

Survey Results Summary: Ferret Shelter Vaccination Survey

Survey Views: 46

Respondents: 34 74.0% of Survey Views

Questions and Answers	Responses	Percentage of Total Respondents	Percentage of Question Respondents	
Q1: Do you generally obtain CD vaccinations for the ferrets in your shelter??* (Single-answer multiple choice)	34	100.0%		23.112.240.144 (no response) 73.37.50.2 When Purevax is available, vet obtains <u>vax</u> ; if not, then I obtain <u>vax</u>
Yes	27	79.41%	79.41%	128.2.91.227 I usually <u>titer</u> first unless I know no <u>yacc</u> history, otherwise yes.
No	3	8.82%	8.82%	166.137.94.205 We <u>titer</u> first
Other:	4	11.76%	11.76%	
Q2: Please identify what vaccinations you generally obtain. ? (Multi-answer multiple choice)	24	70.59%		
CD - voluntary	30	88.24%	125.0%	129.130.90.68 Only vaccinate when cases in area
CD - required by law/regulation	1	2.94%	4.17%	23.112.240.144 microchip
Rabies - voluntary	9	26.47%	37.5%	128.2.91.227 Depends on the situation, sometimes we refer to vet
Rabies - required by law/regulation	13	38.24%	54.17%	
We do not vaccinate, but refer adopters to a local/area vet.	2	5.88%	8.33%	
Other:	3	8.82%	12.5%	
Q3: Do you generally microchip the ferrets in your shelter?? (Multi-answer multiple choice)	24	70.59%		128.2.91.227 If the owner wants it
Yes - voluntary	5	14.71%	20.83%	
Yes - mandatory by law/regulation	0	0.0%	0.0%	
No	27	79.41%	112.5%	
Other:	1	2.94%	4.17%	
Q4: Have you been affected by the lack of Purevax in the U.S.?? (Single-answer multiple choice)	34	100.0%		
Yes	22	64.71%	64.71%	
No	12	35.29%	35.29%	
Q5: If you have NOT been affected by the lack of Purevax currently, please provide information on why.? (Multi-answer multiple choice)	24	70.59%		
Not in the US and a non-issue	2	5.88%	8.33%	
We do not use Purevax	11	32.35%	45.83%	
We do not vaccinate for CD due to lack of funds	0	0.0%	0.0%	
We do not vaccinate for CD due to lack of a vaccine in our country	1	2.94%	4.17%	

Q6: Do you use a vet or "self-vaccinate" ferrets in your shelter?? (Single-answer multiple choice)	33	97.06%			
Vet	17	50.0%	51.52%		
Self-vaccinate	10	29.41%	30.3%		
Option3	0	0.0%	0.0%		
Other:	6	17.65%	18.18%		
Q7: What vaccine do you normally use to protect ferrets against CD?? (Multi-answer multiple choice)	24	70.59%		129.130.90.68	not sure what our vet is using
Purevax - self vaccinate	4	11.76%	16.67%	24.20.67.177	<u>NeoVacD</u>
Pruevax - vet administered	7	20.59%	29.17%	166.137.213.11	whatever the vet wants to use
Nobivac Puppy DPV - self vaccinate	9	26.47%	37.5%	166.137.94.205	<u>Pruevax</u> when available, <u>Nobivac</u> when it's not
Nobiva Puppy DPV - vet administered	12	35.29%	50.0%		
Other:	4	11.76%	16.67%		
Q8: If you do not self-vaccinate for CD, please tell us why. ? (Text Field)	16	47.06%			
Answer Provided	16	47.06%	100.0%		
Q9: If you use Purevax to vaccinate, what has been your experience with reactions? ? (Multi-answer multiple choice)	24	70.59%		24.20.67.177	I quit using <u>PurVax</u> due to reactions and cost of vaccine. Also shelters in Washington State who were using <u>Purvax</u> were also getting distemper outbreaks.
Few, almost no reactions (less than 5%)	9	26.47%	37.5%		
A few (15 - 10%) mild reactions - spit, light vomiting, diarrhea	6	17.65%	25.0%	166.137.94.205	Slight; we <u>pre-treat</u> , have still had some reaction but not since doing titters first.
A few serious reactions (please describe experience in Q11)	2	5.88%	8.33%		
Other:	3	8.82%	12.5%	98.226.254.156	It's been so long that it has not been avail no one remembers
Q10: If you use Nobivac Puppy DPV, what has been your experience with reactions?? (Single-answer multiple choice)	24	70.59%		184.59.229.37	We have used <u>Nobivac</u> for as long as it has been the replacement for Galaxy D, and have never seen a reaction, we did have one that may have reacted, but suspect it was actually an "I'm so excited I'm going to puke now."
Few, almost no reactions (less than 5%)	20	58.82%	83.33%		
A few (5-10%) mild reactions - spit, light vomiting, diarrheas	1	2.94%	4.17%		
A few serious reactions (please describe experience in Q11)	0	0.0%	0.0%		
Other:	3	8.82%	12.5%	88.107.205.229	Never seen one on over 1000 vaccines
				166.137.94.205	None, but still do titters & <u>pre-treat</u>

Q11: Please describe any serious reactions you experienced (vet or self administered vaccinations) with CD vaccines.? (Text Field)				
Answer Provided	12	35.29%	100.0%	
Q12: Approximately how many ferrets do you vaccinate annually for CD?? (Single-answer multiple choice)				
Less than 10	1	2.94%	3.33%	
10 to 25	10	29.41%	33.33%	
25 to 50	9	26.47%	30.0%	
50 to 100	3	8.82%	10.0%	
100 to 200	3	8.82%	10.0%	
200 or more	4	11.76%	13.33%	
Q13: CD vaccination protocols for ferrets with unknown vaccination history.? (Multi-answer multiple choice)				
1 shot - any age ferret	12	35.29%	50.0%	50.48.185.130 We let the vet make that call
2 shots - any age ferret	14	41.18%	58.33%	24.20.67.177 On kits received in the shelter I use
3 shots - any age ferret	1	2.94%	4.17%	96.244.3.225 2 vaccines
Other:	5	14.71%	20.83%	128.2.91.227 depends on their age coming in.
				166.137.94.205 Together with <u>titering</u>
				<u>Titer</u> first then consult with Dr. <u>Finkler</u>
Q14: Please add any additional information you feel appropriate regarding your response to Q. 13? (Text Field)				
Answer Provided	7	20.59%	100.0%	
Q15: Please provide any further information you would like to share with other shelters on this topic. ? (Text Field)				
Answer Provided	7	20.59%	100.0%	
Q16: Please provide the following information – completely voluntary.? (Contact Info)				
Email Address	24	70.59%	100.0%	
First Name	23	67.65%	95.83%	
Last Name	23	67.65%	95.83%	

Q6: Do you use a vet or "self-vaccinate" ferrets in your shelter?? (Single-answer multiple choice)		Q11: Please describe any serious reactions you experienced (vet or self administered vaccinations) with CD vaccines.? (Text Field)	
96.18.148.85	Both	98.214.35.198	1 serious in the last 5 years, projectile vomiting, turned purple
50.126.220.21	both	50.48.185.130	N/A
50.158.14.246	Both. Rabies must be given by vet.		

184.59.229.37	I trained volunteers can give CD <u>vax</u> . <u>Adoptables</u> are vetted, long term residents are frequently self-vaccinated, esp if funds are tight at the time. We also don't vaccinate very senior or fragile animals.	66.64.127.18	We have seen none to date with the use of <u>Nobivac</u> Puppy DPV.
128.2.91.227	Usually vet but sometimes self-vaccinate	71.232.218.103	over the last 15 years we have had five serious reactions and about 12 mild
98.226.254.156	Vet required by law for rabies- self vaccinate for CD	50.158.14.246	One ferret completely crashed and needed <u>injectable Dexamethasone</u> , <u>diphenhydramine</u> , epinephrine, and subcutaneous fluids due to vomiting, bloody diarrhea, etc.
Q8: If you do not self-vaccinate for CD, please tell us why. ? (Text Field)		23.112.240.144	Did have reactions in the past from vet administered distemper vaccine. NEVER have had one with <u>NeoVac</u> D
129.130.90.68	when we do vaccinate they get a check-up at the same time	184.63.127.216	One ferret had a major crash after CD, vet and I worked on for about 3 hours and brought him back. Don't remember injection used.
216.13.220.91	Due to potential reactions we opt to have it done under veterinary supervision.	128.2.91.227	In the past I've had everything from vomiting/diarrhea to bloody vomit/diarrhea to collapse and emergency treatment.
50.48.185.130	I believe the ferrets need to be seen by a vet for routine checkups so we do CD then	166.172.56.224	I have had ferrets spit, <u>vomitt</u> , diarrhea, and have respiratory distress, wheezing. <u>Benadryl</u> IM and <u>Pred</u> IM was administered. Most pulled through after 15 min but others have been hospitalized.
166.137.213.11	Uncomfortable with needles.	166.137.94.205	Was years ago; vomiting, bloody stool, lethargy. Same ferret had reaction to both CD & rabies given 3 weeks apart & <u>pretreated</u> both times.
71.232.218.103	it there is a reaction the vet is there to assist them with reaction	98.226.254.156	Out of the hundreds of CDV given there has only been one serious that required <u>Eppinephrin</u> .
96.244.3.225	I'm a small sanctuary, in the future I would like to be able to vaccinate myself, but right now it's best for me to go through my vet.	96.244.54.252	Shock type symptoms. Bloody stool, vomiting,
67.1.102.120	I would never do it in case of a reaction.		
184.59.229.37	We do a combination. All ferrets listed for adoption are vetted, including having a CD vaccination done. That way adopters have a vet record on the ferret(s) they adopt. We self-vaccinated <u>unadoptable</u> ferrets.		
73.37.50.2	Scared of reactions.		
128.2.91.227	I have been doing it less due to vaccine reactions.		
88.107.205.229	I find it easier to take them to the vet so that they can observe for any adverse reactions to the vaccine and treat accordingly .		
104.13.221.103	Pretender requires paperwork from vet		
66.86.109.181	Don't have enough information about it, don't know where to start - where to get it, how to do it, etc. I		
			Q15: Please provide any further information you would like to share with other shelters on this topic. ? (Text Field)
		156.34.233.172	We serve a large area. In one city the cost a vet visit and vaccine is more than the adoption fee. When we started we were doing this but stopped because we were heavily in debt. We leave it up to the adopter. Also we use a foster system so the number of ferrets

am all by myself in this shelter thing and don't have any help or support.

166.137.94.205 Not comfortable giving vaccine with number of reactions I've seen.

216.73.224.152 prefer to take ferrets in to vet for annual checks all over anyway

96.244.54.252 So far our vet does it very inexpensive. Due to potential reactions, I am more comfortable having them under vet supervision

Q14: Please add any additional information you feel appropriate regarding your response to Q. 13? (Text Field)

65.242.240.210 if we don't know the history we do 2 shots, again, older or ferrets w/ cancer are not vaccinated

71.232.218.103 we always give to CD if ferrets are under a year or have no proof of vaccinations

50.158.14.246 We won't vaccinate a ferret that has a temporary illness such as ECE, or has come to us very thin and/or infested with fleas or ticks, etc. We wait until they are better. Ferrets with stable adrenal disease or insulinoma ARE vaccinated.

23.112.240.144 we have had marvelous results - twice brought in ferrets with distemper and by the time we knew it, only those recently vaccinated showed any symptoms and were over them went on to live normal lives - we did lose 2 the first time and 1 the second time - years apart we were exposed.

128.2.91.227 In the research done with Dr. Wagner, ferrets with one vaccination after 4 months of age were protected no matter how many years it had been. I usually check with titers (that's the goal) but haven't been doing as well due to serious family problems over the last 2 years or so. Getting back into the swing of it now.

166.137.94.205 Age dependent, for sure.

131.107.159.133 Unless we have a DOCUMENTED series, we give all new ferrets 2 shots 2-3 weeks apart. Annual boosters after that although we're considering titers they cost 2x what vaccinations do, and with Nobivac the risk seems minimal.

24.20.67.177

together is small.

The reason I use NeovacD is due to speaking with manufacturer who closely modeled their vaccine after FrommD and did a small test study at Ruby Fur Farms with their vaccine. It proved to have high titers. My primary vet, Dr Katrina Ramsell, DVM, PHD also uses this vaccine.

50.158.14.246

We had more reactions back when we used Purevax. We lost over 40 ferrets to distemper during a time when we were unable to vaccinate due to problems with our consulting veterinarians at the time. Horrific.

23.112.240.144

Financially it has helped us to provide the most healthy ferret we could know about to the public. We vaccinate as soon as they come in the door, and microchip. First Tues off to the vet for a health exam and a rabies. Then we guarantee the ferret for 3 months against an adrenal tumor

128.2.91.227

I think if you are going to be a large shelter, you should learn how to do the blood draws/spinning/titers (together with a cooperative vet) yourself. I think that multiple vaccinations (esp the 3-vaccine protocol) causes more vaccine reactions and isn't necessary for all ferrets. This all depends on how long the ferrets are in the shelter, though. If you get them in and they go right out, I have the new owner get them vaccinated.

166.137.94.205
96.244.54.252

Wish titers were cheaper.

We had our vet get the novibac when the purevax was out. We have not seen any reactions as of yet with the novibac