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HOUSING YOUR PET FERRET

What type of cage does my ferret require?

Due to their reputation as curious creatures and escape artists, ferrets should be housed in a carrier, which is securely closed and locked. A litterbox can be placed in the cage for elimination.

Does my ferret need bedding in his cage?

Towels can be used for bedding. Ferrets like to burrow, so the towels can serve this purpose or a container such as a shoe-box can be placed in the cage.



What else do I need in the cage?

Food and water bowls are often left in the ferret's cage. Since ferrets are naturally playful, it is not uncommon for them to spill their food and water. You might try a heavy ceramic crock (safe for eating and drinking) to prevent this, or a holder for the food and water bowls that easily attaches to the cage. Some owners construct a multi-level "apartment" for their pets; this can be done with wood or cardboard, as long as the ferrets don't chew and swallow the "flooring".

The litterbox should also be placed in the cage so that the ferrets can eliminate at will.

Anything else I need to know?

Ferrets are very sensitive to heat stroke. It is critical to keep their environmental temperature at or below 80 ° F (27 ° C), and make sure their "house" is well ventilated.