

RECIPES FOR SICK FERRETS

DUCK SOUP:

*Please note: The ingredients and combinations should be adjusted to accommodate individual ferret's tastes. These recipes may be more palatable if warmed slightly.

Basic ingredients:

- Gerber's second stage chicken baby food
- Heavy whipping cream or vanilla Boost (no chocolate)
- Dry crushed kibble soaked in water to soften
- Optional—Pedialyte or electrolyte replacement or plain water
- Ferretone

Mix the ingredients well (a blender works well for this) until smooth and serve in a small bowl or syringe if necessary. Some ferrets prefer this mixture to be warmed up.

BOB CHURCH'S CHICKEN GRAVY

- 1 whole roasting chicken—**including** bones, skin and giblets*
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp Ferretone (vitamin supplement)
- 1 cup ferret kibble
- 2 Tbsp fine bran or oatmeal or Metamucil
- 1 tube Ferretvite or Nutrical
- 3 or 4 eggshells
- 4 Tbsp honey
- 1 cup fat trimmings (uncooked)

*Make sure you use a very sturdy blender, food processor, or blender.

Directions:

Cook the chicken in a pressure cooker or boil it in water, reserving the broth. Grind the bones, skin, giblets, kibble, eggshells and fat together in the blender or grinder. Put the chicken mixture back into the water and boil for thirty minutes or until a gravy-like consistency is reached. Remove from the stove and add the rest of the ingredients.

You can freeze the gravy in small plastic containers or pour into ice cube trays. When ready to use, thaw and warm it; if it gets too thick, you can add water or a little Pedialyte to thin it.

You can use your own judgment when it comes to your ferret's likes and dislikes. You can add ingredients or remove them as you see how your ferrets react.

***Be aware, that this gravy (it is very rich) and the duck soup as well, may make your ferret's poo runny. Don't be alarmed. Some ferrets will lick the bowl clean and some will run for the hills when you set it in front of them. Again, you can thin both of these recipes down with Pedialyte or water for force feedings with a syringe.