

Ferret Coronavirus Study

VETERINARY SURGEON OR OWNER NAME & ADDRESS

Contact name:
Address:
Postcode:
Tel:
Email:

ANIMAL DETAILS NB: please use separate forms for each ferret

Animal name or id:
Sex:
DOB:

Date sampled:

Brief clinical history. Please answer all questions below.

Healthy

Sick (If yes, please write details below*)

Previous history of GE disease (If yes, please write details below*)

Number of ferrets in household or shelter

Any previous contact with unknown ferrets e.g. at shows, rescue home

*Any other details

Project Information

Title: Is ferret enteric coronavirus (FRECV) a significant problem in UK ferrets?

Background: FRECV causes epizootic catarrhal enteritis (ECE) in ferrets. Affected ferrets vomit, go off their food and produce a green mucoid diarrhoea. The virus is highly contagious, so almost all ferrets in a group will become ill. Fortunately, most ferrets will recover. The virus is widespread in the US but only one outbreak of diarrhoea in UK ferrets has been linked to FRECV. Diagnosis has been hampered by the lack of a rapid diagnostic test in the UK.

Project Aims:

1. To determine the prevalence of FRECV in a population of UK ferrets
2. To assess the risk factors for infection such as age and clinical status

I, the undersigned, as the owner of this ferret, give my consent for this sample and information to be used in this research project.

Signed: _____ Date: _____