

Found Ferret Check List

First make sure the ferret is safe, try to detain it in a pet carrier or strong box that has holes in it that will allow it to breathe, and ensure it has some water and food (fresh meat or tinned cat food will suffice in an emergency). Ideally take the ferret along to local vets to check to see if it is microchipped, they shouldn't charge for this.

If the ferret appears injured or ill please take it straight away to a vets.

The following list may help you reunite ferret and owner:

- Let neighbours in your street and the street backing onto you know that you have found a ferret; you may find it is one of theirs.
- Post a simple notice regarding a found ferret on <http://www.ferrethelp.co.uk>
<http://www.gumtree.com>
<http://www.animalsearchuk.co.uk>
- Contact all local and exotics vets.
- Contact your local ferret rescues, small animal rescues, and wildlife rescues. If you go to our web site <http://www.starescue.org.uk/> there should be a list of local ferret rescues.
- Contact the RSPCA & Blue Cross (if you have a branch near) just in case the owner has contacted them.
- Put up found posters everywhere you possibly can, with found notices we recommend you simply announce that a "Ferret has been found" with rough location and provide a telephone number to contact you or the rescue to whom you have passed on the ferret to.

This way anyone calling can be asked to confirm the colour and sex of the ferret, and also where it went missing from to help make sure the ferret is being reunited with its true owner.

Once these are created begin putting them up as soon as possible. Remember to position them so that they can be seen by both drivers and pedestrians, in 'high traffic' areas. Most newsagents, pet shops and supermarkets are happy to display a 'found' poster.

- Post an advert in the local free ad paper or newspaper and check these for matching lost adverts.

DO LET the rescues know if you manage to locate the owner.