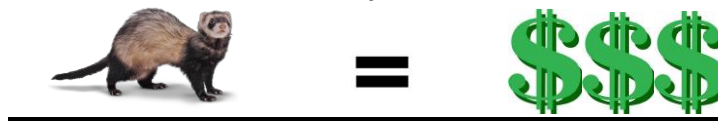


Ferret Needs List

Monetary Investment



Your new ferret may live from 6 to 8 years. In that time, there will be many costs to properly care for your ferret. Routine health maintenance is essential to keep your ferret happy and healthy. You will also incur veterinary bills. Here is what to expect:

The Basics: The cage and other initial items may cost **\$482-\$880**. Some items may need to be replaced as time passes, adding to the amount.

Consumables: High quality food, supplements, treats, litter and other supplies costs **\$442-\$855** per year depending on whether your ferret eats kibble or raw food.

Veterinary care: Health maintenance for a ferret will require annual visits to the veterinarian for a well-ferret checkup, distemper and rabies vaccinations, ear mite treatment, heartworm and adrenal disease prevention medications. Vet care for a healthy ferret can cost **\$170-\$395** per year. If your ferret is not spayed or neutered, add \$125-\$180. As they age, many ferrets will need extensive treatment for illnesses such as insulinoma and lymphoma. Surgeries for these diseases or for injuries can easily exceed \$1,000!

***** Annual recurring costs to own and care for a ferret is \$612 - \$1,250 *****

CATEGORY	ITEM	COST
The Basics: <i>Non-recurring costs</i>	Cage	\$150-\$300
	Bedding – sleep sacks, hammocks, blankets	\$60-\$80
	Ferret Playpen	\$60
	Small Animal Travel Carrier	\$26-\$60
	Food bowl, water bowl/crock or water bottle	\$12-\$32
	Litter pans	\$32-\$58
	Harness/collar, leash	\$12-\$24
	Nail clippers	\$5-\$12
	Toys – squeaker, stuffed plush, crocheted eggs, toy on stick	\$35-\$80
	Enrichment – tubes, tunnels, ball pit, rice bin,	\$90-\$174
	Total	\$482-\$880
Consumables: <i>Annual Recurring costs</i>	High Quality Kibble (or raw)	\$120-\$380
	Nutritional supplements – FerreTone, FerretVite	\$110-\$150
	Treats (for training)	\$72-\$120
	Litter	\$60-\$90
	Grooming supplies – shampoo, conditioner, ear cleaner	\$80-\$115
	Total	\$442-\$855
Veterinary Care: <i>Annual Recurring costs</i>	Annual exam fee	\$45-\$100
	Vaccinations – Rabies, Distemper	\$25-\$45
	Deslorelin Implant, Melatonin, Lupron	\$100 – \$250
	Total	\$170-\$395