



# NYC Rules

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### Comments

Brian Rayne

Comment:

I support removing the ban on ferrets. It is not feasible for them to because a nuisance by forming wild packs because domestic ferrets don't have the survival skills to live on their own in the wild. Regarding diseases like rabies, they are no more dangerous than any other cat or dog.

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Rebecca Charters

Comment:

As a ferret lover/owner, I highly urge the domestic ferret ban in NYC to be lifted. Ferrets make wonderful companions to the right owners. They do well in small apartments, as long as all their daily exercise requirements are met, and do well at adapting to their owners schedule. No different to a cat or a dog, providing the correct knowledge of care is there, and that new owners do their research first. I agree that ferrets should be spayed / neutered to avoid breeding, which is not only complicated and therefore dangerous, but too many abandoned ferrets are already in need of homes. However chemical castration should also be an option for ferret owners, due to ongoing research / studies showing distinct links between adrenal disease and the removal of the reproductive organs. Time to lift this ban. Its breaks my heart when I hear stories of people who are unable to own and care for ferrets due to restrictions/bans in their state.

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Roary Williams

Comment:

My wife and I are private ferret owners. I want to take a second to outline the basic facts about domestic ferrets. First, the ferrets people keep as pets are NOT wild animals. They do not exist in nature. They are a domestic animal, usually bred by ferret farms. There has been little or no documented cases of domestic ferrets contracting rabies, however ferrets can safely and effectively be immunized for rabies and distemper. Domestic ferrets can be destructive in rental situations, but no more than any other companion animal. While many people buy and keep ferrets without prior knowledge and education, most ferret owners are very good at maintaining conditions which keep both ferrets and their rented housing safe from harm. Most domestic ferrets CANNOT be bred, since all ferrets produced by ferret farms are already spayed/neutered and descented. Private breeding of ferrets is difficult and not done easily, so that is not truly a concern. Domestic ferrets have been stereotypically and wrongly accused of being aggressive towards humans, but in almost all cases the behavior of ferrets is misunderstood. The way they play and socialize must be understood. They have jaws stronger than a pit bull, but even with that power I have never once been bitten by any of my 50 plus ferrets I have kept over the last twenty years. The idea that they attack small children or babies is just nonsense. Like any other animal, ferrets will protect themselves when scared, but it is actually less of a problem than with dogs and cats, statistically. I wanted to clear up these basic facts. There is no reason domestic ferrets should be treated like wild animals and regulated in that matter. The illegality of ferrets often CAUSES them to be abandoned, and placed in shelters. To legalize their ownership can only help this situation, not increase it. Thank you for reading.

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Lorraine Lordi

Comment:

I support lifting the ban on ownership of pet ferrets in NYC. I have owned ferrets for 7 years and they are wonderful, intelligent and loving pets suitable for people well versed in their care and health issues. I ask that ferrets NOT be sold in pet stores and support the passing of laws that prohibit the retail sales of any pets.

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Cheryl B

Comment:

Please allow New Yorkers to own spayed or neutered ferrets. I had two ferrets, Buttons and Ozzie. Ferrets are loving and good pets. They are great to enhance the lives of the people of NYC!

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jean samu

Comment:

I SUPPORT LEGALIZATION OF FERRETS IN NYC. I FORGOT TO MENTION IN MY LAST COMMENT THAT THEY WOULD BE GOOD PETS IN APARTMENTS AS THEY DONOT MAKE NOISE AS A DOG OR CAT WOULD. I LIKE DOGS AND CATS BUT I FEEL SINCE FERRETS ARE SMALL ANIMALS THEY WOULD BE GOOD FOR APARTMENT PEOPLE WHO HAVE LESS SPACE FOR A LARGER ANIMAL AND LIKE I SAID THEY ARE VERY QUIET AND SLEEP MOST OF THE TIME AS I WELL KNOW SINCE I HAD FERRETS FOR OVER 20 YEARS. PLEASE CONSIDER THE BAN ON FERRETS AND LEGALIZE THEM IN NYC. THEY ARE VERY LOVABLE AND A JOY TO HAVE AND AS I SAID I FORGOT TO MENTION IN MY FIRST COMMENT THAT THEY WOULD MAKE GOOD PETS IN AN APARTMENT. PLEASE LIFT THE BAN ON FERRETS IN NYC . I FULLY SUPPORT THE LEGALIZATION OF FERRETS IN NYC. THANK YOU AGAIN. J. SAMU

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jean samu

Comment:

I FULLY SUPPORT LEGALIZING FERRETS SPAYED AND NEUTERED IN NYC. I DO NOT WANT NYC TO ALLOW SALE OF FERRETS IN NYC IN PET STORES . I HAVE HAD FERRETS FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH THEM . THEY NEVER BIT ANYONE OR HURT ANYONE. WHEN I WAS SICK MY NEICE AND HER SON-IN-LAW WOULD TAKE CARE OF THEM AND THEY HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THEM. THEY ARE VERY LOVING AND PLAYFUL. HERE IN NJ THEY ARE LEGAL TO HAVE AND ALMOST ALL YOUR VETERNARIANS HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH THEM AND KNOW HOW TO TREAT THEM IF THE FERRETS HAVE PROBLEMS. THEY GAVE ME MUCH LOVE AND JOY IN MY LIFE. THEY ARE ALSO VERY FRIENDLY WITH PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME OVER TO VISIT US. I FULLY SUPPORT THE LEGALIZATION OF FERRETS IN NYC AS I THINK THEY WOULD MAKE WOUNDERFUL PETS. PLEASE LEGALIZE FERRETS IN NYC. THANK YOU. J. SAMU

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Ewelina Drozd

Comment:

Dear Commissioner of New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene ! Please legalize ferrets in New York City ! They are beautiful, gentle, and lovely animals. I've never heard anything bad about them. They are harmless and innocent small creatures. Domesticated thousands years ago by Egyptians and Romans. Leonardo da Vinci admired them. (In a year 1490 he painted a famous portrait of Cecilia Gallerani "Lady with an Ermine"). Ferrets are loyal, playful, intelligent, and affectionate. They bring joy and laugh to people. They even help overcome people's mental problems. I've never met a person who didn't laugh after seeing a happy ferret leap and bounce around a room during play. They deserve to be our pets like dogs and cats in our wonderful place like New York City.

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Pawel Mirowski

Comment:

Dear Ma'am or Sir or the entire Board of New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene ! Please, legalize Ferrets in New York City ! They are so beautiful and lovely animals. They are harmless and innocent creatures. They bring joy and warm smile to people. They deserve to be legal resident of NYC. I love them so much and enjoy to see how they play and interact with us. They are no different than dogs and cats in giving to people love and friendship. Thank you for your kindness.

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Gordon Johnson

Comment:

Commissioners, Please reconsider the City's arbitrary 16 year ban on private domestic ferret ownership. They are especially suited for life in New York City's tight quarters as they are small, clean, quiet, and litter trainable. They make wonderful pets and are not inherently dangerous - no more likely to bite than a cat or dog. Ferrets provide the positive and documented health benefits of any other traditional pet, while being a great alternative for people who may be allergic to cats or unable to walk a dog. Please allow only private owners and require pets to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated against rabies. Commercial sales and breeding in the city will only lead to impulse purchases, leading to more abandoned pets. A NYC resident who puts thought into adopting a ferret will find many organizations with ferrets available in the Metropolitan area who can ensure the ferret is finding a good home.

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