

FERRET Water

Ferrets require a constant supply of clean, fresh drinking water at all times. This can be supplied by a suspended drinking bottle however some ferrets do find these problematic. A simpler solution is a bowl or clean litter tray which is weighted down (with a house brick for instance) and then the container is filled using a hose or watering can.

Particular attention should be given to check water levels regularly and change the water if it appears discoloured or has foreign matter in it.

During winter it is likely that water containers can freeze. This is common in water bottles especially those that have a narrow neck / spout. A container such as a weighted litter tray with a larger surface area will stay clearer longer however at times of extreme weather then water will need to be checked multiple times each day. It is sometimes suggested that a tablespoon (approx 15 ml) of olive or cod liver oil can be added to 1 litre of water to help prevent freezing when outdoors. The oil is not harmful to ferrets and will float on the top of the water and will assist in preventing freezing. If the temperature drops to such a level where this is impractical then there is no other real alternative to keep checking the water regularly and replace when necessary.

Do not add salt, liquid or any other chemical such as de-icer to water bowls to try and prevent icing; this will cause health issues for your ferret.