

Ferret Enrichment



ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT

Housing/Environment: (Allentown Caging = 784 sq.in., 17" Height)
Carefresh® (wood pulp); used to line the cage bottom

Structural Enrichment: PVC or polycarbonate tunnels with disposable towels will be used

Sensory: Human/Animal Socialization: Handling during cage changing should be purposeful and consist of positive interactions: petting and soft spoken affirmative words.

Manipulanda: Several items are provided as the standard for manipulanda (pictured)

Nutritional: Aside from standard feed (Aside from standard feed (Purina Lab Diet® Ferret Diet), nutritional enrichment includes meat & poultry flavored treats.



SOCIAL HOUSING

Ferrets will be housed in compatible social pairs or groups within the guidelines for space in standard CCM cages.

EXERCISE

For this species, cage space provide adequate opportunities for physical activity, however the use of dedicated space outside of the cage may be used for exercise and play opportunities.



According to the Enhancement Policy; No animal is exempt from all forms of environmental enrichment and any exemptions to social housing or exercise should be considered for only the minimal amount of time or restriction necessary.

Modifications to this SOP must be approved by the CCM Enrichment Program Manager following the criteria of the exemption plan

If Enrichment used is out side of the standard, contact CCM Enrichment Personnel.