

DO YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT FERRETS?



What You Really Need To Know About Ferrets



- **Ferrets make great pets**—if you have time everyday to care and play with them. Ferrets need lots of interaction and love to play.
- **There should be NO difference between caring for working or pet ferrets**
- **Ferrets eat meat and ONLY meat**—feed ferret biscuits, cheap fresh meat like chicken wings, mince, pet mince, day old chicks. *Cat food is for cats!* For long-term ferret health feed **ferret food and meat**.
- **Ferrets need space**—the minimum space for 2 ferrets is a 4” double tiered rabbit hutch or larger.
- **Ferrets should be neutered**—at about 6 months old hobs and jills should be separated or else they will breed. A litter can consist of up to 12 hungry, nippy kits. Neuter, spay, vasectomise or see a vet for other options. Some ferret welfares, animal charities and vets may be able to get you discounted prices for neutering.
- **Jill ferrets need to be taken out of heat or else they may die**—at about 6-8 months old jills will go into heat - they NEED to be neutered or taken out of heat.
- **Jill DO NOT NEED to be mated**—they just need to be taken out of heat, see above.
- **Ferrets DON'T bite**—if cared for well and handled gently most ferrets shouldn't bite. Scared, mistreated or badly handled ferrets bite. Kits need to be taught **gently and kindly** that they shouldn't bite. Kits are NOT recommended for first time owners due to their nippiness.
- **Ferrets DON'T smell**—much...if neutered! They just smell very lightly musky.