

## Fennec Fox Care sheet



### **Cost:**

Just the Fennec Fox: \$2000

Prices are subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to refuse a sale for any reason.

### **Housing:**

Fennec Foxes may be kept indoors. A safe "fox proof" room or enclosure is recommended to house your pet when you are not around to supervise. This is a place where it cannot dig out, or climb out, or squirm out. Fennec foxes are excellent escape artists, if there is a way to get out a fennec will find it. A full grown fox can get through a hole as small as chain link hole, or a 2x4 inch wire hole. Fennec foxes are somewhat fragile and have been known to get their little legs caught and hurt. Bigger is always better when designing or selecting an enclosure.

### **Proofing your home:**

A fennecs small size and quickness can make proofing your home a bit challenging. Before opening any door to the outside be sure and know where your fennec is because if they get loose you may never get them back. Allowing your fennec to escape can give animal rights activists ammunition to help them remove your right to own fennec foxes. If they are curious about something they have been known to climb up to see and then fall and

hurt themselves. Fennecs are also famous diggers so unless you want a mess you'll want to remove most of your plants. Use common sense and proof accordingly.

### **Enrichment and Toys:**

Fennec foxes are high energy and extremely playful animals. One of these gremlins favorite games is to steal something and ferret it away in some treasure place. The types of treasures can be endless and can include the food off your plate. Fennecs can be very cat-like in play as well and will enjoy throwing cat toys up in the air, then pouncing much like a cat. Use common sense and be wary of anything that can be chewed up and swallowed, but is not easy to pass.

### **Litter box:**

I've seen various opinions about this on the internet; however it is this breeder's opinion that it is difficult to litter train a fennec fox and they're behavior will never be 100% reliable. If you cannot tolerate poop in inappropriate places then a fennec is not for you.

### **Children:**

I do not recommend fennec foxes in homes with children under 6. This is for both the fennec's sake and the children's sake. Young children do not always play well with exotic animals resulting in them being scratched or bitten, and the fragile and fast fennec could be hurt or escape. Avoiding any potential problems by waiting till your children are at least 6 is best.

### **Other pets:**

When raised together from a young age, fennecs generally get along with other pets. Use common sense and proper introductory supervision as well as proper play supervision and all should go well. However, fennecs do have a natural prey drive so if you have any prey type of pets such as a hamster, rat, bird etc. they should have their own separate safe place away from your fennec. It's probable that if your fennec is in the same area as the prey pet, the pet will in fact, become a tasty meal. While a fennec might like your large dog, there is potential for it to be accidentally hurt during play. If for whatever reason your fennec does not get along with your other pets, have a plan to deal with this and still provide a great home for all your pets.

**Disclaimer:**

Please remember that the animal health and husbandry information contained on this page is geared towards pet ownership and is merely what has worked for us. Please realize that we do not claim to know **all** the answers about each animal, but can only offer you the best information we have based on our experience. This information is not meant to be a substitute for common sense and proper veterinary care. Remember that age, health, sex, metabolism and individual temperament can vary from animal to animal to dictate the proper environmental and nutritional requirements for each individual animal. Please use common sense and monitor your animal's condition daily. If you have questions, please consult your veterinarian directly if the health and welfare of your animal is in question.

This care sheet is just a beginning and is not intended to be your entire education about fennec foxes. There are so many things to know and talk about that we simply cannot remember to list everything you will need to know. We are also just one opinion, and you should solicit other opinions to see what others think before you make up your mind. It is your responsibility to find out as much as you possibly can **BEFORE** you decide to buy a fennec fox.

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