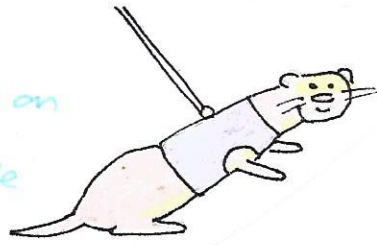


Ferrets can walk on a lead if you have a suitable harness.



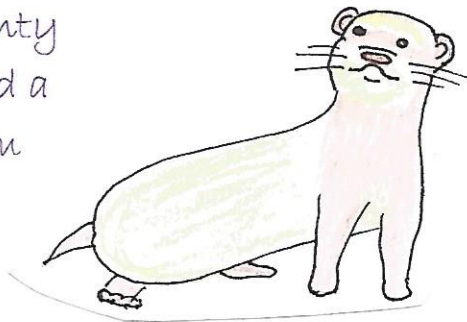
Average lifespan 6-10 years.

### Accommodation

Ferrets are bright, energetic animals. They can live indoors or outside in large secure housing, with plenty of enrichment and a dark cosy bedroom to sleep in.



## Guide to Ferrets



### Grouping

Ferrets are social animals that usually prefer to live in groups. It is important to spay females or they will get anaemic from constantly being on heat.

### Common Cancers:

- Adrenal disease (not always cancerous).
- Insulinoma (cancer of the pancreas)
- Lymphosarcoma

### Reduce Risks by:

Wait until sexual maturity before neutering/spaying.

Feed a diet rich in protein, low in carbohydrate.

Ensure ferrets have the correct ratio of light/dark for the time of year.

It is normal for ferrets to sleep for up to 22 hours per day. Changes in behaviour or fur/skin condition are signs of illness and you should consult a vet.

It is important to feed the correct diet to avoid insulinoma. Ideally feed raw foods such as chicken wings, minced beef, liver to mimic wild food such as chicks. Clean fresh water is should be available at all times.

