Normal Values & Characteristics

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The following tables provide information on the life span, weight, reproduction, and normal physiologic values of ferrets. Most of the values are given in ranges, and depending upon the source, you may find somewhat different ranges provided elsewhere.

Normal Temperature (°F)	Normal Heart Rate (beats per minute)	Normal Respiratory Rate (breaths per minute)	Recommended Environmental Temperature (°F)	Life Expectancy	Average Weight (grams*) F=female M=male	
100-104	200-350	30-40	50-75; never over 90°	5-11 years	F: 600-1,000; M: 1,000-2,000	
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Physiologic Values

Puberty (months)	Length of Pregnancy (days)	Litter Size	Weaning Age
4-8 months	41-42	1-18; usually 8-10	6-8 weeks

Reproductive Values