



Ferrets

*Everything You Need To Know
Before You Buy*

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About The Author

Hi There...

I'm Fred Acker. And I'm the proud slave to 4 of the most adorable critters you'll ever meet.

This is Mudflap



Yes! He certainly likes to think he is King Of Us All [:0)

And honestly, he is. Anyway, this guide will help give you some idea of what you'll need to know before bringing a ferret into the family.

It's a short guide and easy to read. But it's plum full of great information.

There are several links throughout this guide to help you find some of the items mentioned. So make sure you're connected to the internet.

And one more thing...

If you're not yet a slave, please

- - PLEASE - -

Read as much information as you can find before becoming one. Way too many ferrets are ending up in shelters or becoming abandoned.

Thanks for taking the time to read this guide.

Enjoy,



Fred Acker

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Chapter 1

Introduction

More and more people are considering ferrets as household pets. It's no wonder they are now ranked number three as "The Pet To Have In The Home." The one question you might ask yourself before getting a ferret is...

"Do I know enough about these cute and cuddly, furry little thieves to have one?"

You see, although ferrets are ranked number three as the household pet to have, there is also an **extremely high** rate of adoptable ferrets. Ferret shelters everywhere struggle to maintain a safe environment for those unwanted and abused critters. And in most cases, these ferrets are unwanted because their owners just didn't understand what they were getting themselves into.

And that's what this short report will help avoid - - I hope [:0)

This guide will also teach you a few things about feeding, taking care of, and of course, playing with your ferret.

Please read the entire guide. Print it out to make the reading easier.

Also, be sure to check any local restriction you may have in your area before you become a servant. There's nothing worse than having to give up a loved one simply because of your own ignorance.

And trust me...

Your ferret will become a loved one and a big part of your family.

Have Fun!!

Chapter 2

Just The Ferret Facts

First, let's look at a few facts about ferrets.

From the Mustelid family one of the closest relatives to the ferret is the weasel. Studies have shown that it has similar qualities to badgers, skunks and wolverines so if you are planning to own one, keep in mind that this small adorable creature is a carnivore.

Yes, this means ferrets eat either meat or poultry. A healthy diet for a ferret consists of high level protein and low levels of fat. Foods that are rich in carbs or sugar as well as those that are intended for other animals may cause serious health problems for the critter.

These creatures are typically colored black, brown, chocolate, white or mixed fur. They

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They may grow up to 20 inches in length, 5 inches in height and weigh about 2 to 4 pounds. They have an average life span of 7 to 10 years that may live just as long as other animals kept inside a home.

A ferret may sleep for about 18 to 20 hours each day but when they are awake, they need plenty of room to exert ALL that stored up energy. And this play time, my friend, can be more exciting than any circus.

As for sleeping arrangements, ferrets take naps in the most unusual places. Always - - ALWAYS - - check under the cushion before you sit down so you don't squish them.

Yes, this has happened. In fact, I have one in particular that always seems to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. This in turn has given me super fast reflexes when it comes to removing myself from the seated position.

Let's face it, these critters are curious. And if they can get into trouble they will.

Think of a two year old on steroids [:0)

This is just one more reason you should learn all you can about ferrets before you become slave to one (or two, or three...)

Let's move on...

A few more things you should know are:

Ferrets are very playful creatures. This will allow you to hold them instead of just looking through the glass to see what they are doing.

Ferrets are very affectionate, friendly and sociable even if there is another ferret in the house.

Ferrets are intelligent animals. They can be trained to perform some tricks and toilet

trained so you don't see any litter or stain on your carpet.

Ferrets do not make a lot of noise. The only thing you have to be concerned about is cleaning up the mess that they caused.

Because ferrets are small, you don't need to buy a huge cage. Surely, the ideal kind which measures 18" x 18" x 30" will not take that much space inside your home.

Ferrets are very curious creatures. They love to crawl to dark places like inside your pants or under the couch. They love to hide as well as jump from high places.

Just like other pets, Ferrets also need to be cleaned, vaccinated and undergo regular checkups.

Lastly, each ferret is different so your experience is much different with another just like the people you meet in the neighborhood.

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And of course, ferrets can only survive if they are entertained and are in a safe environment.

This means making your home ferret proof because they could cause serious damage to your home and harm to themselves.

Also, and this is so important, remember that they need to come out so both you and the creature can have some fun.

Chapter 3

Before You Buy

You can buy a ferret from a breeder, a shelter or from a humane society. Nowadays, you can even sponsor a ferret. By sponsoring a ferret you are helping a shelter to feed and care for one or maybe two ferrets. This is a win-win-win situation for all parties involved.

A ferret usually cost around \$75 to \$125 depending on their age. You must never get one from the wild because they will not be able to adapt with the environment in your home.

If you can't find a breeder in the newspaper, you can try your luck online. While some sellers will tell you to pick them from their home, others are willing to ship it to you as long as you pay for the costs to transport. You just have to find the right seller that makes buying it

convenient for you. But remember the ideal is to go directly to the seller and see them in person, as you can then check how the breeder is keeping the ferrets. Making sure they are healthy and a clean environment etc.

Make sure you get in touch with the local wildlife, game department and local veterinarian to find out if it is legal to buy one since some states like California do not allow homeowners to have this as a pet.

When buying a ferret, don't just pick one from the lot but examine it carefully. Check if the critter has bright eyes, a soft coat, healthy skin, whiskers and are playful. Ask about the age and gender because males are

generally much longer and heavier than the female ferret.

Buying a ferret is one thing. The challenging part is making sure it is healthy. This can only happen of course with tender and loving care from the owner because even though they sleep for more than 15 hours a day, they are very active when they are awake.

Another challenge is finding a ferret knowledgeable veterinarian who is willing to see your ferret. This is one more thing you'll want to be sure of BEFORE you buy.

Now you may want to consider adopting a ferret vs. buying one. And the reason for this is simple...

There are thousands of ferrets who are available for adoption.

These little guys and gals need a good home. And if you're sure you're ready to add a new

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member to the family, this is the best way to go.

Chapter 4

Caring For Your Critter

Ferrets can live for up to 10 years or even more. This depends on how you take care of them so if you want to enjoy this friendship for the long term, it is best to read on further.

One thing you have to know about ferrets is that they are considered nocturnal creatures but can get up to play at anytime. They sleep during the day for up to 18 hours or more but when they are awake, they are very active and would like to play with their owner.

But how do you care for a ferret?

Since ferrets need to eat, you must give them food that is consisting of meat and poultry products that are rich in protein and low in fat. You must never anything that is high in sugar and carbs as this causes

health problems. The same goes for food intended for other animals.

It is recommended that you feed your ferret specifically formulated ferret foods such as:

- 8in1
- Zupreem
- Shepard and Green
- Marshall Farms
- Totally Ferret
- Path Valley

Any one of these can give your little buddy the nutrients needed to sustain a long and healthy life.

Giving your ferret water is also important. You can give this to them in the form of a bottle or a bowl as they too get dehydrated.

And think about this...

If you don't like your tap water, why would you give it to your pet? Make sense?

Your pet should also have roomy cage to stay in. Ideally, this should measure 18" x 18" x 30". Some owners may purchase a multilevel cage so they can go up and down instead of just staying on one level. The cage should be **escape proof** so it is not able to get out when you are not home.

It will also be a good idea to buy toys specifically designed for the ferrets to play with. These can withstand their razor sharp teeth so that particles are not swallowed causing blockage.

Since ferrets also need exercise, you can bring them out with you and go for a walk provided that it has a leash.

The ferret should only be let out of the cage with proper supervision. This will prevent them from chewing cords, carrying away small objects, swallowing things or escaping out the house which is better known as ferret proofing your home.

So there are not stains on the carpet, it is best to toilet train the ferret. You can do so by buying or making a litter box and then putting some waste there so it knows that this is the place to go when they have to answer nature's call.

To further reinforce this thinking, it is best to reward them with a snack. This approach can also be used to teach them to do other tricks.

One example is using a squeaky toy which tells them to come running back to you if you are not able to catch them.

You will have a great time caring for a ferret as long as you have followed the directions mentioned above.

Who knows? You might want to get another one as other have because the more, the merrier.

Chapter 5

Six Fabulous Training Tips

Training ferrets is both a daunting and exciting task. You never know what you'll exactly get from doing so, but if you are a true blue ferret lover, you know that every drop of perspiration is truly worth it.

Fabulous Ferret Training Tip Number 1: Easy does it.

There is a heavy excitement and set of expectations that besets every eager ferret owner, but if you really want to keep the training into a positive experience, easy definitely does it. If you rush your pet to do tricks even for a single second, they will have it etched in their memory and may not be as open for new tricks the next time you try to teach them. Develop the relationship and enjoy each stage.

Fabulous Ferret Training Tip Number 2: Do it out of genuine love.

Ferrets are lovable creatures with high instincts. If they feel threatened in any way, they will quickly scurry off your grasp and you will be back to square one in the training process. Save yourself some heartache by ensuring that the training is not mainly performance-based but something that you will do for free and genuinely out of love for your pet and the desire to have it belong in your household in the best possible way.

Fabulous Ferret Training Tip Number 3: Get some tips from experts.

Experts may have their own tricks up their sleeve with regard to training ferrets. There is much risk and many things could go wrong as you train your ferrets. Having someone older who can readily help you with the training can be of substantial importance. Aside from this, the ferrets themselves may also do well to have a senior ferret accompanying them as you train them. This way, they will have a fellow ferret to

emulate. Just make sure that the senior ferret is trained well and advanced.

Fabulous Ferret Training Tip Number 4: Brush up on your background knowledge.

Hate biology? Well, if it's for your ferret, you need to brush on some of the basic things you need to know about your ferret: color, type, age, behavior and other idiosyncrasies included. This background knowledge will save you time and will answer most of the questions you can encounter as to why your ferret responded a certain way when you did something.

Fabulous Ferret Training Tip Number 5: Have a constant time and place for training. Consistency will condition your ferret best. Have a constant time and place for training. Associate it with the indoors or your home if possible so that the ferret will be conditioned to be at their best behavior at home. Once they have mastered the tricks at your specified place, slowly deviate and have them do the tricks at another place so

that they can be more versatile in their learning.

Fabulous Ferret Training Tip Number 6:

Develop an instinct for your ferret trainee. If your ferret is sick, under some form of attack or unusual condition, they may not be open for training. Heighten your senses and be attuned with your pet's pain tolerance. Though they are generally strong creatures, have regular checkups with the veterinarian to ensure that they are fit and ready to be trained with new tricks. The adjustments may take a toll on them, considering the fact that these ferrets are naturally wild.

There are no clearcut rules in training ferrets. In fact, there may even be unexpected events that can occur midway in your training. Despite the desire to achieve results with your ferret, do not sacrifice important things such as health and ability to roam free at dusk or dawn. This way, they will be as happy as you are in training them and making them into better pets.

Chapter 6

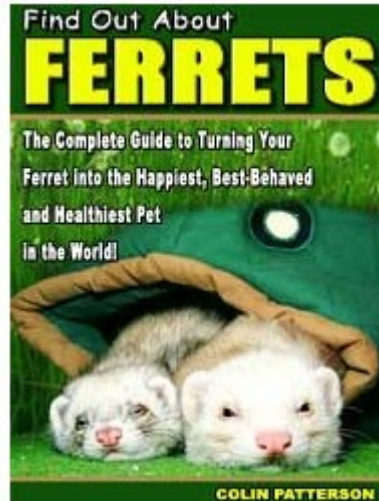
Conclusion

Well, that all for now. I hope you've enjoyed this short guide. And just so you know, I've added an additional resource page so you can find more information on ferrets.

Be sure to sign up for my newsletter before you forget. Relax, it's free.

Have fun and enjoy your critters.

Additional Resources



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