



Vetafarm's Pet Ferret Care Guide

Ferrets are curious, playful animals that thrive on a balanced diet, a safe environment, and regular health care.

↓ Getting Started

Nutrition & Feeding

Ferrets are obligate carnivores, which means that they must eat meat! They have evolved for eating whole prey. Ferrets must be fed a high-quality diet that has been developed specifically for their needs. Ferrets also have a high metabolism and should be fed often while avoiding fatty and sugary foods.



Complete Pellet Diet

Feeding a formulated, extruded pellet ensures your pet receives consistent vitamins and minerals in every bite.

Ferret Origins is designed to be a complete diet for ferrets in all stages of life, including young, pregnant, nursing and mature animals.



Fresh Meat

Fresh meat is an excellent addition to a complete, pellet diet. Care should be taken to ensure the entire portion of fresh meat is consumed at once as ferrets can hide fresh food which can quickly spoil in their enclosure.



Supplemental Feeds

Pellets can also be used as a small portion of a diet made up of a majority of fresh meats, however, the meat portion should be sprinkled with a nutritional supplement such as **Vetafarm's Predamax** to ensure your pet is still getting all of the vitamins and minerals needed for nutritional balance.

Housing & Enrichment

Ferrets are incredibly curious, playful and active, and require plenty of enrichment and stimulus.

Enclosures

A multi-level cage is recommended with plenty of room to move, hide and sleep. Litter-training your ferret and providing a tray can help to reduce mess.

Free-roaming

There can be many potential hazards around a house for an unsupervised ferret. Ensure your space is ferret-proofed and objects with loose fibres or small parts are out of harms reach.

Ferrets love playing, exploring and burrowing - ensuring their space is decked out with safe toys and enrichment items to play with help them to thrive. Tunnels are a great addition!

General Wellbeing

Foreign Bodies

It's common for ferrets to ingest things that may be harmful to them. To avoid this, keep their area clear of small, chewable objects and supervise them closely if they are freely roaming.

Adrenal Disease

Adrenal disease can occur in middle-aged and older ferrets and is a hyperactivity of the adrenal glands. Common symptoms include hair loss, increased aggression and difficulty urinating or defecating.

Metabolic Bone Disease

Metabolic Bone Disease (MBD) is caused when a ferret is provided with an incorrect or poor diet. MBD is 100% preventable by providing a balanced diet to your pet.

Vetafarm's Pet Ferret Checklist



Nutrition & Feeding

- ☐ **Quality Pellets***
Such as Vetafarm's Ferret Origins
- ☐ **Fresh Meat**
- ☐ **Healthy Treats**
Such as the occasional egg

* If choosing to feed a meat-based diet (not pellets), adding a vitamin supplement such as **Vetafarm's Predamax** is essential for nutritional balance.

Health & Hygiene

- ☐ **Pest Control**
Such as Vetafarm's Insect & Mite Spray
- ☐ **Dry Bathing Powder**
Such as Vetafarm's Dusting & Bathing Powder
- ☐ **Grooming Brush**
- ☐ **Nail Clippers**

Home & Environment

- ☐ **Spacious Cage**
With multiple levels and solid flooring
- ☐ **Litter Box & Scoop**
- ☐ **Food Bowl**
- ☐ **Safe Chew Toys**
- ☐ **Secure Hideouts / Tunnels**
- ☐ **Soft Bedding / Hammocks**
- ☐ **Litter**
- ☐ **Water Bottle / Bowl**
- ☐ **Animal-Safe Disinfectant**
Such as Vetafarm's Hutch Clean
- ☐ **Playpen**



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