

Denise's Delightful Dookers Ferret Rescue

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Ferret Pre-Adoption Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Valid Driver's license: _____
**Identification is required to adopt*

Why do you want a ferret? _____

Have you had past experience with ferrets? Yes No

***On a separate sheet please share with us your experience with ferrets,
what you know about ferrets and where you learned your information.***

Who will be primary caretaker of the ferret(s)? _____

Who is your veterinarian? _____ Phone #: _____

Do you: Own Rent If you rent, does your lease allow ferrets? Yes No

****Note: A recent mortgage statement must be shown to DDDFR as proof of ownership and/or all
renters will be required to provide a copy of their lease granting permission to keep pets in the home.
If this is not available,, written permission on letterhead from your landlord/business is needed.***

Please list all pets in your household:

<u>Type of animal</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Spayed/Neutered</u>	<u>Rabies/Distemper current</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Ferrets have certain requirements that need to be met on a daily basis.
(Please initial showing us you have read it and agree)

1. Ferrets are **obligate carnivores** and require quality food that will meet their protein needs.
Totally Ferret Food, Baby Totally Ferret (for under 1 year), ZuPreem and Innova Evo Dog Food
are recommended by DDDFR to meet these requirements. ***Cat food of any kind is NOT recommended***

due to lack of protein).

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2. Ferrets can be litter box trained using a **high-backed litter box**. **Pellet Litter** is recommended by DDDFR because it's high in absorbency, low in dust, and helps with litter smells. **Del's Armstrong SPF** is used at DDDFR. **Use of cat litter is harmful to ferrets and use is NOT recommended.**

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3. Ferrets spend most of their time in their cage. The suggested rule for choice is 3x2x2 for one ferret (minimum), allowing room for a sleeping area, bathroom area and food/water area. The larger the cage, generally the better, especially for multiple ferrets. Ferrets are burrowers by nature and prefer to delve into blankets and hammocks to sleep. Ferrets sleep approx 16-20 hours a day and will require **plenty of bedding** to snuggle and snooze in. Ferrets are also chewers by nature so **bedding and toys will need to be inspected often** for shredding. Ferrets need to eat and drink frequently so food and fresh water need to be kept readily available at all times. **16-32oz water bottles** and **attachable food bowls** are recommended by DDDFR as ferrets have a tendency to play with their food/water..

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4. Ferrets are very social animals and require at least **2-4 hours playtime a day**. Ferrets bond with their owners and **require playtime with human contact**. Ferret-safe toys are recommended as well as tubes, shoe-boxes and blankets for tunneling. All play items should be inspected regularly for chewing.

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5. Ferrets live approximately 6-9 years and are a **commitment** that need to encompass lifestyle changes within the family.(ex: children leaving home, having a baby, moving to a new place, new pet, etc.) Ferrets require annual visits to the veterinary for exams and standard rabies and distemper shots. Ferrets are susceptible to specific diseases that will cause them to most likely require medical intervention at some time in their lives. **A ferret savings account needs to be set up for medical emergencies.** ****If you cannot make the long-term commitment to a young ferret, perhaps adoption of an older ferret or fostering are more likely the option to be chosen.**

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6. **Ferret Proofing is a very important part of owning a ferret.** Leaving your ferret out of its cage, unsupervised, with free run of the house, is dangerous to the animal. They are extremely curious animals with a total lack of fear. If they can squeeze their nose into a place, the body will soon follow. Fireplaces/Wood stoves, Recliners/Rockers, Chemicals, Kitchen appliances and anything they can get into their mouths are examples of ferret hazards. It is best to designate a "play area" (i.e. gated section or a bedroom) that is strictly for the ferret to move around in. Inspect the area for holes, unsafe equipment or furniture, small objects the ferret can eat/swallow or any other potential dangers. Keeping your ferret safe and happy is the primary goal.

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I have read the above information and answered all questions truthfully. I have done the required research into owning a ferret. A copy of my lease/rental agreement or written permission from the landlord is attached or recent copy of my mortgage statement is available as proof of ownership.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The right to refuse adoption or foster care is at the discretion of Denise's Delightful Dookers Ferret Rescue.