

Ferret First Aid Kit

- Gauze bandage rolls
 - Scissors
 - Eyedropper
 - Q-Tips
 - 3% Hydrogen peroxide
 - Antibacterial ointment
 - Betadine
 - Vaseline
 - Eyewash (.9 to .2% boric acid)
 - Styptic pencil
 - Kaopectate or Imodium AD-Childrens liquid
 - Pepsid AC
 - Karo Syrup or Honey
 - Nutrical/Ferretvite
 - Rectal thermometer
 - Chemical ice pack
 - Microwavable hot pack or heating pad that as a low setting
 - Towels and washcloths
 - Syringes – several sizes
 - Turkey/chicken Baby food
 - Boost/Ensure (Vanilla flavor)
 - Liquid Children’s Benydril
 - Pedilyte
 - Couple empty prescription bottles for mixing medications
 - Amoxicillin (Prescription only)
 - Lactated Ringers (Prescription only)
 - Carafate (Prescription only)
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How to medicate a ferret who doesn't want to be medicated.

Tools

A towel to place the ferret on
A very small syringe. A one cc works best
medications mixed with something good tasting (like turkey/chicken baby food) and watered down.
Nutrical/Ferretvite for a treat afterward. One calmed down ferret.

The method

With the ferret on your lap. Get comfortable and let him/her see and smell the syringe. Put the end of your finger in the side of the mouth to gently force it open from the left side, and insert the end of the syringe into the right side. Squirt in no more than 2 to 3 drops while holding the head up so the liquid runs to the back of the throat and massage the throat so the ferret doesn't try to spit. After two to three squirts, let the ferret run into a hutch where it can compose itself for a few seconds. While this is happening, refill your syringe if all the medication isn't used up yet. Repeat the procedure until the medication is gone.

The finale

Use the Nutrical/Ferretvite as a TREAT also to cleanse the pallet of the ferret. This will also give the ferret something to look forward to the next time you have to medicate it.