

Duck soup regiment for hairballs or foreign items

Keep ferrets separate so you can inspect poops

First signs of a hairball.

1. Loss of appetite
2. A change in their poops: loose stools, diarrhea, or change of color. If there is a heavy shedding on your ferret and they seem to be trying to cough, or vomit a little, then a hair ball or blockage is suspected and we try the duck soup regiment.

If they have black or bloody stools, they should be taken to the Vet ASAP.

Vomiting of white foam, or hind end weakness is a sign of a possible insulinoma seizure. If vet in office, call to let them know you are coming with a possible seizure.

While talking to vet, we place a little Corn Syrup or if you do not have any then maple syrup on the gums. If they are able to swallow then we give them some duck soup, or baby chicken food and take them to the vet ASAP.

Items needed for duck soup regiment:

1. Petromalt, or Ferret Lax hair ball remedy.
2. Duck soup
3. Small glass bowl for soup. NEVER reheat plastic in microwave.
4. Small feeder syringe if Ferret will not eat duck soup or take Petromalt.

Duck soup 3 mills for under one pound, 6 mills for over two pounds and 9 mills for over three pounds. They can have dry food after if they want it.

Wait 45 minutes. Then give $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Petromalt for under one pound, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch Petromalt for two to three and one inch for three pounds and over.

If ferret does not like Petromalt, try wetting it with water. If still not taking it, place in small glass bowl and add $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Water to it and microwave for about five seconds. Make sure it is not too hot. Syringe in to side of mouth.

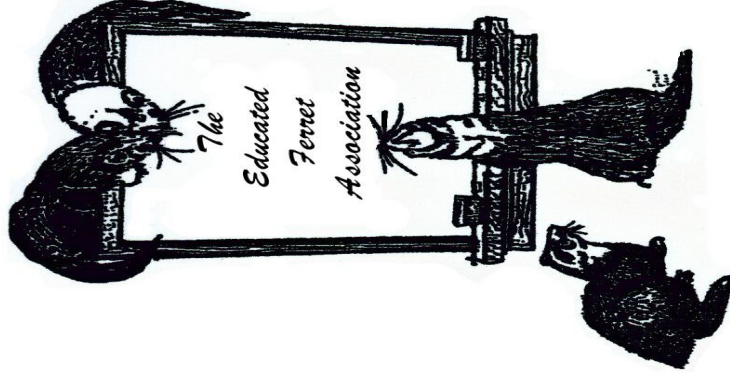
1. Three hours later, duck soup again. Then wait 45 min and Petromalt again.

2. Three hours later duck soup and then wait 45 min and Petromalt again.
3. Four hours later duck soup with meds if needed

If on meds, they can be added to first duck soup or last duck soup so they will absorb it.



The Educated Ferret Duck soup recipe & Hair ball regiment



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The Educated Ferret rescue's quick duck soup.

3 cups Totally Ferret or your food. Place in a glass container and cover with water plus one inch. Place in the refrigerator until softened. Add 6 or more jars human Chicken baby food. You can also add a jar or two of turkey. No dinners or vegetable mix. Mix well and place in blender. Mix two cups at a time and add enough water so it will be like med pea soup. If you do not add enough water and too thick, it can burn out your blender or processor.

Will last 4 days in the refrigerator and 3 months in the freezer. Will be thick so add a teaspoon of water to each serving to thin and microwave about 8 seconds to heat. Check temp before serving so ferret's tongue doesn't get burnt! Each microwave is different.

*For a half batch, follow above instructions but change amounts to:

1 ½ c. Ground Totally Ferret food

3 cups of water

2-3 jars Gerber stage 2 chicken baby food.

Note: for ill ferrets you can add two inches of Ferrivite into the mixture when mixing a full recipe. I also add more meat for ferrets with insulinoma. The human baby food does not contain bones, or enough fat for a ferret's diet so should be only used for short term feeding.

The Educated Ferret rescue's home made duck soup.

To make a more nutritious soup, I use a whole cooked chicken with gizzard, liver, and heart.

- Wash and place chicken in a pot. Cover with water and simmer until the meat falls off the bone (5-6 hours). Let cool until you can handle it. Pick out the hardest bones. Place the soft bones, skin, meat and grizzle, and by products into a bowl and mix. Then place 1 – 2 cups (depending on size of blender or food processor), plus ¼ cup of the juices at a time in a food processor or heavy-duty blender. Blend until soupy. Add some more juices if needed to make pea soup consistency

- Meantime place 2 cups of their food in a glass bowl and cover with water plus one inch. Place in the refrigerator until the food is soft.
- Blend with hot cooked chicken.
- Place 2 cups at a time in blender and add enough more of the juices or water if needed to make into medium gravy. It will thicken as it cools. Place in containers, the serving size you will need to last 3 days. Usually a four-ounce container will do for three ferrets twice a day. We give our ferrets two teaspoons a day twice a day along with their dry Totally Ferret/ Natures Gold and Path Valley mix.

Note: NEVER reheat duck soup in a plastic container, as the fat makes the plastic overheat, can cause toxic fumes and make your ferret ill.

- CAUTION must be taken when handling raw meat.

NOTE: When feeding duck soup ferrets teethe will need to be cleaned more frequently.

