



All Creatures Animal Hospital

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Skunks As Pets

Average Lifespan: 8-12 years

Diet

- Skunks can be fed high quality dog food.
- Fruits, vegetables, meats (chicken or tuna), and dairy (yogurt or cottage cheese) can be fed as supplements.

Grooming/Bathing

- Regular bathing with oatmeal or baby shampoo is suggested.
- Nail trimming will be required regularly.

Spay/Neuter

- Spaying and neutering is highly recommended before 4 months of age to prevent behavior changes, such as aggression.

Housing Recommendations

- Skunks need a lot of exercise so they must not be kept in a cage for long periods.
- They can be litter box trained. Place the box in a corner and train gradually.

Annual Exam Recommendations

- We will only see your skunk if the proper permits are obtained.
- This time spent with our exotic veterinarian allows us to form a preventative plan for your pet. We can analyze your current husbandry and make suggestions.
- Fecal examinations check for internal parasites.
- Physical examinations by our veterinarian are needed.
- Skunks will require the canine distemper vaccination yearly to prevent disease.
- Skunks can get fleas so preventative is available.

Senior Screening

- Blood work is required to check the functioning of your older skunk's organ systems and check for cancer.

Common Medical Conditions

- Internal parasites can occur causing diarrhea and loss of appetite.
- Respiratory infection can occur causing eye and nasal discharge and/or sneezing.
- Obesity is common in skunks so feeding amounts should be monitored.
- Skunks can contract canine distemper or leptospirosis infection. Vaccines should prevent these from occurring.