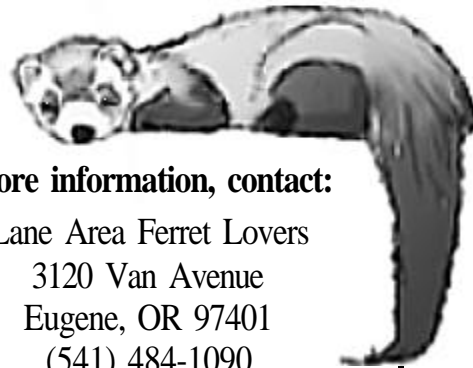

Remember, when it gets hot, ferrets slow down. Especially during the day. Let them be speed bumps when it is hot. But watch them and make sure they don't get too hot. Look for signs of over-heating when they start panting.

With just a little extra planning and care, you and your ferrets will be cool this summer.



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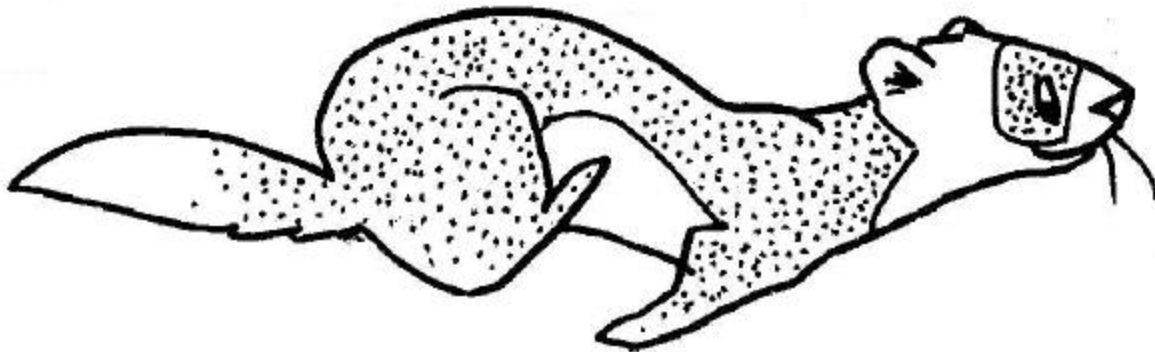
how to beat the heat



The full force of summer is upon us. It is tough for us to keep comfortable, so we have to make sure our ferrets don't get over-heated.

Here are a few simple tips to help make the summer a bit more bearable for you ferret companions.

1. If you have air conditioning, use it. If you don't, if you can afford it, you might consider buying a window unit for the room the ferrets spend the most time.



2. Give them run time at night. When it is hot, your ferret will want to take it easy to stay cool. Give them free play time in the cooler hours of the day.
3. Keep a fan near them. Don't blow it on them, but do circulate the air in the room.
4. Freeze some 2 liter bottles filled with water (leave room for ice expansion) and then sit the bottles in front of the fan. Put a towel or pan under them, they sweat as they melt. This makes a nice cool breeze. Milk jugs also work.

5. Wet towels draped over the cages also helps create the effect above.



6. Don't point your fans to pull in the air from outside. Make sure they draw the hot air out of the room. A good way to insure this is to open windows on opposite sides of the house, then set the fan to create a breeze that draws across the house.
 7. Make sure your babies have plenty of water available.
 8. Give them a small tub of water or put them in your tub with some cool water. Let them splash around a bit.
 9. Use a mister around them to cool them off some. This can be really good if they are in their cages.
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