

Habitat Needs

Housing

- Ferrets need large, multi-tiered wire-sided habitats with good ventilation, a secure door, a solid floor and a pullout tray for easy cleaning; openings between wires should be small so the habitat is escape-proof; habitat should also include a hammock, tube, litter box, and toys

Habitat Placement

- Place your ferret's home away from drafts and direct sunlight. Ferrets acclimate well to average household temperatures

Enrichment

- Intelligent, playful, and mischievous; love to collect and hide household items; love to dig, so be conscious of house plants

Bathing

- Monthly baths are recommended, or more often as necessary, using ferret shampoo; ferrets have a natural musky order that bathing will not remove; outer ears should be cleaned using a cotton ball and ear-cleaning solution.

Nutrition

Staple Diet

- High-quality ferret food; ferrets are obligate carnivores
- Clean, fresh, filtered, chlorine-free water changed daily
- Do not feed ferrets dairy products, chocolate, sugary foods and beverages, caffeine, alcohol, salty foods, seeds, or nuts as these can cause serious medical problems

Water

- Water can be supplied in a water bottle and should be changed daily.

Extra Information

- Lifespan of a Ferret is up to 8 years.
- Average size is 15 inches long
- Active and sociable when awake
- Sleeps up to 18 hours per day

