



Choosing a name for a pet is a big decision! The name you choose says so much about you and your family's relationship to your pet. Names tend to say as much about the family as they do the pet themselves. Getting all family members involved helps to establish a sense of ownership and responsibility.

Here are some tips to get the creative juices flowing for a name the whole family will love.

Cute

Zippy
Peppy
Jolly
Merry
Sunny
Cheery
Chippy
Perky
Frolic
Bouncy
Chuckles
Heaven
Justice
Winter
Pepper
Hopper
Coco
Clementine
Flora
June
Silky
Plushie
Velvet
Feather

Mischievous

Troublemaker
Devil
Trickster
Imp
Prankster
Zesty
Demon
Antic
Rowdy
Boomer
Swindler
Charlatan
Hooligan
Scoundrel
Scalawag
Rogue
Rascalion
Mutineer
Riot
Renegade
Tricky

Funny

Loony
Hoopla
Squeaker
Jumper
Speedster
Prancer
HotShot
Mighty
Chatty
Professor
Brainy
Noisy

Clever

Velocity
Rush
Snap
Swift
Zoom
Flash
Rocket
Streak
Sprinter
Wiry

Set Some Rules

As if you were

playing a game like Pictionary, set some rules for the family pet. We would assume that to keep creating fun and the family on task. Some guidance here would be to choose a name that has longevity. Choosing a name based on a feature that might change as they grow would be a bad idea. Using nicknames that are hard to say or sound like training cues would not be recommended either. The nickname Bo could easily be confused with the command "no" and is a great example. Names that are easy to say, spell and are short are helpful for family members of all ages to engage with the family pet. If a longer name is chosen, it would be smart to establish a nickname or two that you would use more frequently. Establish some sources of inspiration...

Inspiration can be found anywhere. Pop icons are an awesome place to start. Favorite movie or TV characters



are very popular. Celebrity names, sports teams and athletes, band names and musicians are infinite wells of possible names.

Use your everyday life as inspiration. Do you have a favorite hobby? Food? Color? Board or video game? Book or fictional character? I personally know a Snickers, Mr. Reagan, Pikachu and Dash.

And what about the animals themselves?

Their behaviors, characteristics, sounds and aesthetics can be used to spark some creativity.

The possibilities are endless. Putting parameters around brainstorming helps to keep the family on task. Make a night of it and have fun bonding with your new family pet!

Need a little more inspiration to get you past Bandit? We've put together some fun ferret names to get you started.



MY FERRET'S name is...

Many of you have welcomed ferrets into your families over the past year. We asked our extended ferret family to fill in the blanks and the responses did not disappoint. If you are still trying to name your noodle, take a peek at these ferrets' names and why.

Laverna

→ My ferret's name is Laverna. Laverna is the Roman goddess of



thieves. Her middle name is Riot for the times when she becomes wild and crazy, popping around like she's in a mosh pit of one. Her nicknames are as follows: Weasel, Wuzzer, Wuzzer of Oz, Da Wuzz, Smelly, Meller, Mell and Tiny Thing. She's the greatest. - Shari Strojny

My most senior ferret's name is Inspector Gadget because when he was young and war dancing around the house, his squeaks sounded like the theme song for the Inspector Gadget cartoon. This is a rare pic of one of just a very few kisses he has ever given, he's too busy for love. - Alicia Ricker

Inspector Gadget



Moose



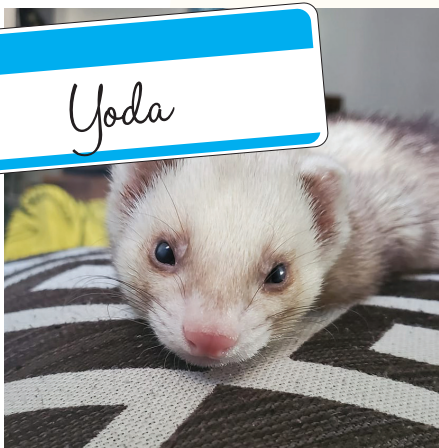
← My ferret's name is Moose because his other name was ridiculous. When we looked at him we exclaimed, "Wow!! He's such a moose!!" He immediately perked up in his cage and looked straight at me. It may sound ridiculous, but I thought I saw a smile. He melted my heart that very moment and we adopted him on the spot without a second thought. - Danyel Soulier

Hakai



↑ My ferret's name is Hakai, which means destruction in Japanese, because ferrets are really good at making messes. - Sarah Parrilla

Yoda



← My ferret's name is Yoda because when I met him I told him, "Yoda cutest." He's the biggest sweetheart and so gentle. - Erica Kaye

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Peanut

Peanut was a tiny guy when he came to his forever home.

- Melissa Whitt

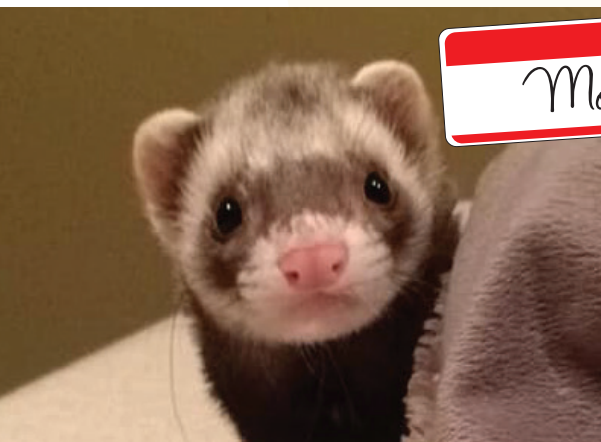


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Mowgli

My Mowgli is a jungle boy who climbs up everything.

- Katie Brewer



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Keiko Jane

One of my ferret's name is Keiko Jane because Keiko means blessed lucky child in Japanese. She is a stray that I rescued in my neighborhood over 2 years ago.

- Jay Hufty



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Da Vinci

My ferret's name is Da Vinci because he is smart and elegant.

- Liz Ibarra



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Ozzy

My ferret's name is Ozzy because he rides the crazy train every day.

- Cindy Redden



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Bear

If it walks like a bear, and it sleeps like a bear, and it eats like a bear, it's a bear.

My ferret's name is Bear because he is a lazy, energy-saving, sleep-aholic that will eat all your food out of a picnic basket.

- Vicky Sauer

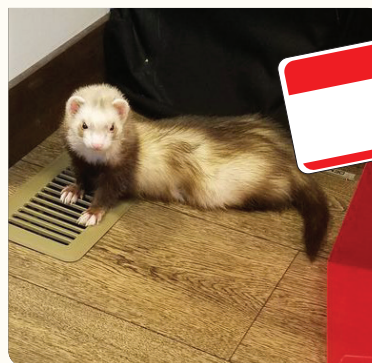


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Diesel

Diesel was the biggest boy in his litter.

- Jamie Bullock



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Goober

My ferret's name is Goober. It's self-explanatory.

