

FERRETS



Cavia porcellus

Ferrets are small, playful mammals with long, slender bodies, known for their curiosity and energetic nature. They belong to the weasel family and love to explore, burrow, and interact with people.



STATS

Range: Andes Mountains of South America

Habitat: Grasslands

Average Size: 8 - 16 inches long

Lifespan in the wild: 1 - 4 years

Lifespan in human care: 5 - 8 years

Diet: Obligate Carnivores, meaning they can only eat meat.

Activity: Crepuscular (most active at dawn and dusk)

Conservation Status: Least concern

FUN FACTS

- A group of ferrets is called a business.
- The word ferret is derived from the Latin *furittus*, which means “little thief.”
- Ferrets are part of the *Mustelidae* family, along with badgers, otters, weasels, mink, and wolverines.