

FERRET DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What's the average length, from head to tail, of a ferret? **Answer: 20 in/51 cm**

How old does a ferret get? **Answer: 6-8 years *Sometimes 10**

How many babies (kits) does the female ferret usually have? **Answer: 8 *Can range from 1-18**

What makes a ferret stinky? **Answer: Ferrets have scent glands located on various parts of their bodies including around their rump. When a ferret is frightened, the scent is released from the anal scent gland, similar to a skunk, but without the spraying. This is different than the muskiness released from their other scent glands. The reason for that isn't completely known. Some researchers believe it's to mark territory, identify each other, or announce their presence. Removing them doesn't reduce the smell. Neutering or spaying a ferret can. Bathing increases the production of oils; therefore, you shouldn't give your pet ferret a bath too often. It's better to wash their bedding.**

Ferrets weren't just pets. They had a job to do. What do you think their job was? **Answer: They were used to hunt rabbits, mice, and rats.**

How long do ferrets sleep? **Answer: 14-18 hours/day.**

How much does a ferret weigh? **Answer: 1-5 lbs.**

What's the name of a group of ferrets? **Answer: A business**

Other Ferret Facts:

Ferrets are domesticated.

They are members of the weasel family, and related to the Polecat.

National Ferret Day is April 2.

Ferrets receive rabies and canine distemper vaccinations.

An intact female ferret is called a Jill. A spayed female is called a Sprite.

An intact male ferret is called a Hob. A neutered male is called a Gib.

They like to hunt, dig, and tunnel.

It's illegal to own a pet ferret in Washington D. C., the five boroughs of NYC, and California. Some states only allow pet ownership with a permit.

They're not rodents. They belong to the Carnivore order, Family Mustelidae, Genus Mustela.