

## Diagnosing Ferret Hind-End Problems

**Things a vet should look for when diagnosing what is causing your ferret's walking problems.**

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Veterinarians may need the following tests to diagnose the cause of hind-end weakness.

- 1) Blood tests (including blood sugar, red and white cell counts, platelet counts, liver values, kidney values, Aleutian disease virus and other tests)
- 2) Radiographs (to look at the spine, heart and lungs, and abdomen; sometimes several sets of X-rays are needed)
- 3) Biopsies (especially if a mass is seen or lymphoma is suspected)
- 4) Urinalysis (gives information about the kidney function and the presence of bladder or kidney infections)
- 5) CT/MRI (gives information for conditions localized to the central nervous system)