

## Exhibit D

### \*\*Exhibit: Absence of Official Ferret Bite Statistics in the USA\*\*

As of the date of this petition, there is a notable absence of official and comprehensive statistics regarding ferret bites in the United States. Unlike more common pets such as dogs and cats, ferrets do not have a well-documented history of bites that is systematically recorded and reported at a national level.

Efforts to locate statistical data on ferret bites have been inconclusive, indicating a gap in official records or studies specific to ferret-related incidents. The limited availability of such statistics may be attributed to the relatively smaller population of ferrets as pets compared to more prevalent domestic animals.

This exhibit aims to highlight the challenge in obtaining official ferret bite statistics, emphasizing that the absence of such data contributes to the complexity of assessing the frequency and severity of ferret bites on a national scale. In the absence of comprehensive statistics, it is crucial to consider alternative sources of information, including veterinary records, animal control reports, and community forums.

While ferret bites, if they occur, can have consequences, the scarcity of official statistics underscores the need for further research and data collection to better understand and address any potential issues associated with ferret ownership.