

## Duck Soup for Ferrets: Recipes

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Many ferret owners find that a sick, injured, or older ferret loses interest in eating, which is detrimental to their health and deters recovery. In order to motivate a sick ferret to eat and ensure that they receive the proper nutrition, ferret owners feed "duck soup."

"Duck Soup" is a universal word for unique, supplemental food given to ferrets when their appetites are poor and they aren't feeling well. It is very beneficial for sick ferrets (for example ferrets with insulinoma, adrenal gland tumors, Aleutian Disease, etc.), injured ferrets, ferrets that need to gain weight, and senior ferrets. The purpose of feeding duck soup is to help stimulate appetite and supply the much-needed vitamins, minerals, and nutrients necessary to truly combat ferret illnesses.

Many ferret owners find it helpful to feed their ferret duck soup while they are in good health to get them accustomed to the taste and texture of the soup. This is also beneficial because when your ferret is sick and is served duck soup, he thinks he is getting a familiar treat. If your ferret does not like duck soup at the beginning, don't be alarmed. Some ferrets just take time to adjust to it.

Many duck soup recipes are costly to make and time-consuming to prepare. Others may encourage your ferret to eat, but lack the vital nutrients, vitamins, and minerals necessary to truly combat ferret illnesses. For a fast, time-saving alternative to any duck soup recipe, we recommend combining an easily digestible nutritional supplement with your ferret's preferred kibble food. If necessary, your ferret's regular food can be ground in a blender and a small amount of water or fresh chicken broth may be added. This will create the porridge-like consistency of traditional "duck soup."

Suitable ferret supplements include:

- [Nutri-Cal](#) - a high-calorie supplement loaded with vitamins, minerals, and

essential fatty acids and formulated to be gentle on sensitive digestive tracts.

- [FerreTone](#) - a liquid vitamin supplement specifically formulated for ferrets that easily mixes with any food.

Sick ferrets require foods that are high in digestible protein and calories with added vitamins. Ferret foods suitable as a daily diet and for when your ferret is sick include:

- [Signature Series Ferret Diet](#) is a scientifically formulated high-protein diet paired with wholesome ingredients. Easily pureed with water to make a palatable porridge.
- [Marshall Select Chicken Formula Premium Ferret Diet](#) - crunchy kibble is loaded with chicken protein for ferret appeal.
- [Pretty Pets Natural Gold Hi-Pro Lo-Carb Ferret Food](#) - contains an impressive 50% protein derived from real chicken, pork, and poultry with added beneficial bacteria.
- [ZuPreem Premium Ferret Diet](#) - uses real chicken and egg to deliver high protein. Fortified with essential vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants.

#### NOTE:

These chicken gravy and duck soup recipes have been submitted by ferret owners like you. They are not endorsed by Doctors Foster and Smith. If your ferret is ill or you have any questions or health concerns about your ferret, please seek medical attention. In addition, always consult your veterinarian before giving your ferret a new food.

## Recipes

[A New Form of Duck Soup](#)

[Bob Church's Chicken Gravy](#)

[Cinnamon Sprite's Simple Chicken Soup](#)

[Easy Chicken Goop](#)

[J.D's Chicken Gravy](#)

[Patty's Duck Soup for Ferrets](#)

[Kristen's Easy Duck Soup](#)

[Ms. Ferret's Easy Chicken Soup](#)

[K10Widow's Duck Soup Recipe](#)