

Ferrets Do The Sweetest Things

These heartwarming stories prove the compassionate nature of ferrets as they do sweet things.

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The Next Buzz On Ferrets

In August's The Buzz On Ferrets column, Rebecca Stout explores the question, "What is the most interesting item you've found in your ferret's 'stash'?" Want to send an answer for her to possibly use? [Click Here>>](#)

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An ocean of stories exist that portray ferrets as little terrors, thieves and mischievous dancing fools. Sprinkled throughout that ocean are little gems describing the precious things ferrets do.

There actually is a very real reason these little cuties look like innocent, furred angels ... even when they trip you as you carry the laundry or hijack your socks while dashing off and dooking with glee. In truth, the gentleness and tenderness of ferrets often sets them apart from other domestic pets. Ferret lovers revel in the altruistic side of them. So I asked ferret lovers: what is the sweetest thing your ferret has ever done?

Courtesy Kim Wenzlau

Usually independent, Dozer the ferret comforted his owner with kisses when she needed it most.

Amazing Ferret Kisses

The most popular responses involved kisses. Ferrets are very compassionate animals. Apparently, they also have impeccable timing, because they seem to know just when to give that cherished kiss when it counts the most.

Kim Wenzlau of New Hampshire owns a very independent little ferret named Dozer that normally does not give kisses. Yet when she faced bad times involving loss and illness, he was quick to show up at her side to shower her with kisses for days at a time. "He must be a very special ferret to know how I'm feeling and to know how to make me feel better," Wenzlau said. "He even goes against his normal behavior to make me feel better."

Courtesy Lisa Kaliski

Carlin is a "tough guy" ferret, but he healed his owner's broken heart when another ferret died.

Lisa Kaliski of Missouri described her ferret, Carlin, as a little comedian with a tough guy persona that also never gives out kisses. One very sad day, she lost her other ferret, Avery. Shocked and saddened, she picked up Carlin for a bit of comfort. "Carlin looked up at me and gave me one of the sweetest ferret kisses I have ever received," Kaliski said. "Carlin, my comedian and tough guy, mended my broken heart one kiss at a time."

Ferret Therapy For People

There have been numerous accounts of ferrets curling up next their owners and not leaving until they felt as if everything was better. They can be very therapeutic in many ways. Stacey Lancaster of Michigan shared an enchanting little story about an incident that occurred in an adult foster care home where she works.

"One day I had my two ferrets, Mo and Mindy, with me running errands," Lancaster said. "I stopped to pick up my check and took them in to say hi to the folks. One of our guys — who was 102 — was having a bad day. He didn't want to talk to anyone, and refused to get up for meals. When he heard me come into his room, he basically told me to get out and leave him alone. As I turned to leave, Mo started pulling at the leash to go to the bed. My gentleman opened his eyes and saw this little face looking up at him. With wonder in his voice he asked me, 'Is that a ferret?' He then sat up and started talking to me about how he raised ferrets and hunted with them when he was younger. By then both ferrets were on the bed, and he was laughing as he watched them play and explore. We talked for a good 15 minutes, and then I told him I had to leave. He got up and walked me to the door, and as I was leaving I heard him ask everyone if they had seen the ferrets and weren't they cute and then tell them about his ferreting days. It totally pulled him out of his depression. And every time I worked after that he asked me when the ferrets could visit again."