

FERRET Transportation

NB. This document does not include the transportation of working ferrets as these carriers are normally type specific and bespoke in design however they should offer a safe environment for the ferret and be suitable for the purpose

The movement of a ferret is really no different to that of any other small animal.

It is best to invest in a suitable animal carrier which can carry one, two or three ferrets. It is not generally recommended that ferrets are transported in groups bigger than three in one carrier as should an animal make a mess; defecate, urinate or spill drinking water, then by overcrowding animals in one container will cause disruption and greater inconvenience.

A number of commercial animal carriers are available from reputable outlets and it is suggested that you purchased one when you have decided to take on a ferret as a working or companion animal. A carrier will be required to transport the ferret to your home in the first instance

It is advised to invest in one or more carriers of different sizes. A smaller animal carrier is valuable when it is necessary to take a single ferret to a specific location such as the vets or to a care centre. A more confined carrier can offer security to a single animal however please remember that you will still need to ensure bedding and drinking water (via a small bottle normally mounted on the bars of the carrier) can be comfortably supplied.

Most commercial animal carriers have been developed to ensure that they can be cleaned and offer a good level of animal security. Ventilation is supplied by an open mesh front and the main body of the carrier is made of moulded plastic which is easily cleaned and convenient. Try to avoid wicker and ornamental cat carriers when transporting ferrets as these are not as secure as others.

Recommended carriers would include:

Ferplast Atlas 10 – this is suitable for carrying one ferret or maybe two small ferrets. The dimensions are (cm) 48(L)x33(W)x29(H). It has a stable carrying handle and a fully open mesh front panel for animal entry. There are also slotted sections in the carrier to allow visibility of the ferret.

Ferplast Atlas 20 – a useful carrier along the same design as the Atlas 10 and suitable for carrying 2-3 regular sized ferrets. The dimensions are (cm) 58(L)x37(W)x32(H)

A slightly larger Ferplast Atlas 30 is also available with the following dimensions (CM) 60(L)x40(W)x38(H). This is suitable if you are taking ferrets on a longer than average journey as it gives more space for bedding, possibly a hammock (with minor modifications to the carrier) and also food and water.

Other brands are available in comparison to the products listed above.