



# Warranwood Veterinary Centre

*The Best of Care for People and their Pets*

## Fast Ferret Facts – The Basics on Ferret Care

- Ferrets are fun, inquisitive pets. Be prepared to enjoy lots of laughs watching your ferret play!
- Ferrets are strict carnivores. Feed a diet high in meat-based protein and low in fibre. Offer meaty bones or strips of meat weekly to help keep the teeth clean. Talk to us regarding suitable diets as there are good and bad dry foods for ferrets
- Desex your ferret. Females not bred will go into a continuous heat and may become anaemic and die. Entire male ferrets will become very smelly if not desexed!
- Ferrets are prone to Heartworm Disease. There are several heartworm prevention products available
- The distemper virus is invariable fatal for ferrets. Vaccinate your ferret
- Scent (anal) glands should **not** be removed from ferrets. You may find reference to removal of scent glands in older books: it is NOT required in a health ferret
- At least yearly veterinary checks are recommended
- Older ferrets are prone to heart failure, various cancers and dental disease

## Your Ferret Veterinarian

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