

Bioprotection Plan: Ferrets

Prior to arrival:

Animals must be received from an approved vendor (Marshall Farms) with appropriate testing performed. Marshall Farms vaccinates with the distemper series at 9 and 11 weeks of age and the rabies vaccine.

Upon arrival:

Animals arriving from a vendor may be placed directly in the animal room. Animal care staff should note the general health and appearance of the animals. If any animals are found with health issues, an AHEF should be sent to the investigator and LAP veterinary staff.

LAP veterinary staff will assess the animals within one day of arrival.

Ferrets should be acclimated for at least 7 days before use for research.

Preventative Maintenance Plan:

Daily: Observations

Monthly: Trim toenails and check ears and teeth as needed

Trimester: Body condition score will be examined.

Yearly: Rabies and Distemper virus boosters should be performed as needed; exemptions by IACUC protocol approval. Full physical exams will be performed.

Purdue Ferret Excluded Agents

Aleutian Disease

Bordatella bronchiseptica

Campylobacter spp.

Canine Distemper Virus

Human Influenza Virus (for flu studies)

Lawsonia intracellularis

Endoparasites

Ectoparasites

Rabies Virus