



Voluntary Registration Form for Keepers of Ferrets or other *Mustelinae*

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) recommends that you register with us that you keep ferrets or other members of the *Mustelinae* family. This is because of the potential risks from SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19 in people), which is also known to be capable of infecting ferrets. If you register, you can be contacted in the event of an outbreak in ferrets or other *Mustelinae* to be provided with advice on public health and disease prevention and/or for testing or surveillance reasons. UK administrations intend that registration will become compulsory at a later date.

Complete this form if you are in charge (the keeper) of the day-to-day care of ferrets, stoats, polecats, weasels or hybrids of these animals. All keepers can register their animals but we strongly advise anyone with five or more to register.

Complete all items marked with an *.

Contact Ferret.Registration@apha.gov.uk for help with completing the form, providing a phone number if you would like a call back.

*Section 1: Keeper Details

Give details of the person in charge (keeper) of the Ferrets/*Mustelinae*:

*Title (please tick): Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Other (please specify)

*Surname:

*Forename:

*Postal Address:

*Postcode:

*Telephone No.:

Mobile No.:

Email address:

*Are you also the owner of the animals?

Yes

No

If you have a trading name as a sole trader, provide it

Please tell us how you would prefer to be contacted:

Post

Email

Please tick this box if you would prefer future correspondence in Welsh

*Section 2: Location

If you keep the Ferrets/*Mustelinae* somewhere different to the address provided in section 1 provide details below:

Location Name(s) and Address(es) (include * postcode)	County Parish Holding (CPH) of location if already allocated (if not we will allocate one)	* Map Reference (you can get this from a hard copy OS map, or use website such as UK Grid reference finder. Alternatively, use 'what three words')
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Section 3: Ferrets/*Mustelinae

Please provide details of **Ferrets/*Mustelinae*** kept:

*Ferrets/<i>Mustelinae</i> Species Kept (select from the drop-down)	*Numbers Kept	* Why do you keep these animal species? (select the main reasons from the table below)	* Name of the location where each species are kept
Specify species if 'Others' selected in drop down:		Specify reason if 'Others' selected in drop down:	
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Ferrets/<i>Mustelinae</i> Species	Reason	
Ferrets	Pet	Rehoming Centre
Polecats	Showing (can include display such as Zoo)	Breeding for sale
Mink	Public Entertainment / Education/Therapy	Wildlife Centre
Weasel	Pet Shop	Hunting/Pest Control
Stoat	Import/Export	Other (please Specify)
Others (please specify)	Research	

Section 4: Declaration

I confirm that the information given in this registration form is correct and I am over 18:

*Name in BLOCK LETTERS

Date

Keep Your Details Up to Date

You should contact APHA within one month if:

- you no longer keep or own ferrets/*Mustelinae*
- your contact details change
- you change the species you keep
- you start keeping other species/livestock.

Submit Your Completed Form

By email: Ferret.Registration@apha.gov.uk

By post:

Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)
Cardiff Customer Service Centre
Cromlin West
Cardiff Edge Business Park
Longwood Drive
Whitchurch
Cardiff
CF14 7YU

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY NOTICE

The Ferret Register is maintained by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) which is an executive agency of Defra and of the Welsh Government and will process your data in line with our public task and the official authority vested in us. We will use your data to gather information about where and for what purposes ferrets and other *Mustelinae* are kept, to inform any surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus which causes COVID-19). Data gathered will also be used to inform policy and guidance for ferret keepers to reduce the risk of spread of SARS-CoV-2 in these animals and to humans.

Your details may be shared with other agencies and with government departments and agencies, such as APHA and Public Health for animal disease control and public health purposes in relation to SARS-CoV-2. SARS-CoV-2 in susceptible mammals, such as ferrets and *Mustelinae*, presents a risk to human health if a variant of the virus is transmitted from infected mammals to the human population.

In the event of a SARS-CoV-2 outbreak in the kept ferret or *Mustelinae* population, APHA may contact you to provide advice and information on protecting your animals and yourself from infection with SARS-CoV-2.

Please note, it may be necessary for the relevant government administration to employ powers within The Zoonoses Order (1989) and The Animal Health Act (1981) to control SARS-CoV-2 in mammals by restricting the movement of infected mammals or requiring mammals be tested for presence of SARS-CoV-2. Irrespective of whether the animals are registered on the GB Ferret Register, if mammals such as ferrets and *Mustelinae* were to present an imminent and significant threat to human health and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the relevant government administration may require culling of animals in relation to SARS-CoV-2.

The UK administrations intend to make the Ferret Register compulsory in the future for those who keep above a threshold number of ferrets or *Mustelinae* at any point in the year.

All data provided in the voluntary register will be automatically transferred onto the new compulsory system, even if you keep fewer than the threshold number of animals.

If you stop keeping ferrets APHA will normally retain your personal data for seven years, though longer if the disease situation has caused us to do more than register your animals. However, while registration remains voluntary you can request that your personal data be withdrawn (APHA contact details above). Your request will be approved unless the data is necessary for public or animal health purposes and its retention serves in the public interest. You will be informed of the outcome of your request within 30 days. For more information please contact enquiries@apha.gov.uk

Your rights:

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data APHA, Defra and Welsh Government holds about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is the independent regulator for data protection

If you wish to contact Government in relation to your rights under data protection legislation then you can contact the Defra or Welsh Government Data Protection Officer:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ

Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

Data Protection Officer
Defra
Marsham Street
Westminster
SW1 4DF

Email: DefraGroupDataProtectionOfficer@defra.gov.uk