

## Reasons Ferrets Bite

### **What are the main reasons ferrets bite?**

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They don't know any better and need training.   Play biting   Asking for attention   Other communication   Previously rewarded for biting behavior

Mistakes.   They can't see what is directly in front of them   Surprise (sleeping, blind or deaf ferret)

Situational circumstances.   Illness or injury   Irritating odors or sounds   Environmental changes or stresses

Background.   Insecurities leading to the need to dominate   Abuse or neglect leading to extreme fear