

SYMPTOM CHART

Eyes

Bulging or swollen eyes
Runny or watery eyes
Pus
Brown crusting
White spot or "disk" in eye/s
Blindness

Glaucoma
Allergy, cold
Conjunctivitis
Distemper
Cataract
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Mouth

Pale gums
Red, sore or bleeding gums
Bluish gray gums
Blackened teeth
Dark or stained teeth
Rash on chin and lips
Drooling
Clenched teeth
Scratching at mouth
Vomiting
Vomiting blood
Panting

Anemia, low blood pressure
Tarter buildup; gingivitis
Lack of Oxygen
Dead tooth
Age, tetracycline as kit
Distemper
Insulinoma seizure; poison
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Broken tooth, nausea
Foreign body, ulcers, ECE; hairballs; poison
Internal hemorrhage
Heat stroke; severe pain; insulinoma seizure

Nose

Sore on Nose
Runny nose, sneezing
Short, broken whiskers
Dark pink or red
Bright red

Infection
Runny nose, sneezing
Poor nutrition, ill health
Insulinoma seizure
Hypothermia (heat stroke)

Ears

Black inside
Black inside, itching
Yellow
Bad smell
Growth
Loss of hair on ears
Deafness

Excessive dirt
Mites
Hepatitis
Excessive dirt; yeast-type infection
Tumor; infected bite
Another ferret chewing on them
Congenital, Wardenburg's Syndrome (panda pattern); infection

Paws

"Splayed" feet
Hair loss
Dry pads
Dark pink pads
Bright red pads
Rough, thickened pads
Roughened, scratched pads
Long quick
Nail torn out
Curled toes

Housed on wire
Age, adrenal disease
Clay litter
Insulinoma seizure
Hyperthermia (heat stroke)
Distemper
Lost outside for significant period; housed outdoors/dirt/cement
Not regularly clipped
Caught on bedding; on cage wire
Age, weak hindquarters

Legs

Limping
Staggering
Stiffness
Weakness in hindquarters

Stepped on
Insulinoma; stroke; ear infection
Arthritis; age; over-caged
Age; arthritis; low blood sugar; general illness

Tail

Kinked
Lump at end
Black spots
Hair loss

Previously broken; birth defect
Chondromas
Blackheads
Blackheads; age; adrenal disease

Fur & Skin

Dry
Black spots
Fur falling out
Guard hair sparse
Thinning
Pattern Loss: At base of tail
Along side back
Up back
"Graying"
Flaking skin
Yellowed
Reddened, rough skin
"Pinched" skin stays pinched
Wart-like growths
Dark brown or black "moles"
"Puffy," inflamed areas
Sore slow to heal

Sleeping in litter; poor nutrition; age; general illness
Flea dirt
Seasonal coat change; poor nutrition; stress; flea allergy
Regrowth of coat
Age; unnatural light cycle; adrenal disease; in heat or rut
Adrenal disease
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Natural silvering pattern; age
Flea dermatitis; poor nutrition; allergies; over-shampooing
Hepatitis
Allergies; fleas; sunburn; bites from others
Dehydration
Skin tumors
Ticks
Abscess
Diabetes; adrenal disease; cancer

Lungs

Coughing
Wheezing
Rapid breathing
Difficult breathing

Cold, heart disease; lymphosarcoma
Allergy; heart disease; pneumonia
Heat stroke; pain
Heart disease; pneumonia; lymphosarcoma; heartworm

Stomach/Spleen

Stomach distension
"Lopsided" abdomen
Hardened area along abdomen
Anorexia

Intestinal blockage; heart disease; poison; internal tumor
Enlarged spleen
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Stomach or mouth ulcers; ECE

Urination/Defecation

Male "dribbling" or crying
"Sand" in urine
Heavy urination &/or excessive thirst
Inability to urinate
Inability to defecate
Diarrhea
Green diarrhea
Dark, tarry stool
Blood in stool
Fabric or odd objects in stool
Frequent, small stool
Protrusion from anus
Draining area near anus

Urinary tract blockage; bladder stones; kidney infection; adrenal disease
Bladder stones
Diabetes; kidney infection
Kidney failure; blockage
Internal blockage
Dairy products; food allergies; stress; coccidia; campylobacter
Upset stomach; stress; ECE
Too many raisins; bleeding
Internal hemorrhage, cancer
Eating fabric or toys
Poor rectal muscles
Rectal prolapse
Anal gland impaction

Reproductive Organs

Bleeding penis
Growth on penis
"Dragging" penis across things
Swollen vulva
Pus or discharge from vulva

Caught on something
Tumor
Territorial marking; adrenal disease
In heat; leftover ovarian tissue; adrenal disease
Infection; adrenal disease

Overall Body

Temperature over 103
Temperature under 95
Severe anemia
Limp upon awakening
Comatose
Uncontrollable shivers/tremors
Convulsions
Wasting
Enlarged lymph nodes
Blood sugar level under 80

Fever
Hypothermia; serious illness
Lengthy heat cycle; internal tumor; severely enlarged spleen
Baby sleep; low blood sugar; insulinoma
Insulinoma; stroke
Shock; poison
Insulinoma seizure; epilepsy; poison; shock
Cancer; age; internal blockage; internal parasite
Infection; cold/flu; lymphosarcoma
Anorexia; insulinoma

Behavior

Fainting
Lethargy
"Listing " to one side
Walking in circles
Excessive grooming
Biting when startled
Biting other ferrets
Hopping & leaping

Insulinoma
Anemia; low glucose; age; heart disease; illness
Ear infection; mites; stroke
Stroke
Stress; adrenal disease
Blind; deaf
Blind; dominance issues
PLAYING!