

Hotel/Motel Guidelines for AFA show participants

Finding a hotel that accepts pets, much less ferrets, is always a challenge. Ensuring the American Ferret Association's continued ability to provide a host hotel (with a "block" of rooms at a negotiated rate) is a priority. We encourage all exhibitors to follow these recommendations. As with any hotel stay, be considerate and leave the room in the same or better condition than you found it.

1. **Protect your ferrets** from harmful cleaning chemicals or insecticides that are commonly used on hotel floors and furniture by keeping them off of these surfaces. If your playpen does not have a solid plastic bottom, place linoleum or thick plastic underneath it. This also protects the hotel's carpet from accidents and damage caused by digging. Blankets, lightweight plastic, or tarps are *not* effective substitutes.
2. If you are using a cage with a solid plastic bottom, you may place it on furniture or counters but provide protection to prevent scratching.
3. Please supply your own paper towels and trash bags for disposing of ferret litter and waste. Remove these from hotel property as the odor will permeate waste receptacles.
4. Bring your ferrets' favorite bath towels. Hotel towels should be reserved for your own bathing purposes.
5. Before checking out, be sure to clean up all waste by checking for stray ferret litter or food on the floors, counters and furniture.
6. Spray the room with an odor *neutralizer* to eliminate ferret odors. *Note*, this is not the same as an air *freshener*.
7. For your ferrets' safety, they should remain in cages when in the hotel lobby, elevator or hallways... no loose ferrets or ones on a harness and leash in the hotel, please.
8. Be considerate of other ferret owners and hotel guests by sharing hotel carts. Quickly make use of them and return them to the hotel lobby.

Use common sense and respect our hotels! They will thank us and welcome our return for the next show in their area!

According to Virginia Code § 8.01-42.2, a registered hotel guest (not the AFA) is civilly liable for any property damage to their room or its furnishings that occurs during their stay, and the hotel reserves the right to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law.

I, _____ (please print name), agree to the above terms and understand the consequences if not followed.

Signature

Date

Phone Number

Hotel Name