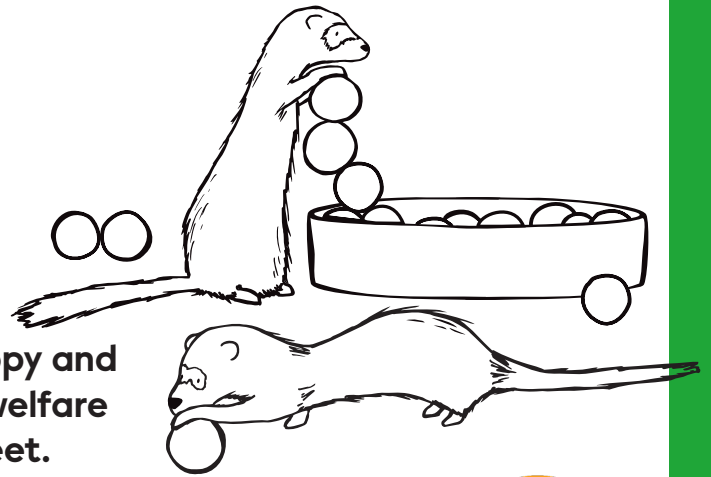


# Ferret Factsheet



It's important to keep your pet happy and healthy, so find out the five basic welfare needs for ferrets in this fun factsheet.

## Home

### Home comforts.

A converted garden shed with aviary attached is ideal for ferrets, or a large walk-in dog kennel with double doors, to prevent them escaping as you enter.



## Diet

### Feeding time.

Ferrets love a tasty treat like boiled chicken or raw egg. As they're carnivores, give them a high quality complete dry food that contains everything they need. Always provide fresh, clean drinking water.



## Companionship

### Pet pals.

Ferrets love to play with their ferret friends, and also curl up and sleep together. Introduce them carefully to make sure they get along first, before living in the same space. Ask an expert for more advice.



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## Vet Care

### Health and wellbeing.

Diarrhoea is very common among ferrets, and it can make them quite poorly, so make sure you check their poo daily. If it's black or green for over a day, they might have 'Green slime disease' so get them to a vet quickly! Keep their nails regularly clipped monthly too, as the nails grow fast and if left, can cause joint or back issues.



## Normal behaviour

### Keep your pet happy.

In between short bursts of energy where they like to run, climb and explore, ferrets mainly love to sleep somewhere cosy! So after their 16-20 hours of rest, keep them active with cat toys, pipes and tubes, rustling paper bags filled with shredded paper and a sandpit or shallow paddling pool full of balls.



### Ferrets love walkies!

Keep them on a secure harness and lead to enjoy fun outdoors. Don't be surprised if you're the talk of the street!