

Your New Ferret Checklist

- Solid-bottom cage with narrow bar spacing
 - Ferrets should be kept in cages no less than 2'x3'x4'.
 - We recommend Ferret Nation cages or large bird cages of comparable size with safe platforms.
 - Ferrets should be kept in small groups if left alone consistently.
- Ferret appropriate pellets
 - Ferret food should be at least 38% protein and 15% fat.
- Cage bedding
 - We recommend fleece or human washable potty pads, but other acceptable materials include fluffy paper bedding
 - DO NOT USE CEDAR BEDDING. The chemical in cedar that smells pleasant to humans burns their respiratory tracts and feet.
- Litter box and litter
 - We recommend compressed paper pellet litter.
 - Do not use cat litter as the clay dust is bad for their respiratory tracts.
- Heavy food dish
 - We recommend ceramic crocks that are too heavy to tip or stainless steel that can be secured to the side of the cage. Plastic can be chewed to pieces and harbor bacteria while ceramic and metal can be easily sanitized.
- Safe, covered area such as an igloo or large diameter PCV pipe to use as a den and safe sleeping/hiding area.
- Tubes, squeaky toys, balls of all sizes, hammocks, ramps, cardboard boxes, plastic pipes, & other safe toys.
- Attachable water bottle with drinking tube
 - We recommend using bottles designed to be secured to the outside of cages or glass bottles to discourage chewing on the plastic and thus flooding their cage.
- Appropriate treats such as
 - Boiled or scrambled egg (no milk)
 - Cat treats
 - Bits of boiled chicken breast, legs, or thighs
 - Boiled turkey (no lunchmeat)
 - Unseasoned lamb
 - And more!
- Carrier to bring your new pet home and for trips to the vet
- Ferret safe leash/harness if you intend to leash-train your ferret
- Flea preventative if you intend to take your ferret outdoors or have other animals that may transfer fleas to your ferret.
 - Consult a veterinarian about which preventative is most appropriate for your pet
- Nail trimmers/ styptic powder



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