

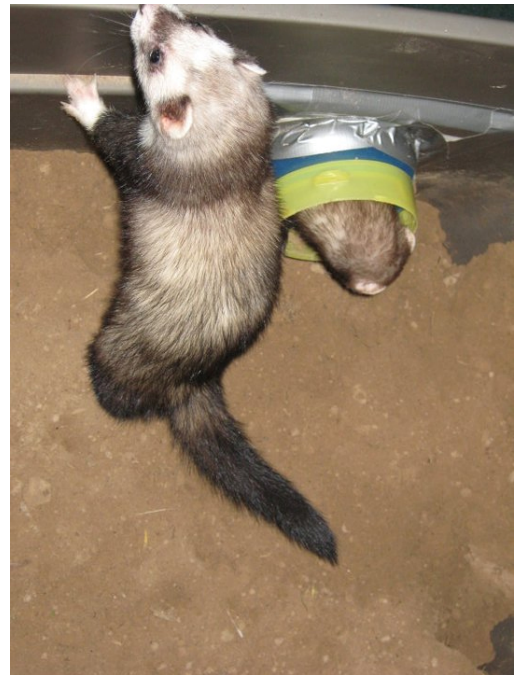
## Crafts & Projects: Dirt Dig Box

Ferrets are naturally very curious and intelligent animals. Daily routines may easily become redundant and lack of enrichment can lead to your ferret's lesser desire to play and be "ferrety." Ferrents (ferret parents) should strive to provide new experiences, games and toys to stimulate the ferret while also maintaining its physical strength and mental acuity. One new strategy to try is to create a Dirt Dig Box.

Every ferret would love to dig in the dirt! Whether outside on a walk or making a break for your household plants, ferrets LOVE dirt! So, why not create a dirt dig box for them? An added benefit is that it can even help curb ferrets' destructive digging and destroying of carpet.

### Steps & Tips for Creating a Dirt Dig Box

- Locate dirt that has not been sprayed or treated with any chemicals. If you purchase dirt at a store, make certain it is not the type with fertilizer or added chemicals.
- Locate a large plastic tub or bin that has sides high enough to contain the dirt during play.
- You can add PVC pipe, tubes or tunnels to the sides of the box, but just be sure to seal openings around the tube or pipe to contain the dirt.
- Place about one foot of dirt in a plastic tub or bin. They love to dig holes in the dirt and burrow in it.
- If they happen to use it as a litter box, simply clean out the dirty stuff and add fresh dirt.
- Always monitor ferrets for safety while they are exercising in the dirt!



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