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## 1996-97 NATIONWIDE FERRET SURVEY OF STATE WILDLIFE AGENCIES<sup>1</sup>

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**SUMMARY.** In October 1996, the California Department of Fish and Game mailed a survey questionnaire to each state wildlife agency in the nation to obtain legal and natural history information regarding domestic ferrets (*Mustela putorius furo*). All state wildlife agencies, including California, were polled. The goal was to determine the concerns of each state wildlife agency and to clarify what authority and role each state wildlife agency had regarding ferrets. This was undertaken to obtain information for use by California Department of Fish and Game in assessing environmental concerns relating to proposed legalization of ferrets as pets in California. All states responded. A database was developed and survey results were tabulated to summarize the wide array of responses state agencies provided on agency authority and other legal background, ferret classification and terminology, status of ferrets owned or wild, and environmental concerns.

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### BACKGROUND

Restrictions on the importation and possession of domestic ferrets (*Mustela putorius furo*) have been in effect under California state law and regulations since 1933. Promotion of domestic ferrets as pet animals began nationally in the 1970s, and subsequently some states that formerly restricted possession of ferrets enacted laws to legalize them as pets. By the early 1990s, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) had addressed many ferret possession issues but did not eliminate restrictions on ferret possession. California is one of two states where possession of ferrets as pets is still not allowed.

Since 1994, ferret organizations have promoted legislative changes to allow importation and ownership of ferrets in California for pet purposes, but several proposed bills failed passage.

In 1995, the California Domestic Ferret Association publicly requested that the Commission remove the domestic ferret from the list of restricted "wild animals" under Title 14, Section 671. At their November 2, 1995 meeting, the Commission voted to submit a notice of proposed regulatory action to the Office of Administrative Law to consider removing the ferret from that list. That regulatory process was to be initiated after a draft environmental document had been completed for public review. The Department of Fish and Game (Department) was asked by the

Commission to prepare an environmental document. The Department responded at that time that the earliest staff could begin work on such a document would be in spring 1996.

The Department's Wildlife Management Division reassigned endangered species staff time to this undertaking in May 1996. To establish the scope of the document, the Department focussed on two main areas of information gathering. The first was a bibliographic search. The Department contracted with the University of California at Davis to conduct an extensive literature search of libraries, Internet sources, and other information sources. That bibliography was published as an administrative report in 1997 (Whisson and Moore, 1997).

The other part of the scoping process entailed canvassing each state for pertinent information on their laws and regulations and on the status of the ferret. The goal was to determine the concerns of each state wildlife agency and to clarify what authority and role each state wildlife agency had regarding ferrets. Such information would be useful to the Department for preparing the environmental document for the Commission. A questionnaire was developed for this survey.

In October 1996, the Wildlife Management Division of California Department of Fish and Game mailed the questionnaire to each state wildlife agency in the nation.

Meanwhile, the Office of the Attorney General had been conducting a legal analysis of the Commission's power to designate "wild animals" and limitations, if any, of adopted regulations. In November 1996, the State Deputy Attorney General informed the Commission that, in his opinion, the Commission did not have the authority to adopt regulations to remove restrictions on ferrets, so legalization of ferrets was a legislative matter. On November 8, 1996, the Commission accepted that decision and proposed to work with the California Legislature on legislation to provide guidance and clarification to the Commission. Therefore, with no pending Commission action, there was no longer a need for the environmental document. However, the nationwide survey information would be useful if future legislation or Commission actions include requirements for environmental documentation.

## **SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

The four-page Domestic Ferret Questionnaire form (Appendix A) covered many of the subject areas pertinent to wildlife agencies, such as agency authority and other legal background, terminology, status of ferrets owned or wild, and environmental concerns.

### **Agency Authority**

The questionnaire asked where state legal authority resided for setting regulations on importation and possession of ferrets; whether there were state regulations prohibiting the release of ferrets from captivity; and whether the state wildlife agency had authority to enforce ferret laws and regulations.

It asked which entities in state government had authority for issuing permits to import and possess ferrets for various uses, such as for pet keeping and use in sport hunting. Also, it asked whether there were restrictions or permit requirements for persons to breed ferrets for various purposes. Respondents were asked to provide details on breeding permit fee structure and restrictions.

Respondents were asked whether they were aware of any local government ordinances prohibiting ownership of ferrets.

### Legal History

Regarding the history of ferret restrictions, states were asked when, if ever, the state wildlife agency received authority to regulate importation or possession of ferrets; and when importation and possession were legalized in the state, and by what entity.

### Classification and Terminology

The questionnaire requested information on how ferrets were classified under state laws and regulations, and what nomenclature and other terms were used to identify the species.

### Owned Ferrets

Each agency was asked to estimate the number of ferrets owned in their state, under various categories of use. They were asked what restrictions and permit requirements exist for captive breeding of ferrets and, if applicable, the number of permits issued.

### Stray and Feral Ferrets

The agencies were asked whether they had evidence of stray ferrets in urban areas and in the wild, what facilities handle lost or abandoned ferrets, and what actions agencies would take upon discovering individual ferrets on state wildlife lands. Regarding survival of ferrets in the wild, agencies were asked whether they had documentation that individuals survived more than a few days in the wild; whether they suspected or had documented evidence of ferrets breeding in the wild, currently or in the past; and what the likelihood was that ferrets had established a breeding population in the state. Also, the questionnaire asked what effort the wildlife agency had made to assess the status of ferrets in the wild, and how the effort was made. Each agency was asked what actions it would take upon discovering an established breeding population of ferrets in the state.

## Environmental Issues

Respondents were asked to describe their environmental concerns. The questionnaire requested whether an environmental impact report or written evaluation was prepared for legalizing ferret ownership. Also, for states that regulate ferret ownership, it asked how useful regulation is in meeting state concerns.

Also, the respondents were asked to provide copies of pertinent reports and materials, such as copies of regulations.

## **RESPONSES AND FOLLOW-UP**

By December 1996, 73% of the states had responded. That month, the Department mailed a follow-up questionnaire to the remaining states, and telephone call reminders were made to all states that still had not responded by January 1997 to the second mailing. By April 1997, all remaining states had responded.

Questionnaire responses were reviewed by staff for completeness and clarity. When incomplete questionnaires or unclear responses were found, the contact person listed on the questionnaire was reached by telephone and requested to provide the missing information or clarification. The individual who completed the original questionnaire was asked to provide the information, or to have other appropriate individuals do so.

Responses were entered into a database (Visual dBASE®) for tabulation and summary. Questionnaire results are summarized below. For details of responses by the states, see the tabulations in Appendix B.

## **RESULTS**

### History of State Legalization

According to these responses, ferrets have never been prohibited by state law in 36 states (72%). In one of these, Ohio, ferrets are not prohibited except for use in sport hunting (Appendix B-1).

Of 14 states with a history of having had prohibitions, eight reported that legalization has since occurred, all within the period 1985-1995. In 1985, a court decision in Alaska resulted in removal of that state's authority to prohibit ferret ownership. From 1987 through 1995, seven more states legalized ferret ownership. This was done by state legislation in six states and by state wildlife agency action in one (Utah).

	<u>YEAR LEGALIZED</u>	<u>HOW LEGALIZED</u>
Alaska	1985	Court decision
Pennsylvania	1987	State legislation
Vermont	1989	State legislation
Georgia	1991	State legislation
New Hampshire	1993	State legislation
Utah	1993	Action by state wildlife agency
Michigan	1994	State legislation
Massachusetts	1995	State legislation

In six states, ferrets are prohibited, except under certain conditions (see Classification). Permits are required for possession as pets or for breeding in Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island. In California and Hawaii, importation and possession for pet keeping or breeding are illegal, as no permits are issued (see Classification).

### Regulation Authority

In more than half (54%, or 27/50) of the states, neither the state wildlife agency, natural resources agency, or the wildlife commission had authority for setting ferret-related regulations (Appendix B-2). Those states responding that they had no regulations in this regard were Idaho, Iowa, and Ohio.

Here are responses to the question, "Which entity(ies) has authority for setting state regulations regarding the importation and possession of domestic ferrets in your state?" [five possible entities and 'None' were listed; more than one entry could be marked] <sup>1</sup>:

<u>Entity/Agency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number (of 50)</u>
Wildlife/Natural Resources *	30% *	15 *
Wildlife Commission *	18 *	9 *
Legislature	40	20
Agriculture	36	18
Health Department	22	11
None	6	3
Other State Government Agency	4	2
Board of Animal Health/State Vet	6	3
Local Agencies	8	4

\* The number of states with authority under a state wildlife agency, or natural resource agency, or wildlife commission, or a combination of them, totaled 23.

<sup>1</sup> In many summary tables in this report, totals exceed 50 states or 100%, because states could mark more than one pertinent answer for many of the questions.

State Wildlife Agency Authority to Regulate Ferrets

To the question, "When did your state wildlife agency receive authority to regulate importation or possession of domestic ferrets?," 56% (28/50) of the state wildlife agencies responded "Never". Three states did not have this information (Connecticut, North Carolina, and Vermont) (Appendix B-1).

Regulation authority had been granted to state wildlife agencies in 19 states.

Massachusetts	1920	Nevada	1947
Illinois	ca 1925	Virginia	1950
Michigan	1927	Alaska	1958
New Mexico	1927	New Jersey	1969
Rhode Island	1929 (& 1981)	New York	1972
New Hampshire	1930s, until 1993	Georgia	1977
California	1933	Maryland	1985
Pennsylvania	1937	Ohio	1994
Kentucky	1942	Indiana	1995
Florida	1947		

State Wildlife Agency Authority to Enforce Ferret Laws and Regulations

About one third of the state wildlife agencies had authority to enforce laws and regulations on the importation and possession of ferrets. Also, about one third of the state wildlife agencies reported that they did not have authority to enforce laws and regulations on use of ferrets for hunting. About a quarter of the states had such authority regarding ferret breeding (Appendix B-3).

	YES		NO		No Report	
	Percent	No. (of 50)	Percent	No. (of 50)	Percent	No. (of 50)
IMPORTATION	34%	17	62%	31	4%	2
POSSESSION	30	15	66	33	4	2
HUNTING	62	31	34	17	4	2
BREEDING	26	13	70	35	4	2

### Authority to Issue Permits

The state wildlife agency, natural resources agency, or state wildlife commission (or these in combination) had authority to issue permits to possess ferrets for certain uses, as follows (Appendix B-4):

	<u>Percent with authority</u>	<u>Number (of 50)</u>
IMPORTATION	28%	14
HUNTING	26	13
BREEDING	24	12
PETS	20	10
LAB ANIMAL	16	8
FARM PEST CONTROL	12	6

### Agency Authority to Issue Permits for Pet Ferrets

Of the 24 states that listed an agency or agencies with authority to issue permits for keeping ferrets as pets, eight states listed the state wildlife/natural resource/commission; six listed "local governments", five listed the "state agriculture agency", and four listed combinations of these or other entities (Appendix B-4).

### Agency Authority to Issue Permits for Use of Ferrets as Lab Animals

Of the 21 states that listed an agency or agencies with authority to issue permits for keeping ferrets as laboratory animals, eight marked the "state agriculture agency", seven listed the state wildlife/natural resource/commission; one listed the state wildlife/natural resources agency in combination with a "federal agency"; two others listed the "federal agency"; and one each listed "Department of Environmental Conservation", "local government", and "state health agency" (Appendix B-4).

### Agency Authority to Issue Permits for Use of Ferrets in Farm Pest Control

Of the 15 states that listed an agency or agencies with authority to issue permits for use of ferrets in farm pest control, six marked "state agriculture agency", three listed "state wildlife commission", three listed "state wildlife/natural resources agency", one listed "local government", and one listed "state agriculture agency" but also checked "activity is prohibited statewide". Ten other states indicated that the "activity is prohibited statewide" (Appendix B-4).

### Use of Ferrets for Sport Hunting

Twenty-two states (44%) reported that use of ferrets for sport hunting is prohibited statewide. No information on this topic was received from 16 states, and one state reported "Not applicable" (Appendix B-4).

Of 14 states reporting that some entity had authority to issue permits for use of ferrets for sport hunting, six indicated that authority resided with the state wildlife/natural resources agency, but two of these were states that reported the use to be prohibited statewide. Five states reported that the authority rested with the state wildlife commission, but one of these also reported that the use was prohibited statewide. Two states reported that the authority resided with both the state wildlife/natural resources agency and the state wildlife commission, and one state listed the authority residing with the state agricultural agency.

Awareness of Local Government Ordinances Restricting Ownership

Forty-two state wildlife agencies (84%) indicated that they were not aware of local government restrictions on ownership of ferrets, and three others did not respond (Appendix B-3).

Only five states indicated that they were aware of local government agencies adopting ordinances prohibiting ownership of ferrets. Georgia listed Douglas County; Missouri listed Columbia; Ohio mentioned that several cities have such restrictions; and Texas listed San Antonio and perhaps Dallas, Ft. Worth, and Beaumont. Indiana gave no examples.

Classification

State wildlife agencies use a variety of terms to classify ferrets under their regulations. Some states use more than one of the classifications described here. Five states reported that they used no such specific classifications. The most common classifications were "domestic animal" and "exotic", which were used alone or in combination with other classifications. Twenty-five (50%) of the states classified the ferret as a "domestic animal"; five of those states classified them as "exotic", as well. Sixteen states (32%) classified them as "exotic"; five of those states also classified them as both "exotic" and "domestic animal", and two classified them as "exotic" together with other classifications, including "prohibited" and "nongame" (Appendix B-5).

Only one or two states each classify ferrets as "nongame", "furbearer", "wild animal", "restricted", "non-protected", or other special designation.

The 50 states reported the following classifications used in regulations:

Nongame	4%	Prohibited, except under permit	10%
Furbearer	2%	Restricted	4%
Wild animal	4%	Not protected	4%
Domestic animal	50%	Not applicable (no specific designation)	10%
Exotic	32%	Other (Tennessee: "Class III Wildlife)	2%

Rhode Island reported that importation and possession of ferrets are prohibited, but did not classify them under that category, classifying them rather as a furbearer. Under Tennessee's Class III provision, no permit is required unless so required by the department of agriculture.



## Nomenclature

Various names are used in state regulations to identify ferrets. Thirty-one (62%) of the states use "ferret", or "domestic ferret", or "European ferret", or a combination of these. Less common terms used by some states are fitch, fitch ferret or European fitch ferret, European polecat, polecat, and *Mustela putorius furo*. No states reported using the terms English ferret or polecat/ferret hybrid (Appendix B-5).

The 50 states reported the following nomenclature used in regulations:

European polecat	2%	Other related terms:	
Polecat	2%	European ferret	14%
English ferret	0	Fitch ferret/European fitch ferret	4%
Domestic ferret	20%	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	2%
Ferret	42%	None	12%
Fitch	6%	Not applicable	8%
Polecat/ferret hybrid	0	No response	12%

## Estimated Number of Legally Possessed Ferrets

Forty states (80%) indicated that the number of legally possessed ferrets was "Unknown", or they gave no response, or listed it as not applicable. Hawaii listed the number as zero, and nine states estimated or listed totals ranging from 150 to over 20,000. Fourteen states indicated that there were no legal hunting ferrets (Appendix B-6).

The nine states that estimated populations of legal ferrets gave the following numbers, according to categories of use (a question mark listed below means that "?" was part of the answer used by respondent on the form. An asterisk (\*) indicates that more detailed information is given in Appendix B-6):

<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pets</u>	<u>Breeding Stock</u>	<u>Lab Animals</u>	<u>Hunting Ferrets</u>
Alaska	300	300	?	?	0
Arizona	10,000*	9,500?	500?	?	0
California	<500	0	0	<500	0
Illinois		> 671*	unknown*	prob. <100*	prob. 0
Kentucky	150	35*	25*	0	0
Massachusetts	~2,000*	~2,000	0*	100-200	0
New Jersey		20,000*	unknown	2,000	0
New York		-----6,000*-----			
Rhode Island	(pets: several thousands)				

### Stray Ferrets in Urban Areas

Most states reported having knowledge of stray ferrets in urban areas. Fifteen states (30%) reported "None", 28 states (56%) reported them to be "Rare" or "Sporadic", and New Mexico and Georgia (4%) reported them to be "Common" and "Frequent", respectively. Five states (10%) reported "Unknown" or gave no response (Appendix B-7).

No responses or the response "Unknown" were received from Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Montana, and Oregon regarding strays in urban areas.

### Ferrets Surviving in the Wild

Five states (10%) (Alaska, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Washington and Wyoming) reported free-living individual ferrets documented as having survived more than a few days in the wild. Three states (Kansas, Montana and Rhode Island) (6%) reported "Unknown". The other states reported having no such documentation (Appendix B-7).

### Ferrets Breeding in The Wild

No state reported suspected breeding or documented breeding by ferrets in the wild now (1996/97). Three states (6%) (Alaska, New Mexico, and Washington) reported suspected breeding by ferrets in the wild in the past. No state reported documented breeding by ferrets in the past. Connecticut gave no response to the question about whether breeding was suspected in the past, and Kansas reported "Unknown" (Appendix B-7).

### Knowledge of Breeding Populations

Asked about the potential for having established breeding populations of ferrets in the state, no state wildlife agency marked these possibilities: "definitely exists," "probably exists," "definitely existed but definitely no longer exists", or "definitely existed but current status is unknown." States could mark more than one category (Appendix B-7).

Ten states (20%) replied that an established breeding population "definitely does not exist", 27 (54%) replied that one "probably does not exist", and five (10%) replied that one "would not likely exist".

Seven states (14%) replied that such a population "cannot be determined without special survey". Three (6%) states (Indiana, Kansas and Texas) replied "Unknown".

No state wildlife agency marked the option that an established breeding population "would not be a serious concern".

### Effort to Assess the Status of Ferrets in the Wild

Asked about the amount of effort the state wildlife agencies have made to assess the status of ferrets in the wild, 43 states (86%) reported "None". Respondents in 34 of the states reported that it was "not considered to be important", and six of the states reported that such assessment would be "desirable but not feasible" (Appendix B-8).

Seven states (14%) reported some level of effort to assess the status of ferrets in the wild. One state (Arizona) reported making an "intense effort." This was done as part of reintroduction efforts for the endangered black-footed ferret. One state (Wyoming) reported making a "moderate effort", which also related to black-footed ferret reintroduction efforts. Five states (10%) (Colorado, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, and Rhode Island) reported making "little effort".

### Methods of Assessing Status of Ferrets in the Wild

Seventeen states indicated what method is used to assess status of ferrets in the wild. Of the seven states that reported having made some level of effort, six checked "opportunistically document", one marked "thoroughly check out all reports", one checked "special sampling", and two checked "concerted surveys." Ten states that did not report making some level of effort to assess status of ferrets in the wild indicated that they "opportunistically document". No state agency responded that they "routinely check during area studies" (Appendix B-8).

### Control of Individual Ferrets Discovered on State Wildlife Lands

Each state marked one or more of the following responses about how individual ferrets would be controlled on state lands (Appendix B-8):

<u>Action</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number (of 50)</u>
Local area management decision	38%	19
Live trap and take to shelter (presumed pet)	32	16
Take by any means	32	16
Live trap and euthanasia	12	6
No action would be taken	8	4
Lethal traps	2	1

Agency Action Upon Discovery of Established Breeding Population

Each state marked one or more of the following responses about how breeding populations of ferrets would be handled (Appendix B-8):

<u>Action</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number (of 50)</u>
Attempt eradication	58%	29
Local area management decision	18	9
No action would be taken	4	2
Other:		
Capture and turn over to ferret groups	2	1
Unknown/undecided/determine extent then act	24	12

Prohibition on Release of Ferrets

Asked whether the state has regulations that clearly prohibit the release of ferrets from captivity, 23 states (46%) responded "Yes", and 27 (54%) responded "No" (Appendix B-3).

Facilities for Lost or Abandoned Ferrets

Wildlife agencies reported the following facilities that handle lost or abandoned ferrets (Appendix B-9):

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number of states</u>	<u>Permit Needed?</u>			
			<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Unk</u>	<u>NR</u>
Humane Society shelters	78%	39	7	29	2	1
Private ferret shelters	28	14	4	10		
Wildlife rehabilitation centers	20	10	4	6		
Animal control centers	10	5	2	2	1	
State wildlife agency facilities	4	2	-	-	-	
State agriculture agency facilities	2	1	-	-	-	
State health agency facilities	2	1	-	-	-	
Cooperators ship out of state	2	1	1	-	-	
No facilities	2	1	-	-	-	
Unknown	2	1	-	-	-	

Unk - unknown; NR - no report; hyphen - not applicable

## Captive Breeding Restrictions

Agencies reported the following restrictions on captive breeding of ferrets (Appendix B-10):

Breeding of domestic ferrets for pet trade:

Not restricted = 60 % (30/50)	Under state permit = 16 % (8/50)
Not allowed = 8 % (4/50)	Under local permit = 2 % (1/50)

Breeding ferrets to supply laboratories:

Not restricted = 56 % (28/50)	Under state permit = 16 % (8/50)
Not allowed = 8 % (4/50)	Under local permit = 2 % (1/50)

Breeding for fur market:

Not restricted = 60 % (30/50)	Under state permit = 14 % (7/50)
Not allowed = 6 % (3/50)	Under local permit = 2 % (1/50)

Breeding for hunting:

Not restricted = 44 % (22/50)	Under state permit = 0
Not allowed = 34 % (17/50)	Under local permit = 2 % (1/50)

Importation or possession of European polecats for breeding purposes:

Not restricted = 42 % (21/50)	Under state permit = 20 % (10/50)
Not allowed = 10 % (5/50)	Under local permit = 4 % (2/50)

Importation or possession of hybrids (polecat/ferret) for breeding purposes:

Not restricted = 42 % (21/50)	Under state permit = 20 % (10/50)
Not allowed = 8 % (4/50)	Under local permit = 4 % (2/50)

## State Regulation of Breeding of Ferrets

Only 6 states (12%) provided permit information with regard to their regulating captive breeding of ferrets (Appendix B-11). Two other states reported they have issued no breeding permits, eight states reported that this subject is not applicable, and 35 states gave no response.

## Environmental Concerns

Respondents in half of the states described environmental concerns or lack thereof, and the other 25 states provided no comments. Their responses are list in Appendix B-8.

No state wildlife agency indicated that an established breeding population "would not be a serious concern" (See page 10, Knowledge of Breeding Populations).

Asked whether an environmental impact report, or equivalent, or a written evaluation was prepared for legalizing ferret ownership in the state, no state reported "Yes", six (12%) reported "No" (Georgia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Vermont), or "No" and "Not needed" (New Hampshire). One state (Michigan) responded "Unknown". The other states (43, or 86%) reported "Not applicable" (Appendix B-1).

States were asked to characterize how useful agency regulation of ferrets (e.g., by permit) is in meeting environmental and other state concerns. Respondents from eight states provided responses (Appendix B-11).

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# **Appendix A. Ferret Survey Questionnaire Cover Letter and Form**

## **Cover Letter**

October 21, 1996

Dear (state wildlife agency)

The State of California restricts the importation and possession of domestic ferrets and prohibits them as pets. The California Fish and Game Commission has been petitioned to remove the ferret from these prohibitions.

Our Department is gathering background information for assessing the environmental concerns related to legalization of the domestic ferret in the State. We request your assistance by providing us with information about ferret ownership in your state.

Attached is a four-page questionnaire that addresses many of the issues we feel are important in our assessment. We would appreciate knowing your state's laws and regulations, your agency's management approaches related to ownership and use of ferrets, and your environmental considerations.

Also, we would appreciate your providing us with copies of related reports or other material that you feel might help us in our evaluation.

All state wildlife agencies in the Nation are receiving this. We will prepare a summary report of responses and will provide a copy to every state wildlife agency.

Please return the completed questionnaire by November 15, 1996. The questionnaire and any supplemental material should be mailed to California Department of Fish and Game, Mr. Terry M. Mansfield, Chief Wildlife Management Division, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Ron Jurek, Wildlife Biologist, at the same address or by telephone at (916) 654-4267.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Mansfield, Chief  
Wildlife Management Division

# DOMESTIC FERRET QUESTIONNAIRE — STATE WILDLIFE AGENCIES

OCTOBER 1996

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency contact(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Agency and unit responding: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Which entity(ies) has authority for setting state regulations regarding the importation and possession of domestic ferrets in your state?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislature                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife commission                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Health department      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife/natural resources department | <input type="checkbox"/> None                   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____           |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMITS:** Which entity has authority for issuing permits to possess domestic ferrets for the following activities?

	Importation	Sport Hunting	Farm Pest Control	Lab animal	Pet	Breeding
State wildlife commission						
State wildlife/natural resources agency						
State agriculture agency						
State health agency						
Local governments						
Other entity: _____						
Activity is prohibited statewide						

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any local government agencies that have adopted ordinances prohibiting ownership of ferrets? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your state wildlife agency have authority to enforce ferret laws and regulations for:

Importation	<b>Yes No</b>	Hunting	<b>Yes No</b>
Possession	<b>Yes No</b>	Breeding	<b>Yes No</b>

Do you have state regulations that clearly prohibit the release of ferrets from captivity? **Yes\* No**  
 (\* If yes, please attach a copy of the regulation)



**HISTORY**

When did your State wildlife agency receive authority to regulate importation or possession of domestic ferrets?  
Year \_\_\_\_\_, or  Never.

Domestic ferret importation and possession:

- have never been prohibited by the state
- are prohibited, except under special conditions [please describe in comments below]  
[By which agency? \_\_\_\_\_]
- were legalized in the year \_\_\_\_\_, by means of  state legislation  
 wildlife commission action,  
 wildlife agency action,  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CLASSIFICATION:**

How are ferrets classified under your state regulations? [mark which ones apply]:

- Nongame
- Furbearer
- Wild animal\*
- Domestic animal\*
- Exotic\*
- Prohibited, except under permit
- Restricted
- other \_\_\_\_\_

\*If marked, please quote definition, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**NOMENCLATURE:**

Please indicate which of these terms are used in your state regulations?

- European polecat
- polecat
- English ferret
- domestic ferret
- ferret
- fitch
- polecat / ferret hybrid
- Other related terms:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Number of Legally Possessed Ferrets:** TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Pets \_\_\_\_\_  
Breeding stock \_\_\_\_\_

Lab animals \_\_\_\_\_  
Hunting ferrets \_\_\_\_\_

**WILD STATUS:**

Do you have evidence of the following?

Cases of stray individuals in urban areas **None Rare Sporadic Common Frequent**

Free-living individuals documented as surviving more than a few days in the wild **Yes\* No**

Breeding suspected in the wild now **Yes No**, or in the past **Yes No**

Breeding individuals documented in the wild now **Yes\* No**, or in the past **Yes\* No**

(\* If possible, please enclose documentation.)

An established breeding population of domestic ferrets in your state:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> definitely does not exist                           | <input type="checkbox"/> definitely existed but definitely no longer exists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> probably does not exist                             | <input type="checkbox"/> definitely existed but current status is unknown   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> would not likely exist                              | <input type="checkbox"/> definitely exists                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> has been reported, but not confirmed<br>as existing | <input type="checkbox"/> cannot be determined without special survey        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> probably exists                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> would not be a serious concern                     |

What effort has your state wildlife agency made to assess status of ferrets in the wild:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None, not considered to be important | <input type="checkbox"/> None, desirable but not feasible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little effort                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate effort                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Intense effort                   |

How is this effort made?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunistically document          | <input type="checkbox"/> Thoroughly check out all reports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Routinely check during area studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Special sampling                 |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerted surveys                |

If an individual domestic ferret were discovered on your State wildlife lands, what control action would be taken by your staff?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Live trap and take to shelter<br>(presumed lost pet) | <input type="checkbox"/> Take by any means              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Live trap and euthanasia                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No action would be taken       |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Local area management decision |

What action would state agencies take upon discovery of an established breeding population of ferrets?

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attempt eradication | <input type="checkbox"/> No action would be taken | <input type="checkbox"/> Local area management decision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____        |   |   |

What facilities handle lost or abandoned ferrets?:

- |  | Under permit only        | No permit needed         |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> private ferret shelters             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> humane society shelters             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> wildlife rehabilitation centers     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> state wildlife agency facilities    |                          |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> state agriculture agency facilities |                          |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> state health agency facilities      |                          |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other _____                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**CAPTIVE BREEDING:**

Activity	Not restricted	Not allowed	Under state permit	Under local permit
Breeding of domestic ferrets for pet trade				
Breeding ferrets to supply laboratories				
Breeding for fur market				
Breeding for hunting				
Importation or possession of European polecats for breeding purposes				
Importation or possession of hybrids (polecat/ferret) for breeding purposes				

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

If your state wildlife agency regulates breeding of ferrets, please answer the following (or send pertinent information):

Number of permits: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Fee structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Restrictions, limits: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS** (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If your agency actively regulates ownership of ferrets (e.g., by permit), how useful is this in meeting environmental and other concerns of your State? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Was an environmental impact report, or equivalent, or a written evaluation prepared for legalizing ferret ownership in your state? **Yes\***    **No**    **Not needed**    **Not applicable**

(\* Please attach a copy)

**Return to Mr. Terry Mansfield, Chief, Wildlife Management Div., California Department of Fish and Game, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

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<b>ALABAMA</b>	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
<b>ALASKA</b>	1958	3	NR	1985	WAA, CC	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: COURT CASE: HELFRICH V STATE OF ALASKA; THE BOARD OF GAME ADDED FERRETS TO THE LIST OF ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE STATE WITHOUT A PERMIT AFTER A COURT CASE IN WHICH THE DISTRICT COURT JUDGE HELD THAT FERRETS WERE DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND THEREFORE, WERE NOT UNDER STATE JURISDICTION. PRIOR TO THAT FERRETS WERE NOT ALLOWED, BUT WERE BROUGHT INTO THE STATE ANYWAY.						
<b>ARIZONA</b>	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	1933	2	FISH & GAME COMMISSION	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: UNTIL 1987, STERILIZED MALE FERRETS COULD BE IMPORTED AND POSSESSED AS PETS, UNDER DFG PERMIT.						
<b>COLORADO</b>	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	NR	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: DEP (DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION) IN THE PAST HAD SPECIFIC AUTHORITY TO LICENSE FERRETS. THIS WAS INSTITUTED TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM USING FERRETS FOR HUNTING. UPON RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEP, THE LEGISLATURE REPEALED THIS LAW IN 1985. HUNTING WITH FERRETS IS STILL ILLEGAL. HOWEVER, CONNECTICUT'S SPORTSMEN DO NOT RECOGNIZE FERRETS AS A VIABLE MEANS TO HUNT. THEREFORE, THERE WAS NO NEED TO KEEP LICENSING THESE ANIMALS THAT ARE						

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<p>PRIMARY PETS. *DEP STILL HAS AUTHORITY TO REGULATE IMPORTATION &amp; POSSESSION OF DOMESTIC FERRETS IF A PROBLEM SHOULD ARISE. THIS AUTHORITY IS NOT SPECIFIC TO FERRETS. RIGHT NOW, DEP CHOOSES NOT TO USE THIS AUTHORITY FOR DOMESTIC FERRETS.* (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)</p>						
<b>DELAWARE</b>	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
<p>RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: THE STATE VETERINARIAN REGULATES EXOTIC ANIMALS. SMALL MAMMALS, SUCH AS FERRETS, GERBILLS, HAMPSTERS, ARE GIVEN A BLANKET EXCEPTION FROM THE NORMAL RULES THAT APPLY TO EXOTICS. IF A PROBLEM SHOULD ARISE, THE DEPT OF AG WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACT.</p>						
<b>FLORIDA</b>	1947	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
<b>GEORGIA</b>	1977	3	NR	1991	SL	N
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
<b>HAWAII</b>	NEVER	2	DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: SPECIAL CONDITIONS ARE BY PERMIT FOR RESEARCH BY STATE AND UNIVERSITY. APPROVED MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES, OR FOR ZOOS.						
<b>IDAHO</b>	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO REGS						
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	ca. 1925	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: PERMIT TO IMPORT/POSSESS ESTABLISHED ca. 1925. PERSONS WANTING TO HOLD A FERRET FOR A PET GET A "FREE" CLASS A PERMIT AND THOSE WHO RAISE AND SELL FERRETS NEED A CLASS B PERMIT. FERRET TRADE IS CONFINED TO RAISING AND SALE OF FERRETS FOR PETS.						

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INDIANA	1995	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: FERRETS CAN BE IMPORTED AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOT RELEASED OR SOLD FOR RELEASE.

IOWA	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	NR					

KANSAS	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	NR					

KENTUCKY	1942	2	WILDLIFE COMMISSION	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	SEE ATTACHED STATUTE; FERRETS CANNOT BE USED FOR HUNTING "AND FARM PEST CONTROL" (FROM ATTACHED PERMIT TABLE). NO PERSON SHALL KEEP A FERRET, AS A PET, OR FOR ANY PURPOSE, UNLESS HE HAS PROCURED A PERMIT.					

LOUISIANA	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	NR					

MAINE	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	NR					

MARYLAND	1985	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	NR					

MASSACHUSETTS	1920	3	NR	1995	SL	N
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	THEIR USE FOR HUNTING WAS PROHIBITED IN 1874. THEY BECAME ILLEGAL TO POSSESS WITHOUT A PERMIT IN 1920. IMPORTATION & POSSESSION WERE LEGALIZED IN 1995 BY					

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MICHIGAN	1927	3	NR	1994	SL	UNK
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
MINNESOTA	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
MISSISSIPPI	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
MISSOURI	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
MONTANA	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
NEBRASKA	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
NEVADA	1947	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						

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NEW HAMPSHIRE	1930s	3	NR	1993	SL	NN

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "[STATE WILDLIFE AGENCY] HAD AUTHORITY [TO REGULATE IMPORTATION AND POSSESSION] PRIOR TO 1993, BUT AUTHORITY WAS TAKEN AWAY AFTER IMPORTATION & POSSESSION WERE LEGALIZED." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

NEW JERSEY	1969	2	WILDLIFE	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: FOR IMPORTATION AND POSSESSION, ONE MUST HAVE A POSSESSION PERMIT.

NEW MEXICO	1927	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

NEW YORK	1972	2	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSRV	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: LICENSE IS REQUIRED TO POSSESS, SELL, OR BREED FERRETS.

NORTH CAROLINA	**	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: \*\*NO AUTHORIZATION SPECIFIC TO FERRETS. "THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION OVER EXOTICS. THE COMMISSION WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY ONLY IF IMPORTATION AND/OR POSSESSION OF DOMESTIC FERRETS AFFECT NATIVE WILDLIFE." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

NORTH DAKOTA	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

OHIO	1994	4	NR	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: OHIO'S WILDLIFE LAWS PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF A FERRET WHILE HUNTING. (BASED ON ATTACHMENT TO SURVEY)



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OKLAHOMA	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: DEPT OF AG REGULATES IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC FERRETS BY REQUIRING A HEALTH CERTIFICATE PRIOR TO ENTERING THE STATE.

OREGON	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

PENNSYLVANIA	1937	3	NR	1987	SL	N
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: IN 1987, THE NEW LAW EXCLUDED FERRET POSSESSION FROM WILDLIFE LAWS.

RHODE ISLAND	1929/1981	2	WILDLIFE	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: SPECIAL CONDITIONS: NEED A PERMIT. OWNER CANNOT HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 2 YRS OLD, RABIES VACCINE, SPAY / NEUTER CERT., \$10 FEE, AND NO RELEASE

SOUTH CAROLINA	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

SOUTH DAKOTA	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

TENNESSEE	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

TEXAS	NEVER	1	NR	NR	NR	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

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UTAH	NEVER	3	NR	1993	WAA	N

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

VERMONT UNK 3 NR 1989 SL N

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: FERRETS WERE NOT LEGAL TO IMPORT UNTIL 1989. I PRESUME THEY WERE UNDER OUR JURISDICTION UNTIL THEN. IN 1989, AUTHORITY TO REGULATE WAS GIVEN TO THE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE.

VIRGINIA 1950 1 NR NR 1989 NR N/A

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

WASHINGTON NEVER 1 NR NR 1989 NR N/A

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

WEST VIRGINIA NEVER 1 NR NR 1989 NR N/A

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

WISCONSIN NEVER 1 NR NR 1989 NR N/A

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

WYOMING NEVER 1 NR NR 1989 NR N/A

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

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ALABAMA	GAME & FISH DIVISION, DCNR	Y	AG	NR
ALASKA	DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONSV, DFG	N	OTHER	OTHER = DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
ARIZONA	WILDLIFE MANGT DIVISION, GFD	N	AG	NR
ARKANSAS	GAME & FISH COMMISSION	Y	LG,AG,HD	WE (GAME & FISH COMMISSION) ONLY HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY OVER NATIVE WILDLIFE AND SITUATIONS THAT CAN EFFECT THEM.
CALIFORNIA	WILDLIFE MANGT DIVISION, DFG	N	LG,WC	NR
COLORADO	DIVISION OF WILDLIFE, DNR	N	WC	CLASSIFIED AS DOMESTIC-NOT REGULATED
CONNECTICUT	BUREAU OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DEP	Y	LG,AG	CONTACTING THE CT DEPT OF AGRICULTURE MAY PROVIDE YOU WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT FERRETS PARTICULARLY AS IT CONCERNS RABIES.
DELAWARE	DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE, DNREC	N	AG	NR
FLORIDA	GAME & FRESHWATER FISH COMMISSION	Y	LG	NR
GEORGIA	WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION, DNR	Y	OTHER	OTHER-BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES
HAWAII	DIVISION OF FORESTRY&WILDLIFE, DLNR	N	AG	NR
IDAHO	WILDLIFE HEALTH LAB, DFG	N	NONE	NO PERMITS OR REGS ON FERRETS
ILLINOIS	DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES, DNR	Y	LG	THE EXISTING REGULATIONS (COPY ENCLOSED) ARE BASED ON AN OUTDATED

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INDIANA	DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE, DNR	Y	OTHER	OTHER=STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH. INDIANA DNR HAS AUTHORITY TO REGULATE EXOTIC SPECIES HOWEVER REGULATINOS GOVERNING FERRETS HAVE NOT BEEN PURSUED.
IOWA	WILDLIFE BUREAU, DNR	N	NONE	NOT PROTECTED OR REGULATED BY ANY AGENCY
KANSAS	DEPT OF WILDLIFE & PARKS	N	HD	THEY ARE NOT REGULATED, EXCEPT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE CASE OF POSSIBLE RABIES EXPOSURE.
KENTUCKY	DEPT OF FISH & WILDLIFE RESOURCES	N	WC	NR
LOUISIANA	WILDLIFE DIVISION, DWF	N	LG,AG,HD	DO NOT KNOW OF REGULATIONS CONCERNING FERRETS ON A STATEWIDE BASIS
MAINE	DEPT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE	N	LG	THERE ARE NO REGULATIONS GOVERNING FERRET IMPORTATION OR POSSESSION
MARYLAND	WILDLIFE & HERITAGE DIVISION, DNR	Y	OTHER	OTHER = LOCAL JURISDICTIONS
MASSACHUSETTS	DIVISION OF FISHERIES & WILDLIFE	Y	NR	NR
MICHIGAN	ANIMAL INDUSTRY DIV, DEPT OF AGRIC	N	AG,LG	STATE WILDLIFE / NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY = WILDLIFE DIVISION, DNR

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		RESOURCES AGENCY ?	ENTITIES ?		
MINNESOTA		N	LG		
MISSISSIPPI	BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH, DEPT OF AG	N	OTHER		OTHER = MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH; STATE WILDLIFE / NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY = DEPT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS
MISSOURI	WILDLIFE DIVISION, DEPT OF CONSV	N	HD, OTHER		OTHER = LOCAL
MONTANA	WILDLIFE DIVISION, DFWP	N	LG		NEITHER THE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE OR FWP HAVE CLEAR LAWS ON THE BOOKS PERTAINING TO ANIMALS THAT ARE PART OF THE "PET TRADE"--ONLY "WILDLIFE".
NEBRASKA	GAME & PARKS COMMISSION	N	LG, AG		AG ADDRESSES IMPORT, DISEASES. THE USE OF FERRETS FOR HUNTING IS BANNED.
NEVADA	DIVISION OF WILDLIFE	N	WC		NR
NEW HAMPSHIRE	WILDLIFE DIVISION, FGD	N	LG		LEGISLATION PASSED IN 1993 TO DECLARE THEM DOMESTIC. WHEN FEDS CHANGE THEIR STATUES (SIC) WE DID TOO.
NEW JERSEY	DIV OF FISH, GAME, & WILDLIFE, DEP	Y	WC		NR
NEW MEXICO	DIVISION OF WILDLIFE, DGF	N	WC		LEGISLATURE SETS GUIDING STATUTES WITH THE COMMISSION PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION. IMPORTATION COVERS ALL SPECIES OF WILDLIFE.
NEW YORK	DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	Y	OTHER		OTHER = NY CITY DEPT OF HEALTH; HEALTH & AG DEPTS MAY ACT IF ISSUES RELATE TO HUMAN HEALTH OR DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

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NORTH CAROLINA	DIVISION OF WILDLIFE MANGT, WRC	Y	LG,AG,HD	WILDLIFE COMMISSION - NATIVE & EXOTIC WILDLIFE. AG DEPT - VETERINARY HEALTH. HEALTH DEPT - HUMAN HEALTH. THESE 4 ABOVE [INCL. LEGISLATURE] HAVE SOME AUTHORITY, IF THEY CHOOSE TO EXERCISE IT.
NORTH DAKOTA	STATE GAME & FISH DEPT	N	OTHER	OTHER = STATE VET / BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH
OHIO	WILDLIFE MANGT & RESEARCH, DNR	N	NONE	NR
OKLAHOMA	GAME DIV, DEPT OF WILDLIFE CONSRV	N	AG	NR
OREGON	DEPT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	N	LG,AG,HD	NR
PENNSYLVANIA	BUREAU OF LAW ENFR, GAME COMMISSION	N	LG,AG	NR
RHODE ISLAND	FISH & WILDLIFE, DEPT OF ENV MANGT	Y		NR
SOUTH CAROLINA	DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	N	LG, HD	RABIES VECTOR ONLY
SOUTH DAKOTA	GAME, FISH, & PARKS DEPT	N	AG	NR
TENNESSEE	WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY	N	LG,AG,HD,WC	NR
TEXAS	WILDLIFE DIV, PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPT	N	LG,HD	NR
UTAH	DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES,DNR	N	WC,HD,OTHER	OTHER = COUNTY GOVERNMENTS; THE WILDLIFE BOARD TURNED CONTROL OF FERRETS OVER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY: WHICH ENTITY(IES) HAS AUTHORITY FOR SETTING STATE REGULATIONS REGARDING THE IMPORTATION & POSSESSION OF DOMESTIC FERRETS ?**

LG = Legislature  
 WC = Wildlife commission  
 OTHER (see COMMENTS for name of department)  
 NONE (see COMMENTS)  
 AG = Agriculture department  
 HD = Health department  
 NR = no response given

STATE	RESPONDING AGENCY DEPT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, ANR	WILDLIFE / NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY ? N	OTHER ENTITIES ? AG	RESPONDER'S COMMENTS
VIRGINIA	DEPT OF GAME & INLAND FISHERIES	Y		DEPT WAS GRANTED THAT AUTHORITY BY THE LEGISLATURE.
WASHINGTON	ENFORCEMENT,DEPT OF FISH & WILDLIFE	N	LG	WDFW AUTHORITY IS LIMITED TO THOSE SPECIES CLASSIFIED AS WILDLIFE AND DELETERIOUS EXOTIC WILDLIFE. FERRETS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN EITHER.
WEST VIRGINIA	WILDLIFE RESOURCES SECTION, DNR	N	AG	NR
WISCONSIN	BUREAU OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, DNR	Y	LG,AG,HD	NR
WYOMING	GAME & FISH DEPT	N	WC	NR

**Appendix B-2**

ANSWERS: STATE WILDLIFE AGENCY HAS AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE FERRET LAWS  
AND REGULATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

STATE	<u>IMPORTATION</u>	<u>POSSESSION</u>	<u>HUNTING</u>	<u>BREEDING</u>	<u>RESPONDER'S COMMENTS</u>	<u>NO LAWS OR REGS EXIST TO REGULATE THESE ACTIVITIES.</u>	<u>STATE HAS REGULATIONS WHICH PROHIBIT RELEASE?</u>	<u>RESPONDER IS AWARE OF LOCAL GOVT. ORDINANCES?</u>
ALABAMA	NR	NR	NR	NR			N	N
ALASKA	N	N	Y	N	NR		Y	N
ARIZONA	N	N	Y	N	NR		Y	N
ARKANSAS	N	N	Y	N	NR		Y	N
CALIFORNIA	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR		Y	N
COLORADO	N	N	N	N	NR		N	N
CONNECTICUT	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR		N	N
DELAWARE	N	N	N	N	NR		N	N
FLORIDA	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR		Y	N
GEORGIA	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR		Y	Y
HAWAII	N	N	Y	N	DLNR ENFORCEMENT AGENTS HAVE BROAD POLICE POWERS THAT THEY COULD ENFORCE OTHER AGENCY REGULATIONS, BUT WOULD TYPICALLY REFER CASE TO HDOA.		Y	N
IDAHO	N	N	N	N	NR		Y	N
ILLINOIS	Y	Y	Y	Y	THE FERRET TRADE IN ILLINOIS IS CONFINED TO RAISING AND SALE OF FERRETS FOR PETS.		N	N
INDIANA	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR		N	Y
IOWA	N	N	Y	N	NR		Y	N
KANSAS	N	N	N	N	CONSIDERED DOMESTIC ANIMALS SO		N	N



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STATE HAS REGULATIONS WHICH  
PROHIBIT RELEASE? RESPONDER IS  
AWARE OF LOCAL  
GOVT. ORDINANCES?

STATE IMPORTATION POSSESSION HUNTING BREEDING RESPONDER'S COMMENTS RESPONDER'S COMMENTS  
NO AUTHORITY GIVEN TO WILDLIFE  
[DEPARTMENT].

STATE	IMPORTATION	POSSESSION	HUNTING	BREEDING	RESPONDER'S COMMENTS	RESPONDER'S COMMENTS	STATE HAS REGULATIONS WHICH PROHIBIT RELEASE?	RESPONDER IS AWARE OF LOCAL GOVT. ORDINANCES?
KENTUCKY	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR		N	N
LOUISIANA	N	N	Y	N	NR		N	N
MAINE	N	N	N	N	NR		N	N
MARYLAND	Y	Y	Y	N	NR		N	N
MASSACHUSETTS	Y	Y	Y	Y	THIS AUTHORITY COMES FROM BROAD WORDING IN ONE OF OUR AGENCY'S EARLY STATUTES. IT IS REPEATED MORE CLEARLY ON PERMITS AND OTHER AGENCY DOCUMENTS. MGL. 131:77 REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO FERRETS. THE LIBERATION OF ANY VERTEBRATE SPECIES WITHOUT A PERMIT IS PROHIBITED HOWEVER IT IS SELDOM ENFORCED FOR DOGS AND CATS.		Y	N
MICHIGAN	N	N	Y	N	NR		Y	N
MINNESOTA	N	N	Y	N	NR		N	N
MISSISSIPPI	N	N	Y	N	NR		N	N
MISSOURI	N	N	Y	N	[STATE WILDLIFE AGENCY] HAS THE AUTHORITY BUT CHOOSES NOT TO EXERCISE IT.		Y	Y
MONTANA	N	N	N	N	NR		Y	N
NEBRASKA	N	N	Y	N	[SWA DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE FERRET LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR POSSESSION] EXCEPT AS RELATED TO HUNTING.		Y	N

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NEVADA	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	Y	N
NEW HAMPSHIRE	N	N	Y	N	CANNOT BE USED FOR HUNTING.	N	NR
NEW JERSEY	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	Y	N
NEW MEXICO	Y	N	N	N	NR	N	N
NEW YORK	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	Y	N
NORTH CAROLINA	Y	Y	N	N	[STATE WILDLIFE AGENCY HAS AUTHORITY OVER IMPORTATION OR POSSESSION ONLY] IF FERRETS ARE INIMICAL TO NATIVE WILDLIFE. [AUTHORITY IS] NOT SPECIFIC TO FERRETS.	N	N
NORTH DAKOTA	N	N	N	N	NR	N	N
OHIO	N	N	N	N	NR	N	Y
OKLAHOMA	N	N	Y	N	NR	N	N
OREGON	N	N	Y	N	NR	Y	N
PENNSYLVANIA	Y	N	Y	N	NR	N	N
RHODE ISLAND	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	Y	N
SOUTH CAROLINA	N	N	N	N	NR	N	N
SOUTH DAKOTA	N	N	N	N	NR	N	N
TENNESSEE	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO LAWS PERTAINING TO FERRETS EXIST AT THIS TIME.	Y	N
TEXAS	N	N	N	N	NR	N	Y

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UTAH	N	N	Y	N	NR	Y	NR
VERMONT	N	N	N	N	NR	N	N
VIRGINIA	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	Y	N
WASHINGTON	N	N	N	N	NR	Y	N
WEST VIRGINIA	N	N	Y	N	NR	N	N
WISCONSIN	N	N	N	N	NR	N	NR
WYOMING	N	N	N	N	NR	N	N

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SWC = state wildlife commission  
 SAA = state agriculture agency  
 SHA = state health agency  
 SWNRA = state wildlife/natural resources agency  
 LCG = local government  
 FED = federal agencies (i.e., USDA)  
 PS = prohibited statewide  
 OTHER (see COMMENTS for name)  
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**STATE**      **IMPORTATION**      **HUNTING**      **FARM**      **LAB**      **PET**      **BREEDING**  
 ALABAMA      NR      NR      NR      NR      NR      NR

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO PERMITS REQUIRED

**ALASKA**      OTHER      SWC      OTHER      OTHER      OTHER  
 RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: OTHER = DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION; "NO STATE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED BECAUSE THE FERRET IS CLASSIFIED AS A DOMESTIC ANIMAL." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

**ARIZONA**      SAA      SAA      SAA      SAA      SAA      SAA  
 RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

**ARKANSAS**      N/A      PS      PS      FED      NR      FED  
 RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: TO MY KNOWLEDGE NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED IN ARKANSAS OTHER THAN HEALTH CERTIFICATION. "NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO POSSESS A FERRET AS A PET. HUNTING IS PROHIBITED SINCE THIS IS NOT LISTED AS A LEGAL MEANS OF TAKE IN THE STATE'S REGULATIONS. USE AS A PEST CONTROL WOULD BE PROHIBITED UNDER THE STATE REGULATION WHICH PROHIBITS THE RELEASE OF EXOTICS." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT). "ONLY A HEALTH CERT. IS REQUIRED TO IMPORT A FERRET" (PERS. COMMUN. W/ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK & POULTRY COMMISSION).

**CALIFORNIA**      SWC      PS      PS      SWC      SWC      SWC  
 RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

**COLORADO**      NR      NR      NR      NR      LCG      SAA  
 RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO RESTRICTIONS. PET CARE ACT REGULATES COMMERCIAL TRADE IN ANY SPECIES. "THIS ACT WAS INITIATED BY THE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE TO REGULATE BREEDING FOR COMMERCIAL USES. BREEDERS NEED A STATE AG. LICENSE." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT).

**CONNECTICUT**      SWNRA      PS      NR      NR      SWNRA,SAA      SWNRA,SAA  
 RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

**DELAWARE**      SAA      SWNRA      SAA      SAA      SAA      SAA  
 RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

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**STATE**      IMPORTATION      HUNTING      PEST CONTROL      FARM      LAB      PET      BREEDING  
**FLORIDA**      SWC      PS      PS      PS      ANIMAL      SWC      SWC

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SALE OR EXHIBITION. NO PERMIT REQUIRED FOR USE AS PERSONAL PET. "HUNTING AND USE AS A PEST CONTROL -- PROHIBITED BY REGULATIONS THAT DO NOT LIST THE FERRET AS A LEGAL METHOD FOR THESE ACTIVITIES. COMMISSION ENFORCES THESE REGULATIONS. LABS NEED TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE USDA. (FED = USDA)." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

**GEORGIA**      SWNRA      PS      PS      SWNRA,FED      LCG      SWNRA

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: FED = USDA

**HAWAII**      SAA      PS      PS      SAA      PS      PS

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: FERRETS ARE A RESTRICTED ANIMAL IN HAWAII. IMPORTATION AND POSSESSION IS ALLOWED BY PERMIT ONLY FOR RESEARCH, EXHIBITION IN MUNICIPAL ZOOS.

**IDAHO**      N/A      NR      NR      NR      NR      NR

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: PETS IN IDAHO. "HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED TO IMPORT FERRETS INTO IDAHO; NO PERMITS OR REGULATIONS ON FERRETS" (PERS. COMMENT BASED ON RESPONSE IN QUESTIONNAIRE)

**ILLINOIS**      SWNRA      SWNRA, PS      SWNRA      SWNRA      SWNRA      SWNRA

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: THE ONLY REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO FERRETS ARE: 1) 17 ADMIN. CODE PART 630, AND 2) 520 ILCS (ILLINOIS CODIFIED STATUTES) 5/3.23. THE LATTER IS OUTDATED; PERSONS WANTING TO HOLD A FERRET FOR A PET GET A "FREE" CLASS A PERMIT AND THOSE WHO RAISE AND SELL FERRETS NEED A CLASS B PERMIT.

**INDIANA**      SWC      NR      NR      NR      LCG      NR

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "NONE OF THESE ACTIVITES ARE PROHIBITED" (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

**IOWA**      NR      SWNRA      NR      NR      NR      NR

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: DNR RESTRICTS USE OF FERRETS FOR HUNTING, BUT DOESN'T REGULATE IMPORT, POSSESSION, OR BREEDING.

**KANSAS**      NR      NR      NR      NR      NR      NR

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO PERMITS REQUIRED

**Appendix B-4**

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STATE	IMPORTATION	HUNTING	FARM	LAB	PET	BREEDING
KENTUCKY	SWNRA	PS	PEST CONTROL	ANIMAL	SWNRA	SWNRA
			PS	SWNRA	SWNRA	SWNRA
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	AN OLD STATUTE EXISTS, ENACTED IN 1942, AND AMENDED IN 1952, WHICH APPLIES TO FERRETS (SEE ATTACHED). UNLIKE THE WORDING IN THE STATUTE, WE DO NOT ISSUE "FERRET PERMITS", THOUGH WE DO ISSUE WILDLIFE PET PERMITS WHICH ALSO APPLY TO FERRETS.					
LOUISIANA	SAA, SHA	SWC, PS	SAA	SAA	SHALCG	LCG
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	FERRETS ARE NOT LISTED AS A LEGAL METHOD OF TAKE FOR HUNTING & AS SUCH ARE NOT PERMITTED FOR HUNTING. THEY ARE NOT EXPLICITLY PROHIBITED.					
MAINE	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	PERMITS ARE NOT NECESSARY					
MARYLAND	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	MD IS NOT CURRENTLY ISSUING PERMITS FOR FERRETS. THEY ARE LEGAL TO IMPORT AND POSSESS IN THIS STATE.					
MASSACHUSETTS	NR	PS	PS	NR	NR	SWNRA
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	FERRETS MAY BE IMPORTED, KEPT AS PETS, AND USED AS LAB ANIMALS WITH NO PERMIT REQUIRED. HOWEVER, THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS ON THESE ACTIVITIES.					
MICHIGAN	SAA	SWC	SWC	SAA	SAA	SAA
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	NR					
MINNESOTA	NR	SWNRA	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	NR					
MISSISSIPPI	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	NO PERMIT REQUIRED					
MISSOURI	LCG	SWC	NR	NR	LCG	LCG
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS:	DO NOT KNOW WHICH ENTITY WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR FARM PEST CONTROL OR LAB USE. "LOCAL GOVT MIGHT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR BREEDING." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)					

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STATE	IMPORTATION	HUNTING	FARM PEST CONTROL	LAB ANIMAL	PET	BREEDING
MONTANA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: EXISTING STATUTES ADDRESS "WILDLIFE", NOT "PETS"						
NEBRASKA	SAA	PS	PS	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR						
NEVADA	SWNRA	SWNRA	NR	SAA	SWNRA,SHA,LCG	SWNRA
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "HAVE NO INFORMATION FOR USE AS A FARM PEST CONTROL." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)						
NEW HAMPSHIRE	NR	PS	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO PERMITS REQUIRED						
NEW JERSEY	SWNRA	PS	SWNRA	SWNRA	SWNRA	SWNRA
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: VARIOUS LOCAL GOVTS. MAY ALSO REGULATE POSSESSION.						
NEW MEXICO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR POSSESSION.						
NEW YORK	SWNRA	PS	SWNRA	SWNRA	SWNRA	SWNRA
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "HUNTING WITH FERRETS IS PROHIBITED. STATE WILDLIFE AGENCY REGULATES THE POSSESSION OF FERRETS FOR ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)						
NORTH CAROLINA	SWC	SWC	SWC	SWC	SWC	SWC
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: ENTRIES MADE AFTER PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT. "WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION HAS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS BUT CHOOSES NOT TO USE IT. IMPORTATION OF A FERRET WOULD REQUIRE A HEALTH CERTIFICATE FROM THE DEPT. OF AG. HUNTING WOULD BE ILLEGAL IF THE FERRET TOOK THE PREY. THIS IS NOT LISTED AS A LEGAL MEANS OF TAKE IN THEIR STATE REGULATIONS. THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON USING FERRETS TO CHASE PREY FROM BURROWS FOR THE HUNTER..." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)						

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 N/A = not applicable (see COMMENTS)

<b>STATE</b>	<b>IMPORTATION</b>	<b>HUNTING</b>	<b>FARM</b>	<b>LAB</b>	<b>PET</b>	<b>BREEDING</b>
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	OTHER

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: OTHER = BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH. THE GAME & FISH DEPT HAS NO CONTROL OVER DOMESTIC WILDLIFE AT THIS TIME. "THE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH MAY ALSO HAVE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR BREEDING. SINCE THEY DO REQUIRE PERMITS FOR BREEDING EXOTIC SPECIES. (FERRETS ARE CLASSIFIED AS DOMESTIC.) THE BOARD MAY ALSO HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THE OTHER ACTIVITIES." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

<b>OHIO</b>	LCG	PS	LCG	LCG	LCG	LCG
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WILL MOST LIKELY HAVE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR THESE ACTIVITIES." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	N/A	PS	NR	NR	NR	NR
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "STATE AGRICULTURE AGENCY REQUIRES A HEALTH CERT. PRIOR TO BRINGING THE FERRET INTO THE STATE." (COVER LETTER AND PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

<b>OREGON</b>	SAA	SWC, SWNRA	NR	NR	NR	NR
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "IMPORT PERMIT IS REQUIRED BY THE DEPT OF AG. NONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	SWNRA	PS	PS	NR	NR	NR
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO POSSESS A FERRET IN THE STATE. FERRETS CAN NOT BE IMPORTED FOR PET TRADE OR BY INDIVIDUALS OWNERS. ZOOS, WILDLIFE PROPAGATORS, RESEARCHERS CAN APPLY FOR AN IMPORT PERMIT FROM THE GAME COMMISSION." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	SWNRA	PS	PS	SWNRA	SWNRA	PS
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: [IT'S] ONLY ILLEGAL TO SELL FERRETS AS PETS. [THIS] IS A HEALTH DEPT LAW.

<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: DOMESTIC FERRETS ARE NOT PART OF [THE DEPT'S] AUTHORITY.



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STATE	IMPORTATION	HUNTING	FARM PEST CONTROL	LAB ANIMAL	PET	BREEDING
<b>TENNESSEE</b>  RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO PERMITS REQUIRED FOR POSSESSION OF FERRETS	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
<b>TEXAS</b>  RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: DOMESTIC FERRETS ARE NOT REGULATED AS "WILDLIFE" BY THE STATE OF TEXAS.	SHA	NR	NR	NR	LCG	NR
<b>UTAH</b>  RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR	SHA	SWC,SWNRA	SAA	SHA	LCG	LCG
<b>VERMONT</b>  RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR	SAA	PS	SAA	SAA	SAA	SAA
<b>VIRGINIA</b>  RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: [DEPT OF GAME & INLAND FISHERIES HAS] THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE DOMESTIC FERRETS, BUT CURRENTLY DOES NOT DO SO. ALL OTHER SPECIES WITHIN THE FAMILY MUSTELIDAE ARE REGULATED. *HUNTING WITH FERRETS IS PROHIBITED SINCE THIS IS NOT LISTED IN STATE REGULATIONS AS A LEGAL MEANS OF HUNTING. USE AS A PEST CONTROL IS PROHIBITED SINCE EXOTICS CANNOT BE RELEASED INTO THE WILD.* (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)	SWNRA	SWNRA, PS	SAA, PS	NR	NR	SWNRA
<b>WASHINGTON</b>  RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: FERRETS ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERED TO BE DOMESTIC PETS AND ARE THEREFORE UNREGULATED. LOCAL GOVTS COULD REGULATE BUT GENERALLY DO NOT. LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY COULD BE GRANTED BUT HAS NOT BEEN AN ISSUE.	SAA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>  RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR	SAA	PS	SAA	SAA	SAA	SAA
<b>WISCONSIN</b>  RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: FERRETS ARE CURRENTLY NOT REGULATED.	NR	PS	PS	NR	NR	NR

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**STATE**  
**WYOMING**

<b>IMPORTATION</b>	<b>HUNTING</b>	<b>FARM</b>	<b>LAB</b>	<b>PET</b>	<b>BREEDING</b>
NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO PERMITS REQUIRED AS FERRETS ARE EXEMPT UNDER CHAPTER 10 COMMISSION REGULATION. THIS REGULATION ADDRESSES IMPORTATION OF EXOTICS. FERRETS ARE CLASSIFIED AS DOMESTIC. (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

**HOW FERRETS ARE CLASSIFIED UNDER STATE REGULATIONS & WHAT TERMINOLOGY IS USED**

<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>		<b>NOMENCLATURE:</b>	
1 = Nongame	6 = Prohibited, except under permit	1 = European polecat	6 = fitch
2 = Furbearer	7 = Restricted	2 = polecat	7 = polecat/ferret hybrid
3 = Wild Animal	8 = Not Protected	3 = English ferret	8 = European ferret
4 = Domestic Animal	9 = Other	4 = domestic ferret	9 = fitch ferret / European fitch ferret
5 = Exotic		5 = ferret	10 = <i>Mustela putorius furo</i>

<u>STATE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>
ALABAMA	4,5	NR
ALASKA	5	4,8
ARIZONA	4	4,9
ARKANSAS	4,5	NR
CALIFORNIA	3,6,7	2,5
COLORADO	4	4
CONNECTICUT	4	5
DELAWARE	4,5	5
FLORIDA	4,5	4,5,8
GEORGIA	3	5,8
HAWAII	7	5
IDAHO	4	NONE
ILLINOIS	5,6	5
INDIANA	5	NONE
IOWA	5	5
KANSAS	4	5
KENTUCKY	6	5
LOUISIANA	5	NR
MAINE	4	N/A
MARYLAND	4	8
MASSACHUSETTS	N/A	4
MICHIGAN	4	4,5,6
MINNESOTA	NONE	5
MISSISSIPPI	5	5
MISSOURI	N/A	N/A
MONTANA	N/A	N/A

**Appendix B-5**

**HOW FERRETS ARE CLASSIFIED UNDER STATE REGULATIONS & WHAT TERMINOLOGY IS USED**

CLASSIFICATION:		NOMENCLATURE:	
1 = Nongame	6 = Prohibited, except under permit	1 = European polecat	6 = fitch
2 = Furbearer	7 = Restricted	2 = polecat	7 = polecat/ferret hybrid
3 = Wild Animal	8 = Not Protected	3 = English ferret	8 = European ferret
4 = Domestic Animal	9 = Other	4 = domestic ferret	-9 = fitch ferret / European fitch ferret
5 = Exotic		5 = ferret	10 = <i>Mustela putorius furo</i>

<u>STATE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>
NEBRASKA	4,5	5
NEVADA	8	8
NEW HAMPSHIRE	4	UNK
NEW JERSEY	1,5,6	5
NEW MEXICO	1,8	NONE
NEW YORK	6	5,6,9
NORTH CAROLINA	5	NONE
NORTH DAKOTA	4	4
OHIO	5	5
OKLAHOMA	4	NONE
OREGON	4	5
PENNSYLVANIA	4	N/A
RHODE ISLAND	2	8
SOUTH CAROLINA	5	4,5,8
SOUTH DAKOTA	4	NR
TENNESSEE	9	5
TEXAS	4	4
UTAH	4	NR
VERMONT	4	1
VIRGINIA	5	10
WASHINGTON	4	NONE
WEST VIRGINIA	4	5
WISCONSIN	N/A	6
WYOMING	4	4

**Appendix B-5**

## ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LEGALLY POSSESSED FERRETS

<u>STATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PETS</u>	<u>BREEDING STOCK</u>	<u>LAB ANIMALS</u>	<u>HUNTING FERRETS</u>
<b>ALABAMA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NOT UNCOMMON					
<b>ALASKA</b>	300	300	UNK	UNK	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>ARIZONA</b>	**10,000	**9,500	**500	UNK	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: ***THESE ARE ESTIMATED NUMBERS. INFORMATION ON ACTUAL NUMBERS IS NOT AVAILABLE SINCE FERRETS ARE NOT REGULATED.* (PERS. COMMUN. W/ RESPONDENT)					
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	<500	0	0	<500	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>COLORADO</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	**
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: **HUNTING IS PROHIBITED					
<b>DELAWARE</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>FLORIDA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>GEORGIA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>HAWAII</b>	0	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>IDAHO</b>	NR	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	NR	**671	UNK	UNK	**0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: **AGENCY ISSUED 671 "FREE" FERRET PERMITS IN 1996. HOWEVER, IT'S LIKELY THAT MORE THAN THIS NUMBER OF FERRETS ARE BEING HELD AS PETS BECAUSE THE REGULATION IS LITTLE KNOWN AND POORLY ENFORCED. LAB = UNKNOWN, PROBABLY LESS THAN 100; **HUNTING = PROBABLY 0; BREEDING STOCK = UNKNOWN, THIS USUALLY OCCURS IN PET STORES WITH CLASS B PERMITS.					
<b>INDIANA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					

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## ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LEGALLY POSSESSED FERRETS

<u>STATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PETS</u>	<u>BREEDING STOCK</u>	<u>LAB ANIMALS</u>	<u>HUNTING FERRETS</u>
<b>IOWA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO ESTIMATE AVAILABLE					
<b>KANSAS</b>	NR	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NOT REGULATED, ESTIMATES HAVE NOT BEEN DONE					
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	150	**35	**25	0	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: **PETS = 35 PERMITS, MOST PROBABLY KEEP THEM ILLEGALLY; **BREEDING STOCK = 25 PERMITS, MAY HAVE SEVERAL FERRETS, BUT HAVE COMMERCIAL PROPAGATION PERMITS, AND MANY ARE PET STORES					
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>MAINE</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>MARYLAND</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	~ 2000	~ 2000	0	100-200	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: SOME PEOPLE HAVE SUGGESTED AS MANY AS 10,000. THIS IS NOT TRACKED SINCE NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED. BREEDING STOCK = FOUR APPLICANTS ARE AWAITING PERMITS WHICH WILL BE \$1,000 PER YEAR. THE FEE HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY SET SO NO PERMITS CAN BE ISSUED. THE STATUTE PROVIDES THAT IT BE NO LESS THAN \$1,000.					
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO ESTIMATE OF ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LEGALLY POSSESSED FERRETS.					
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>MISSOURI</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>MONTANA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>NEVADA</b>	NR	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					

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## ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LEGALLY POSSESSED FERRETS

<u>STATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PETS</u>	<u>BREEDING STOCK</u>	<u>LAB ANIMALS</u>	<u>HUNTING FERRETS</u>
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	NR	**20,000	UNK	2000	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: ***THESE NUMBERS WERE ESTIMATES BASED ON THE # OF PERMITS ISSUED AND HOW MANY FERRETS ARE REPORTED BY PET STORES AS BEING SOLD (& WHOLESALERS).* (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)					
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	NR	UNK	NR	NR	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: FERRETS ARE COMMONLY SOLD BY MOST PET STORES AND WE HAVE NO WAY TO ESTIMATE NUMBERS.					
<b>NEW YORK</b>	**6000	NR	NR	**	**
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: **PETS AND BREEDING STOCK COMBINED = 6,000. *THIS IS THE NUMBER OF FERRET LICENSES ISSUED IN 1996. FERRET BREEDERS, PET STORES, AND INDIVIDUAL OWNERS APPLY FOR THE SAME LICENSE. THUS, THE NUMBER OF LICENSES DOES NOT REPRESENT THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF FERRETS POSSESSED.* (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)					
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: DONT HAVE A FIGURE					
<b>OHIO</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NOT MONITORED BY DOW					
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	NR	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>OREGON</b>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO WAY TO TELL					
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	THOUSAND	THOUSAND	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: PETS = SEVERAL THOUSANDS					
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	NR	UNK	UNK	UNK	0
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NUMBER OF PETS IS INCREASING					
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO RECORDS HAVE BEEN KEPT					

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**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LEGALLY POSSESSED FERRETS**

<u>STATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PETS</u>	<u>BREEDING STOCK</u>	<u>LAB ANIMALS</u>	<u>HUNTING FERRETS</u>
<b>TEXAS</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>UTAH</b>	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>VERMONT</b>	N/A	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO ESTIMATE					
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					
<b>WYOMING</b>	N/A	NR	NR	NR	NR
RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR					



CASES OF STRAYS: N = NONE S = SPORADIC F = FREQUENT NR = NO RESPONSE  
 R = RARE C = COMMON UNK = UNKNOWN

ANSWERS: DO YOU HAVE EVIDENCE OF THE FOLLOWING?

CASES OF STRAYS IN URBAN AREAS INDIVIDUALS SURVIVING IN WILD BREEDING SUSPECTED NOW BREEDING SUSPECTED IN PAST BREEDING INDIVIDUALS DOCUMENTED NOW BREEDING INDIVIDUALS DOCUMENTED IN PAST

STATE	R	S	F	NR	INDIVIDUALS SURVIVING IN WILD	BREEDING SUSPECTED NOW	BREEDING SUSPECTED IN PAST	BREEDING INDIVIDUALS DOCUMENTED NOW	BREEDING INDIVIDUALS DOCUMENTED IN PAST
ALABAMA	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
ALASKA	S	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N
ARIZONA	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
ARKANSAS	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
CALIFORNIA	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
COLORADO	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
CONNECTICUT	N	Y	Y	N	N	NR	N	N	N
DELAWARE	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
FLORIDA	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
GEORGIA	F	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
HAWAII	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
IDAHO	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
ILLINOIS	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
INDIANA	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
IOWA	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
KANSAS	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
KENTUCKY	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
LOUISIANA	NR	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
MAINE	UNK	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
MARYLAND	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

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CASES OF STRAYS: N = NONE S = SPORADIC F = FREQUENT NR = NO RESPONSE  
 R = RARE C = COMMON UNK = UNKNOWN

ANSWERS: DO YOU HAVE EVIDENCE OF THE FOLLOWING?

STATE	CASES OF STRAYS IN URBAN AREAS		INDIVIDUALS SURVIVING IN WILD		BREEDING SUSPECTED NOW		BREEDING SUSPECTED IN PAST		BREEDING INDIVIDUALS DOCUMENTED NOW		BREEDING INDIVIDUALS DOCUMENTED IN PAST	
	S	R	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
MASSACHUSETTS	S		Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
MICHIGAN	R		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
MINNESOTA	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
MISSISSIPPI	R		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
MISSOURI	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
MONTANA	UNK		UNK	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
NEBRASKA	S		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
NEVADA	R		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
NEW HAMPSHIRE	R		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
NEW JERSEY	S		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
NEW MEXICO	C		N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
NEW YORK	S		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
NORTH CAROLINA	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
NORTH DAKOTA	R		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
OHIO	S		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
OKLAHOMA	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
OREGON	NR		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
PENNSYLVANIA	R		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
RHODE ISLAND	R		UNK	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

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CASES OF STRAYS: N = NONE S = SPORADIC F = FREQUENT NR = NO RESPONSE  
 R = RARE C = COMMON UNK = UNKNOWN

ANSWERS: DO YOU HAVE EVIDENCE OF THE FOLLOWING?

STATE	CASES OF STRAYS IN URBAN AREAS		INDIVIDUALS SURVIVING IN WILD		BREEDING SUSPECTED NOW		BREEDING SUSPECTED IN PAST		BREEDING INDIVIDUALS DOCUMENTED NOW		BREEDING INDIVIDUALS DOCUMENTED IN PAST	
	R	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NR	N	NR
SOUTH CAROLINA	R	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
SOUTH DAKOTA	S	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
TENNESSEE	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
TEXAS	R	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
UTAH	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
VERMONT	R	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
VIRGINIA	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
WASHINGTON	R	R	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
WEST VIRGINIA	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
WISCONSIN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
WYOMING	S	S	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

Appendix B-7

**VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS FOR APPENDIX B-8**

**"ESTABLISHED BREEDING POPLT"**

Answers: An established breeding population of domestic ferrets in your state:

- 1 = definitely exists
- 2 = probably exists
- 3 = has been reported, but not confirmed as existing
- 4 = definitely does not exist
- 5 = probably does not exist
- 6 = would not likely exist
- 7 = definitely existed but definitely no longer exists
- 8 = definitely existed but current status is unknown
- 9 = cannot be determined without special survey
- 10 = would not be a serious concern
- 11 = unknown

**"EFFORT TO ASSESS STATUS"**

Answers: The amount of effort the state wildlife agency has made to assess the status of ferrets in the wild.

- 1 = little effort
- 2 = moderate effort
- 3 = intense effort
- 4 = none, desirable but not feasible
- 5 = none, not considered to be important
- 6 = none

**"HOW IS EFFORT MADE"**

Answers: Effort made to assess the status of ferrets in the wild.

- 1 = opportunistically document
- 2 = thoroughly check out all reports
- 3 = routinely check during area studies
- 4 = special sampling
- 5 = concerted surveys

**"CONTROL FOR INDV"**

Answers: Control action taken by staff if an individual domestic ferret were discovered on state wildlife lands.

- 1 = live trap and take to shelter (presumed lost pet)
- 2 = live trap and euthanasia
- 3 = lethal traps
- 4 = take by any means
- 5 = local area management decision
- 6 = no action would be taken

**"CONTROL FOR POPLT"**

Answers: Action taken by state agencies upon discovery of an established breeding population of ferrets.

- 1 = attempt eradication
- 2 = capture & turn over to local ferret groups for neutering & placement
- 3 = local area management decision
- 4 = no action would be taken
- 5 = unknown/undecided/determine extent and then act

ANSWERS: STATUS OF FERRETS IN THE WILD, CONTROL ACTION TO BE TAKEN UPON DISCOVERY OF AN INDIVIDUAL FERRET OR BREEDING POPULATION, AND ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.

STATE	ESTABLISHED BREEDING POPLT	EFFORT TO ASSES STATUS	HOW IS EFFORT MADE	CONTROL FOR INDY	CONTROL FOR POPLT	ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS LISTED BY RESPONDER
	5	5	NR	5	5	NR
ALABAMA	3,9	4	1	2,3,5	1,3	CONCERN THAT A WILD (FERAL) POPULATION COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO INDIGENOUS PREY POPULATIONS, DISPLACE INDIGENOUS MUSTELIDS OR OTHER ANIMALS, AND INTRODUCE OR SPREAD DISEASE. HOWEVER, IN MOST PARTS OF THE STATE, FERRETS PROBABLY COULD NOT SURVIVE THROUGH THE WINTER.
ALASKA						
ARIZONA	3	3	5	1	1	ARIZONA RECENTLY INITIATED A REINTRODUCTION PROGRAM FOR BLACK-FOOTED FERRETS (BFF) ( <i>Mustela nigripes</i> ). THE ESTABLISHMENT OR RELEASE OF "PET" FERRETS WITHIN THE EXPECTED RANGE OF BFFs IS A CONCERN.
ARKANSAS	5	5	NR	1	5	NR
CALIFORNIA	9	4	1	1,5	1	ESCAPED OR RELEASED FERRETS MIGHT SURVIVE ON NATIVE WILDLIFE, CAUSING LOCAL WILDLIFE DAMAGE AND NECESSITATING CONTROL ACTIVITIES. IN SOME LOCATIONS, LOCAL BREEDING POPULATIONS COULD BECOME ESTABLISHED, CAUSING SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE. POTENTIAL PRESENCE IN WILD WOULD NECESSITATE ASSESSMENT OF REPORTS AT AGENCY EXPENSE.
COLORADO	5	1	1	1	1	WE HAVE POLICIES IN PLACE THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO DEAL WITH THEM AS AN "EXOTIC" ON PUBLIC LAND AND WITH FEDERAL GOV AGENCY COOPERATION. WOULD PROBABLY HAVE A HARD TIME MAKING IT HERE.
CONNECTICUT	5	5	N/A	1,5	1,3	NONE
DELAWARE	5	5	NR	4	1	NR
FLORIDA	5	4	1	5	3	NR
GEORGIA	4	5	NR	2	1	NR
HAWAII	4	5	1	5	1	SIMILAR TO MONGOOSE. PEST SPECIES THAT WILL PREY ON ENDANGERED SPECIES, I.E. BIRDS, REPTILES.

Appendix B-8

**ANSWERS: STATUS OF FERRETS IN THE WILD, CONTROL ACTION TO BE TAKEN UPON DISCOVERY OF AN INDIVIDUAL FERRET OR BREEDING POPULATION, AND ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.**

<u>STATE</u>	<u>ESTABLISHED BREEDING POPLT</u>	<u>EFFORT TO ASSESS STATUS</u>	<u>HOW IS EFFORT MADE</u>	<u>CONTROL FOR INDY</u>	<u>CONTROL FOR POPLT</u>	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS LISTED BY RESPONDER</u>
IDAHO	9	5	NR	1	1	NR
ILLINOIS	5	5	1	5	5	AT THE PRESENT TIME, FERRETS ARE NOT OF CONCERN. IF FERAL, REPRODUCING POPULATION (S) OF FERRETS WAS DOCUMENTED, AGENCY WOULD LIKELY TAKE ACTION TO PROHIBIT THEIR IMPORTATION, POSSESSION, RELEASE, ETC. HOWEVER, LEGISLATION WOULD BE REQUIRED.
INDIANA	11	5	N/A	5	3	NR
IOWA	4	5	NR	4	5	THIS IS A COMPLETE NON ISSUE FOR IOWA. NO CONCERNS HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED OR IDENTIFIED BY AGENCY OR PUBLIC.
KANSAS	11	6	NR	6	4	NR
KENTUCKY	5	5	1	4	1	THIS IS A GREAT UNKNOWN IN THIS STATE, FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE NOT REALLY ADDRESSED THE ISSUE, EXCEPT FOR REQUIRING OWNERS TO HAVE PERMITS. FERAL POPULATIONS ARE A CONCERN, AS IS DISEASE, BUT SADLY, WE HAVE NOT ADDRESSED THE ISSUE.
LOUISIANA	5	5	NR	5	1	NR
MAINE	5	5	NR	6	1	NONE - THEY WOULD HAVE STIFF COMPETITION FROM MARTEN, MINK, AND FISHER IN THE STATE.
MARYLAND	4	5	NR	5	1	NR
MASSACHUSETTS	4	6	1	1,2,4	1	THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ESCAPES IN MASSACHUSETTS OVER THE PAST 200 YEARS WITH NO INDICATION THAT LONG-TERM SURVIVAL OF INDIVIDUALS, MUCH LESS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POPULATION, IS A RISK.
MICHIGAN	5	1	1	1	5	NR
MINNESOTA	4	5	NR	5	1	NR
MISSISSIPPI	5.9	5	NR	1	4	NR

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ANSWERS: STATUS OF FERRETS IN THE WILD, CONTROL ACTION TO BE TAKEN UPON DISCOVERY OF AN INDIVIDUAL FERRET OR BREEDING POPULATION, AND ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.

STATE	ESTABLISHED BREEDING POPLT	EFFORT TO ASSESS STATUS	HOW IS EFFORT MADE	CONTROL FOR INDY	CONTROL FOR POPLT	ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS LISTED BY RESPONDER
MISSOURI	5	5	NR	5	1	NR
MONTANA	5	5	N/A	4	1	DISEASE - ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF REINTRODUCTION OF BLACK-FOOTED FERRETS
NEBRASKA	5,9	5	NR	5	1	FERRETS ARE OF NO PARTICULAR CONCERN, BUT WE ARE GENERALLY CONCERNED W/ INTRODUCTION OF EXOTICS TO WILD AND ARE TAKING STEPS TO REGULATE THE ARENA.
NEVADA	6	1	1	4	1	NR
NEW HAMPSHIRE	4	5	NR	5,6	5	NR
NEW JERSEY	5	4	1	1	1	DESTRUCTION OF NATIVE GAME AND NONGAME WILDLIFE BY ESCAPED INDIVIDUALS OR ESTABLISHED POPULATIONS (WERE THIS TO HAPPEN)
NEW MEXICO	6	1	1	4	1	ESTABLISHMENT OF POPULATION IS OF CONCERN TO WELL-BEING OF NATIVE SPECIES AND PREY BASES
NEW YORK	6	5	NR	6	5	POSSIBLE CONCERN OF ESCAPE AND ESTABLISHMENT IN THE WILD. EXPERIENCE INDICATES THIS HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE.
NORTH CAROLINA	5,9	5	N/A	5	5	UNKNOWN
NORTH DAKOTA	5	5	NR	4	1	NONE AT THIS TIME SINCE FERRETS ARE NOT AN ISSUE, HOWEVER, DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN THE WILD WILL BE ELIMINATED IF THEY BEGIN TO OCCUR
OHIO	6	5	NR	4	3	NR
OKLAHOMA	5	5	1	5	3	NR
OREGON	9	4	NR	4	1	FERRETS AND FERRET-LIKE ANIMALS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED FROM THE WILD IN OREGON. WE HAVE CONCERNS WITH POSSIBLE PREDATION, HABITAT OCCUPATION, COMPETITION, AND POSSIBLE DISEASE TRANSMISSION TO NATIVE WILDLIFE.
PENNSYLVANIA	5	5	NR	2	1	NR

Appendix B-8

ANSWERS: STATUS OF FERRETS IN THE WILD, CONTROL ACTION TO BE TAKEN UPON DISCOVERY OF AN INDIVIDUAL FERRET OR BREEDING POPULATION, AND ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.

<u>STATE</u>	<u>ESTABLISHED BREEDING POPLI</u>	<u>EFFORT TO ASSESS STATUS</u>	<u>HOW IS EFFORT MADE</u>	<u>CONTROL FOR INDY</u>	<u>CONTROL FOR POPLI</u>	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS LISTED BY RESPONDER</u>
RHODE ISLAND	5	1	1	1	2	LAW WAS ORIGINALLY ENACTED TO PROHIBIT HUNTING WITH FERRETS; LATEST REVISION ALLOWED PETS WITH PERMITS REQUIRING VACCINATIONS AND NEUTERING
SOUTH CAROLINA	5	5	NR	4,5	3	NONE AT THIS POINT
SOUTH DAKOTA	5	4	NR	4	1	ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HAD CONCERNS IN THE PAST, THE CHANCES OF A DOMESTIC FERRET SURVIVING IN THE WILD ARE REMOTE AT BEST. PEN RAISED, WILD BLACK-FOOTED FERRETS HAVE AN EXTREMELY HIGH NATURAL MORTALITY WHEN RELEASED IN THE WILD UNDER BEST OF CONDITIONS.
TENNESSEE	5	5	NR	1	5	NR
TEXAS	11	6	NR	1,4,5	3,5	TPWD RECEIVES PERIODIC INQUIRIES FROM FERRET OWNERS ENTERING TEXAS FROM OTHER STATES (PARTICULARLY CA). TEXAS MAY SEE AN INCREASE IN FERRET PET TRADE DUE TO LACK OF REGULATIONS. THE POSSIBILITY OF ESCAPED FERRETS SURVIVING IN THE WILD, ALTHOUGH LOW, HAS ONLY RECENTLY BECOME A CONCERN.
UTAH	6	5	NR	1	5	NR
VERMONT	4	5	1	4	1	NR
VIRGINIA	4	5	NR	2	1	ANY SPECIES THAT MAY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IMPACT NATIVE WILDLIFE IS A CONCERN.
WASHINGTON	5	5	NR	1	3	NR
WEST VIRGINIA	4	5	NR	4	1	NR
WISCONSIN	5	5	NR	5	1	NR
WYOMING	5	2	1,2,4,5	1,2,4	5	"NONE PRESENTLY" (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)



# FACILITIES WHICH HANDLE LOST OR ABANDONED FERRETS

PFS = private ferret shelters HSS = humane society shelters WRC = wildlife rehabilitation centers ACC = animal control centers	SWA = state wildlife agency facilities SAA = state agriculture agency facilities SHA = state health agency facilities
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STATE	PFS	PERMIT?	HSS	PERMIT?	WRC	PERMIT?	SWA	SAA	SHA	ACC	PERMIT?	OTHER	PERMIT?	NONE	UNKNOWN
ALABAMA	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ALASKA	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ARIZONA	Y	N	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ARKANSAS	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CALIFORNIA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	Y	NR	NR
COLORADO	Y	N	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CONNECTICUT	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
DELAWARE	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
FLORIDA	Y	N	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
GEORGIA	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
HAWAII	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
IDAHO	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ILLINOIS	NR	NR	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR
INDIANA	NR	NR	Y	N	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
IOWA	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
KANSAS	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR
KENTUCKY	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
LOUISIANA	Y	N	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MAINE	NR	NR	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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MARYLAND	Y	N	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MASSACHUSETTS	Y	Y	Y	N	NR	NR	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MICHIGAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MINNESOTA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MISSISSIPPI	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MISSOURI	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR
MONTANA	NR	NR	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
NEBRASKA	NR	NR	Y	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
NEVADA	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
NEW JERSEY	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
NEW MEXICO	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
NEW YORK	NR	NR	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
NORTH CAROLINA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y
NORTH DAKOTA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	NR
OHIO	NR	NR	Y	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
OKLAHOMA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR
OREGON	Y	N	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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STATE	PFS	PERMIT?	HSS	PERMIT?	WRC	PERMIT?	SWA	SAA	SHA	ACC	PERMIT?	OTHER	PERMIT?	NONE	UNKNOWN
PENNSYLVANIA	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RHODE ISLAND	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SOUTH CAROLINA	NR	NR	Y	N	Y	NR	NR	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SOUTH DAKOTA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y
TENNESSEE	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TEXAS	Y	N	Y	N	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
UTAH	NR	NR	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	UNK	NR	NR
VERMONT	NR	NR	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
VIRGINIA	NR	NR	Y	N	Y	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WASHINGTON	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WEST VIRGINIA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	NR
WISCONSIN	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WYOMING	NR	NR	Y	N	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

# CAPTIVE BREEDING ACTIVITIES

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STATE	BREEDING FOR <u>PET TRADE</u>	BREEDING TO <u>SUPPLY LABS</u>	BREEDING <u>FOR FUR MARKET</u>	BREEDING <u>FOR HUNTING</u>	IMPT/POSS OF EUROPEAN <u>POLECATS FOR BREEDING</u>	IMPT/POSS OF EUROPEAN <u>POLECATS FOR BREEDING</u>	IMPT/POSS OF HYBRIDS <u>FOR BREEDING</u>
ALABAMA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

ALASKA

1	UNK	1	2	3	3	3
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: ANY OTHER MUSTELID BESIDES FERRETS (*Mustela putorius furo*) ARE REGULATED BY THE STATE. FOR EXAMPLE EUROPEAN POLECATS OR HYBRIDS ARE ALLOWED ONLY UNDER SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL PERMITS FROM THE DEPT. OF FISH & GAME. "BREEDING FERRETS TO SUPPLY LABORATORIES: UNKNOWN" (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT).

ARIZONA

NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: DO NOT REGULATE. "STATE WILDLIFE AGENCY DOES NOT REGULATE BREEDING." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

ARKANSAS

NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO REGULATIONS

CALIFORNIA

2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

COLORADO

3	NR	NR	NR	NR	**	NR
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: \*\*SCIENTIFIC PROJECT INVOLVING THE IMPORTATION OR POSSESSION OF SIBERIAN POLECATS FOR BREEDING PURPOSES REQUIRES A USFWS WILDLIFE PERMIT. "BREEDERS NEED A STATE AG LICENSE TO BREED FERRETS FOR COMMERCIAL USES. OTHER BREEDING ACTIVITIES ARE NOT REGULATED." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

CONNECTICUT

1	1	1	2	UNK	UNK	UNK
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "DO NOT KNOW ABOUT EUROPEAN POLECATS OR HYBRIDS." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

DELAWARE

1	1	1	1	3	3	3
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FLORIDA

3	3	3	N/A	3	3	3
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: ONLY PERMIT NEEDED IF FOR SALE OR EXHIBITION

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STATE	BREEDING FOR PET TRADE 3	BREEDING TO SUPPLY LABS 3	BREEDING FOR FUR MARKET 3	BREEDING FOR HUNTING 2	IMPT/POSS OF EUROPEAN POLECATS FOR BREEDING 3	IMPT/POSS OF HYBRIDS FOR BREEDING 3
GEORGIA	3	3	3	2	3	3

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

HAWAII

2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

IDAHO

1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "NO RESTRICTIONS ON BREEDING SINCE FERRETS ARE CLASSIFIED AS DOMESTIC; ONE WOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT ONLY IF THE FERRETS WERE TO BE RELEASED INTO THE WILD. NO DOMESTIC ANIMALS CAN BE RELEASED INTO THE WILD WITHOUT A PERMIT FROM THE FISH & GAME DEPT. NO RESTRICTIONS TO BREED FERRETS TO HUNT WITH, BUT FERRETS CANNOT BE BRED TO BE HUNTED." (PERS. COMMUN. WIRESPONDENT)

ILLINOIS

3	3	3	2	3	3	3
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

INDIANA

NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO PERMIT REQUIRED AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOT RELEASED OR SOLD FOR RELEASE.

IOWA

1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

KANSAS

1	1	1	1	UNK	UNK	UNK
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "HAVE NO INFORMATION ON EUROPEAN POLECATS OR HYBRIDS" (PERS. COMMUN. WIRESPONDENT)

KENTUCKY

3	3	3	2	3	3	3
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

LOUISIANA

1	1	1	1	4	4	4
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: GENERALLY NOT REGULATED, BUT SOME URBAN PARISHES MAY HAVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION.

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	1	1	1	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO INFORMATION ON BREEDING FOR FUR MARKET, HUNTING, EUROPEAN POLECATS, OR HYBRIDS

MARYLAND	1	1	1	2	2	2	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

MASSACHUSETTS	3	3	3	2	3	3	3
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: EXCEPT FOR THE 1ST TWO ACTIVITIES, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT REQUESTS WOULD BE MADE FOR THE OTHER ACTIVITIES IN MASSACHUSETTS, AND EVEN THOUGH THE AGENCY COULD LEGALLY PERMIT THEM, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE AGENCY WOULD.

MICHIGAN	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

MINNESOTA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

MISSISSIPPI	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: UNDER THE FEDERAL ANIM. [ANIMAL] WELFARE ACT, LABS REQUIRED TO HAVE A STATE PERMIT. (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

MISSOURI	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "THESE ACTIVITIES MIGHT REQUIRE A PERMIT UNDER SOME CITY GOVERNMENT ORDINANCES." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

MONTANA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

NEBRASKA	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

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STATE	BREEDING FOR PET TRADE NR	BREEDING TO SUPPLY LABS NR	BREEDING FOR FUR MARKET NR	BREEDING FOR HUNTING NR	IMPT/POSS OF EUROPEAN POLECATS FOR BREEDING NR	IMPT/POSS OF HYBRIDS FOR BREEDING NR
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "GENERALLY, BREEDING IS NOT RESTRICTED, BUT HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THESE ACTIVITIES." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

NEW HAMPSHIRE	1	1	1	2	UNK	UNK
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "DO NOT KNOW ABOUT EUROPEAN POLECATS OR HYBRIDS" (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

NEW JERSEY	3	3	3	2	3	3
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

NEW MEXICO	1	1	1	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

NEW YORK	3	3	3	2	1	UNK
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NOT AWARE OF HYBRIDS

NORTH CAROLINA	1	1	1	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "EXOTICS, SUCH AS FERRETS, CAN NOT BE KEPT (OR BRED) TO BE HUNTED. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON BREEDING FERRETS FOR HUNTING OTHER SMALL MAMMALS, I.E., RABBITS." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

NORTH DAKOTA	1	1	1	1	3	3
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

OHIO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NO AUTHORITY TO REGULATE EXCEPT AS STATED IN 1533.02 (WILDLIFE LAW WHICH ADDRESSES POSSESSION OF A FERRET FOR HUNTING OR PEST CONTROL PURPOSES). "THESE ACTIVITIES MAY REQUIRE A PERMIT UNDER CITY OR COUNTY ORDINANCES." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

OKLAHOMA	1	1	1	1	3	3
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

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OREGON	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: "IMPORTATION & POSSESSION OF EUROPEAN POLECATS AND HYBRIDS FOR BREEDING PURPOSES ARE NOT RESTRICTED SINCE FERRETS, POLECATS AND HYBRIDS SHARE THE SAME SCIENTIFIC NAME." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

PENNSYLVANIA	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

RHODE ISLAND	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: IMPORTATION OF NEUTERED FERRETS ONLY

SOUTH CAROLINA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: DO NOT OCCUR NATURALLY IN THE EAST; ONLY CONTROLLED FOR RABIES VECTOR AND PROHIBITION FOR SALE MAY BE LIFTED

SOUTH DAKOTA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: UNKNOWN

TENNESSEE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

TEXAS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

UTAH	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

VERMONT	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
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RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR



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	BREEDING FOR <u>PET TRADE</u>	BREEDING TO <u>SUPPLY LABS</u>	BREEDING <u>FOR FUR MARKET</u>	BREEDING <u>FOR HUNTING</u>	BREEDING <u>POLECATS FOR BREEDING</u>	IMPT/POSS OF EUROPEAN <u>POLECATS FOR BREEDING</u>	IMPT/POSS OF HYBRIDS <u>FOR BREEDING</u>
<b>STATE</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: BREEDING FOR ANY PURPOSE WOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED. ANIMALS COULD NOT BE USED FOR HUNTING OR RELEASED WITHIN THE STATE. FUR DEALERS NEED A PERMIT TO DEAL IN ANY FURS.

**WASHINGTON**    1    1    1    1    1    1    1

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

**WEST VIRGINIA**    NR    NR    NR    NR    NR    NR    NR

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: HUNTING WITH FERRETS PROHIBITED; ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDER STATE AGRICULTURAL AGENCY AUTHORITY; "A PERMIT MAY BE REQUIRED FROM THE DEPT OF AG." (PERS. COMMUN. W/RESPONDENT)

**WISCONSIN**    1    1    1    1    1    1    1

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

**WYOMING**    1    1    1    1    1    1    1

RESPONDER'S COMMENTS: NR

**BREEDING PERMITS: NUMBER & YEAR, FEES & LIMITS;  
USEFULNESS OF REGULATION**

<u>STATE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERMITS</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FEE STRUCTURE</u>	<u>RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITS</u>
ALABAMA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
ALASKA	N/A	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? N/A				
ARIZONA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? N/A				
ARKANSAS	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
CALIFORNIA	N/A	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NEAR TOTAL PROHIBITION HAS NOT PREVENTED ILLEGAL IMPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF PET FERRETS.				
COLORADO	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
CONNECTICUT	N/A	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? N/A				
DELAWARE	N/A	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
FLORIDA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? ADEQUATELY				
GEORGIA	3	1996	\$236 FOR ONE YEAR PERMIT	SEE ATTACHED - GEORGIA WILD ANIMAL LAW
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? WE FEEL THAT BY REQUIRING SEXUAL ALTERATION OF FERRETS HELD AS PETS, WE REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF A POPULATION ESTABLISHING IN THE WILD.				
HAWAII	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
IDAHO	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? N/A				
ILLINOIS	671	1996	CLASS A - FREE; CLASS B - \$10 THE 671 ARE CLASS A PERMITS; UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CLASS B PERMITS; CLASS A PERMITS ARE ISSUED TO POSSESS FERRETS AS PETS AND ARE FREE. TRUE NUMBER OF FERRETS BEING HELD AS PETS IS LIKELY HIGHER.	COPY OF REGULATIONS ATTACHED; CLASS B PERMIT HOLDERS CAN BREED OTHER SPECIES IN CAPTIVITY; FERRET BREEDERS CAN NOT BE SEPARATED OUT.

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**BREEDING PERMITS: NUMBER & YEAR, FEES & LIMITS;  
USEFULNESS OF REGULATION**

<u>STATE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERMITS</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FEE STRUCTURE</u>	<u>RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITS</u>
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? CURRENT SYSTEM IS ADEQUATE GIVEN EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. HOWEVER, HIGHER FEES ARE OBVIOUSLY REQUIRED TO RECOVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.				
INDIANA	N/A	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
IOWA	NR	NR	MR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
KANSAS	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
KENTUCKY	35	1995	\$50/YEAR; A PERSON BUYING, SELLING, POSSESSING, PROPAGATING, OR EXHIBITING WILDLIFE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES MUST HAVE A COMMERCIAL PET & PROPAGATION PERMIT.	WILDLIFE SHALL ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM PERMITTED OR QUALIFIED SOURCES.
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? VERY LITTLE. WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY FERRETS ARE IN THE STATE, BECAUSE MANY ARE PROBABLY KEPT ILLEGALLY. WE HAVE NOT MADE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, THOUGH WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING OUR PET & PROPAGATION REGS.				
LOUISIANA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
MAINE	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
MARYLAND	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
MASSACHUSETTS	0	1996	EXPECTED TO BE \$1,000 PER YEAR; THE STATUTE REQUIRES THAT IT BE NO LESS. THE FIRST BREEDING PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED IN 1997.	NOT YET FINALIZED
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
MICHIGAN	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
MINNESOTA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
MISSISSIPPI	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				

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MISSOURI	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
MONTANA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
NEBRASKA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
NEVADA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
NEW JERSEY	~3500	1996	PET SHOP / ANIMAL DEALER = \$100; SCIENTIFIC = \$35; PET - \$10; ZOOLOGICAL EXHIBIT = \$60	FERRET MUST BE KEPT SO AS TO PREVENT ESCAPE OR INJURY TO PUBLIC.
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? VERY USEFUL, AS IT INFORMS THE PUBLIC OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, I.E., NON-RELEASE, PREVENTION OF INJURY TO THE PUBLIC, PROPER CARE, ETC.				
NEW MEXICO	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
NEW YORK	6000	1996	\$10 FEE PER LICENSE	SEE ENCLOSED - LICENSEE CAN ONLY DISPOSE OF A FERRET TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO POSSESSES A VALID FERRET LICENSE. LICENSEE MUST SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT IN SUCH A CASE.
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NOT USEFUL; AGENCY HAS ATTEMPTED TO AMEND LAW TO ELIMINATE NEED FOR A STATE LICENSE.				
NORTH CAROLINA	N/A	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
NORTH DAKOTA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
OHIO	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				
OKLAHOMA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP? NR				

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OREGON	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	NR			
PENNSYLVANIA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	NR			
RHODE ISLAND	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?		MOST PERSPECTIVE (SIC) & CURRENT FERRET OWNERS SEEK TO COMPLY W/ REGULATIONS W/O MUCH EFFORT FROM OUR AGENCY. THE "COLLEGE" ELEMENT IS PROBABLY OUR WORSE (SIC) OFFENDERS BUT WE DO NOT GO DORM TO DORM, ENFORCING. FEW ESCAPES ARE REPORTED W/ ANY ASSOC. PROBLEM.		
SOUTH CAROLINA	0	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	N/A			
SOUTH DAKOTA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	NR			
TENNESSEE	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	NR			
TEXAS	N/A	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	NR			
UTAH	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	NR			
VERMONT	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	NR			
VIRGINIA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	NR			
WASHINGTON	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	NR			
WEST VIRGINIA	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	R			
WISCONSIN	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	NR			
WYOMING	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOW USEFUL IS REGULATING OWNERSHIP?	NR			