



Learning Resources



FERRET NUTRITION

ZIWI PEAK FOR FERRETS

Ferrets are obligate carnivores, meaning that they are obligated to eat meat products as their primary food source. They are fairly similar to the domestic cat in regards to dietary requirements, but there are some small differences.



Gastrointestinal Tract

Ferrets have a short digestive tract suited for a carnivorous diet and struggle with carbohydrates. Ziwi Peak's high meat and organ content is easily digestible for ferrets, supporting their health and well-being better than plant-based ingredients.



Feeding Behaviours

Wild ferrets eat small prey and need frequent, high-meat meals to match their fast metabolism. Ziwi Peak supports this by offering a high-protein, meat-rich formula that mirrors their natural diet, catering to their instinctual feeding needs.



Dentition

Ferrets' teeth are designed for catching and eating prey, with incisors for gripping, canines for tearing, and molars for shearing meat. Ziwi Peak's air-dried texture helps with dental health by encouraging chewing, which naturally cleans teeth and reduces plaque and tartar.



Fish

Ferrets emit an unpleasant odor when fed fish-heavy diets, so Ziwi Peak's Mackerel and Lamb, Hoki, and Mackerel recipes are not recommended.



Digestibility

Ferrets need food that's over 85% digestible because their short digestive tract requires highly absorbable nutrients to meet their high energy and protein needs efficiently. Foods with high digestibility ensure they get the maximum benefit from their diet, supporting optimal health and vitality. Ziwi Peak meets ferret dietary requirements by having a digestibility of over 95%.



Nutrient Recommendations

Ferrets need a diet rich in animal proteins and fats, with low carbohydrates. Ideal nutrition includes 30-40% protein and 15-20% fat, ensuring they get the energy and nutrients necessary for their health and well-being. Ziwi Peak is beneficial for ferrets' nutritional needs due to its high-quality, species-appropriate ingredients with a nutritional analysis that reflects a ferret's ideal nutrition.

CHICKEN RECIPE | Air-dried and wet

Chicken, being small prey, is closest to the natural diet of ferrets.



VENISON RECIPE | Air-dried and wet

Can be used as a novel protein diet for ferrets experiencing food allergies.



BEEF RECIPE
Air-dried and wet



LAMB RECIPE
Air-dried and wet