

Furever Ferrets Sanctuary, Inc. – Adoption Contract

Adopter's Full Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Driver's License/ID Number: _____

Ferret(s) Name(s): _____
Age(s): _____ Sex: M / F (circle one) Color/Markings: _____
Microchip #: _____

1. PURPOSE

This agreement certifies that the adopter agrees to provide a permanent, safe, loving home to the ferret(s) adopted from Furever Ferrets Sanctuary Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It ensures the health, safety, and lifelong care of the ferret(s) and outlines the rights and responsibilities of both parties.

2. ADOPTION FEE

The adopter agrees to pay a non-refundable adoption fee of \$_____ to help cover veterinary care, housing, and food provided prior to adoption. This fee does not represent the full investment the sanctuary has made in the animal.

3. HEALTH & CARE DISCLOSURE

- Ferrets are provided to adopters in the best possible health as known at the time of adoption.
- The adopter has been informed of the ferret's known medical history, vaccinations, temperament, and behavioral traits.
- The adopter agrees to maintain proper vet care, including annual exams, vaccinations if required in their area, and treatment for illness or injury.

4. CARE STANDARDS

- Never house the ferret(s) outdoors.
- Provide fresh food and water daily (raw or high-quality ferret food, free from harmful fillers like corn or peas).
- Maintain a clean, safe environment.
- Provide socialization, enrichment, and appropriate cage-free playtime daily.
- Avoid unsafe items such as wooden toys, clumping litter, or non-ferret-safe harnesses or foods.
- Use veterinary care experienced with ferrets.

5. SPAY/NEUTER & MICROCHIP

All ferrets adopted through Furever Ferrets Sanctuary Inc. will be:

■ Spayed/Neutered

■ Microchipped

(If not, adopter agrees to have this completed by a licensed vet within 30 days and provide proof to the sanctuary.)

6. RETURN POLICY

If at any point the adopter cannot keep the ferret(s), they MUST return them to Furever Ferrets Sanctuary Inc. The ferret(s) may not be rehomed, sold, or given away without written permission from the sanctuary. No refund will be issued.

7. HOME VISITS & FOLLOW-UP

- Conduct a pre-adoption and/or post-adoption home check.
- Conduct follow-up communications (calls, messages, or visits) to ensure the well-being of the animal.

8. NO DECLAWING OR ALTERATIONS

The adopter agrees never to declaw the ferret(s) or subject them to any unnecessary cosmetic procedures or surgeries.

9. LIABILITY

- Furever Ferrets Sanctuary is not responsible for any damages, bites, illness, or injuries caused by the ferret(s) after the adoption date.
- The adopter assumes full responsibility and liability for the care, actions, and well-being of the ferret(s) upon adoption.

10. BREACH OF CONTRACT

If any part of this contract is violated, Furever Ferrets Sanctuary reserves the right to reclaim the ferret(s) without notice, refund, or legal challenge. The adopter agrees to cooperate fully with any such request for return.

11. LEGAL AGREEMENT

This contract shall be governed by the laws of the state of New York. The adopter agrees that any dispute shall be resolved in a court within the county where the sanctuary is located.

By signing below, the adopter acknowledges they have read, understood, and agreed to all terms stated above.

Adopter's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Sanctuary Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____
Printed Name: _____

Thank you for your time and care in adopting your furever friend from Furever Ferrets.

Furever Ferrets Sanctuary Inc.

Adoption Application & Safety Guide

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Section 1: Adoption Application

Please send completed applications to: DPeters3262@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact#: _____

How did you hear of us (referral, internet search, etc)?

Have you adopted from Furever Ferrets Sanctuary in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Veterinarian's Contact Information (by including this you are giving permission to contact vet as a reference): _____

If you do not currently have a vet, please explain:

Number of ferrets you currently share your home with: _____

Age of ferret(s): _____

Type of cage/safe room they are housed in when not supervised:

Are you aware that ferrets are not to be left cage-bound but confined for safety only when not supervised?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Contents of cage: _____

Amount of time ferrets are let out and areas permitted to free roam:

Have you ferret-proofed your free roam areas? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What comfort/enrichment do you provide? (beds, toys, human interaction):

Diet provided to ferrets: _____

Do you have children? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what ages? _____

Are children aware of kind treatment of animals? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Other pets in the home and their interactions with ferrets: _____

Your experience with ferrets: _____

Knowledge of ferret diseases/ailments and willingness to provide veterinary care? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you financially capable of immediate medical care if needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you contact Furever Ferrets if unable to provide medical care? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you provide updates on adjustment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you plan to keep this ferret for its lifetime? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you return ferret to sanctuary if rehoming is necessary? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you agree to a home check prior to adoption? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 2: Safety & Care Guide

Please provide photos or a short home video of your ferret habitat and free roaming area(s).

Please also provide 2 references with contact numbers.

Have you thoroughly read the safety/care list? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there any notes within it that you strongly agree or disagree with?

Would you select a peppermint scented shampoo to bathe your ferret weekly? ☐ Yes ☐ No Why?

What is an Alpha TRAK 3?

What kind of litter box/pan material would you use?

Do ferrets benefit from fruits and vegetables? Is it okay to feed those?

Would a tall climbing cat tree be a suitable birthday gift for your ferret? Why or why not?

What materials should be kept unobtainable due to risk of blockage?

What steps would you take if your ferret ingested unsafe materials?

Are stairs safe places for a ferret to play? Why or why not?

Would 'Pin the Tail on the Donkey' or batting a piñata be appropriate games with ferrets out of cage?

What emergency items should you have on hand for your ferret?

How would you respond to a seizure or low blood sugar?

What precautions should you take before doing laundry or cooking dinner?

Section 3: Cage Requirements

- Appropriate in size
- Appropriate bar spacing, preferably vertical to prevent injury
- Food dish/bowl
- Water bowl (plus backup water bottle)
- Ramps covered with cloth for safety
- Litter box with safe litter (paper-based)
- Bedding (hammocks, blankets, cat/dog beds)
- Natural light but not direct sunlight
- Safe toys only (no rubber/foam/choking hazards)
- No excessive heights; cages arranged to avoid falls
- Secure ramps in multi-level cages

Section 4: Playpens & Free Roaming

Ferrets cannot be left cage-bound. A ferret-safe room or playpen is required when not supervised.

Playpens should not have high climbable items or dangerous gaps.

Ferrets require several hours of free roaming daily in a ferret-proofed space.

Pairs of ferrets are recommended for companionship, reducing loneliness and anxiety.

Section 5: Food & Nutrition

- High quality ferret/cat food (meat-based)
- No fruits, vegetables, cereals
- Fresh water available 24/7
- Emergency diet: chicken/turkey baby food, petroleum jelly, pumpkin
- Supplemental soups for sick ferrets
- Avoid catnip (risk of seizures, hyperactivity)

Section 6: Safety Hazards

- Dangers: rubber, foam, remote buttons, toy wheels, couch stuffing -
- Holes, stairs, doors, windows, appliances, and furniture pose risks -
- Heavy objects should be secured

- Electrical wires must be protected
- Other pets may injure ferrets; avoid mixing with prey animals

Section 7: Grooming & Bathing

- Nails must be trimmed carefully (avoid cutting into the quick)
- Bathing only when dirty (2x yearly recommended)
- Safe shampoo: oatmeal-based, fragrance-free

Section 8: Emergency Items

- Karo syrup or honey
- Baby food (chicken/turkey)
- Petroleum jelly & pumpkin (for blockages)
- Syringes, glucose meter, Pedialyte, blender, styptic powder
- Quarantine new ferrets to avoid disease transmission

Section 9: Emergencies & Medical Care

Signs of emergency: rapid breathing, no urination, vomiting, seizures, bloody stools, unusual bruising.

Seizures: rub honey/Karo on gums, follow with baby food/protein soup.

Blockages: vet care required, may use Vaseline/pumpkin short-term.

Always have emergency vet contact available.

Section 10: Feeding & Soupy Food Instructions

Soups are vital for ill ferrets or picky eaters.

Base: chicken/turkey baby food, blended kibble, oils.

Introduce gradually; persistence is key.

Soup helps prevent hypoglycemia in sick ferrets.

Use FrostyBowlz for food freshness up to 14 hours.

Section 11: Vaccinations

Vaccination decisions should be made with a vet and state law in mind.

Pros and cons must be weighed; some choose not to vaccinate.

Distemper virus is fatal; rabies laws vary by state.

Pre-vaccination: ensure vet is ferret-knowledgeable.

Post-vaccination: monitor ferret 40 mins for reactions.

Avoid over-vaccination; consider titer testing.

Section 12: Sedation

Sedation is necessary for surgeries and invasive procedures.

Risks exist; avoid sedation for non-invasive tests when possible.

Discuss with your vet; avoid needless sedation if discomfort is minimal.

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