

# 6 TIPS ON GROOMING YOUR FERRET

Learning to care for the smallest member of the family is an incredible way to foster responsibility, independence and confidence in children. Kallista is learning how to be an amazing ferret momma by helping to take care of her family's business of 24 ferrets! Here are some of her personal tips and tricks:

## 1 Ferret's don't need to bathe often.

The natural oils on their skin and fur help to keep them clean. When your ferret simply needs a little freshening up, don't hesitate to take a warm washcloth to clean their face, paws and bottom. If they've gotten into a little mess, they may not need more than a few minutes to splash around in water, but there are times when they are simply too dirty and require some suds.

## 2 When they do, be gentle!

Use gentle cleansers and handle your ferret with care. Especially if this is your ferret's first bath, show them a little extra love and patience with the process. They may be scared or simply hate the water. The Marshall Ferret Tea Tree Shampoo and Marshall Ferret Crème Rinse are the perfect routine to gently clean any ferret.

## 3 Keep them warm.

Ferrets are extremely sensitive to temperature. Make sure that the water you are using is not too hot or cold and that there are no drafts directly hitting the ferret. Have a clean, dry towel to wrap your ferret in when you are done. Most ferrets will shy away from the blow dryer, but if you have a curious creature on your hands, the cool setting of your blow dryer is a great way to dry them quickly.

Tear Free Shampoo » Item# FG-227  
 Daily Spritz » Item# FG-021  
 Ear Cleaner » Item# FG-084  
 Nail Clippers » Item# FG-131  
 Soft Bristle Grooming Brush » Item# FG-130



## 4 After a bath, we brush.

Brush their clean, dry fur with a soft bristle grooming brush to evenly distribute their natural oils and remove any snarls caused by washing. Brush once a week to help prevent hairballs during shedding season and remove dirt that causes them to smell bad and improves the bond between you and your ferret.

### Ears and nails are important too...

## 5 Keeping your ferret's ears clean will help to maintain a healthy immune system and reduce the chances of wax build up. The Marshall Ferret Ear Cleaner helps to gently flush out ear wax without the use of cotton swabs. Keep your ferret's nails short to reduce the chance of scratches and pulls. A set of nail clippers with a sure-grip handle allows for greater control over your tool as you restrain your ferret.

## 6 In between baths

it is safe to use the Marshall Daily Spritz and Tea Tree Spray to keep your ferret's fur soft and silky. The natural ingredients are safe to use daily to fight dry skin and body odor. The Marshall Foaming Waterless Shampoo is a great product to use when you are traveling or in a hurry.

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