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AFA FERRET VACCINATION POLICY

The American Ferret Association (AFA) recommends vaccinating ferrets with USDA licensed vaccine products labeled for use in ferrets. Recent changes in the availability of these products have caused shortages of approved vaccines. Use of vaccines that do not include ferrets on the manufacturer's label is an off-label usage; use these products only after consulting with a ferret knowledgeable veterinarian and only in circumstances when the risk of infection warrants the use of the vaccine.

Full article can be found at <http://www.ferret.org/pdfs/health/VaccinationPolicy.pdf>

AFA Position Statement on Declawing Ferrets

The American Ferret Association strongly opposes the practice of declawing. As part of the routine health maintenance of the ferret, the claws should be periodically trimmed. To do so avoids the problem of the ferret getting entangled in bedding or on other materials.

Full article can be found at <http://www.ferret.org/pdfs/health/Declawing.pdf>

AFA Position Statement on Descending of Ferrets

Ferrets are known to have their own natural musky scent. This scent is present in all ferrets, whether they're early spay/neuter ferrets, later alter ferrets, or intact ferrets (not spayed or neutered). Contrary to common belief, however, the natural scent in ferrets has nothing to do with their anal glands.

Full article can be found at http://www.ferret.org/pdfs/health/AFAPosition_Descending.pdf

AFA Position on Ferrets and Toxoplasmosis During Pregnancy

If you are pregnant, you probably have heard of toxoplasmosis. Toxoplasmosis is an infection caused by the protozoan *Toxoplasma gondii* (*T. gondii*), which exists naturally in the soil.

Full article can be found at <http://www.ferret.org/read/ferretHealth.html>

AFA Ferret Breeders And Breeding Position Statement

The AFA would further recommend that its members (hobbyist breeders) not knowingly be involved in the sale of pet ferrets through pet stores, or any other type of wholesale outlet, including mail order, agents or federally licensed dealers of commercial pet ferrets, individuals or institutions involved in research.

Full article can be found at <http://www.ferret.org/read/statements.html>

AFA Banned Breeders Policy

As of 2004, no ferret is permitted to show in the Breeder, Adolescent or Alter Title Classes unless the ferret's sire and dam is listed, to include the proper prefix [ferret breeder].

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