

# FERRET FACT SHEET

## DESCRIPTION:

Ferrets are covered in fur that is white, black, brown or a mixture of colours. They have a long body and sharp teeth. Ferrets are members of the mink or weasel family. A group of ferrets is called a *business* of ferrets and baby ferrets are called *kits*.

## SIZE:

Ferrets are on average about 38cm – 50cm long and they weigh between 0.6kg to 1.8kg. A newborn ferret is so small that it can fit into a teaspoon!



Black-Footed Ferret

## RANGE:

In nature, the endangered black-footed ferret can be found on the plains of the Northern American continent. Domesticated ferrets can be found all over the world and if you live in any state but Queensland, you can have one as a pet.

## LIFESPAN:

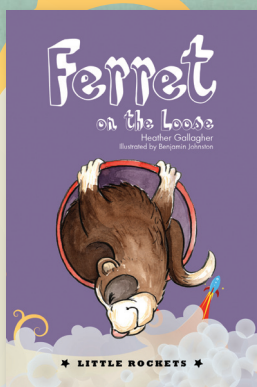
Ferrets can live up to 12 years.

## FOOD:

Ferrets sometimes eat squirrels, mice, rabbits, prairie dogs and other rodents, but if you have one as a pet it will be happy to eat cat food.

## BEHAVIOUR:

Ferrets can sleep up to 21 hours a day. The name “ferret” comes from the Latin word *furittus*, meaning “little thief”, this is because ferrets like to hide away small items.



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