they usually do well with kittens, nice cats, and very well-behaved dogs.

**HABITAT:** There should be enough room for your ferret to play, climb, and exercise. Multiple levels are ideal. For wire cages, the bar spacing should be ½" or less. The floor of the cage must be solid, not wire, to protect their feet. Include a hiding spot where they can relax and feel safe. They love ferret hammocks and soft hides.

**BEDDING:** Provide 2" of pine shavings, aspen shavings, or soft paper bedding. Ferrets can be litter box trained. Avoid any cedar, clay, or clumping litters.

**HABITAT CARE:** Empty litter box daily. Change litter at least once a week; spot clean daily. Wash food bowls/ water bottles frequently. Create a spray bottle of diluted bleach solution. (1 part bleach/ 9 parts water) Every few weeks, remove the pet and dump the litter. Spray the cage, hiding spots, and toys; let it sit for 10 minutes. Use a damp towel to wipe down cage and hides. It will air dry. Launder any soft hides and hammocks. **Avoid using chemical cleaners around your pet as they are very sensitive to the fumes.**

**TEMPERATURE:** 60°-75°. **Don't place cage in drafty areas, under ceiling fans, AC vents, or in direct sunlight** Ferrets do not tolerate high temperature and are at risk of heat stroke in temperatures exceeding 80°.

**WATER:** Fresh water should be available at all times. Clean and refill the water bottle daily.

**DIET:** Ferrets eat a high protein/fat and low fiber/carbohydrates diet. Food specifically formulated for ferrets, such as Marshall Pet Products Ferret Diet, is a good option. Premium raw frozen/thawed foods (including frozen mice) or premium kibbles made for cats/ kittens also work. A few good treats choices are small pieces of high-quality meat like turkey or chicken, packaged goodies for ferrets, and the occasional egg. **Avoid dairy, fruits, vegetables, and grains.** Do not feed chocolate, caffeine, sugar, or fatty foods. Any fresh meats not consumed within 8 hours should be discarded—search the cage to make sure they don't hide food to "save for later". Ferrets have such a short digestive tract, so feed them small meals often throughout the day.

**GROOMING:** Ferrets can be stinky but bathing can backfire. After a bath, a ferret's body goes into overdrive to replenish the oils that have been removed from their skin and coat. If you must bathe, use a dry or waterless shampoo made specifically for ferrets. If you give your pet a wet bath, be sure to dry it thoroughly to prevent chills. (Do not use a blow dryer) Putting a couple of towels in a box with your ferret is a fun way for them to get dry while rolling and bouncing around. Nails should be trimmed on a regular basis (this is easiest when your ferret is napping!)

**HANDLING & TEMPERAMENT:** They require daily interaction and are affectionate when handled regularly. Young ferrets tend to be nippy like puppies and kittens. If they nip you, just pull your hand away with a loud "ow!". They will learn what crosses the line.

**EXERCISE:** Put tunnels, balls, and toys in their cage to keep them busy. Provide exercise and playtime outside of the cage for mental stimulation. Closely monitor your ferret when they're outside the cage; they are very curious and can get into small spaces you wouldn't think possible. Ferret-proofing your home is ideal - even then they'll find somewhere sneaky to crawl into. They're also prone to stealing small shiny items such as keys and jewelry.

**VETERINARY CARE:** Ferrets sold at B&B Pet Stop have received their first distemper vaccination. Alabama state law requires ferrets to be vaccinated against rabies. Consult your vet and keep their number handy in case of an emergency.