GIVING DISTEMPER VACCINES

**Keep the vials refrigerated!** Giving a distemper vaccination needs to be done during the hours that a vet's office is open and will be open for at least 1 1/2 hours after you give the vaccination.

Push the needle into the top of the bottle with the clear liquid.  Pull out all the
the clear liquid that you can.  Then pull a little air into the syringe. The vial with the powder in it has a rubber insert at the top.  There is a space in that rubber for you to insert the needle.

Turn the bottle until you see the empty space.  Push the needle into the cap so that it goes down into that space. This should automatically draw the fluid from the syringe into the bottle of powder.  Leave the needle in the bottle, then shake the bottle well to mix the liquid with the powder. Turn the bottle upside down and start drawing fluid out.  Draw out .75 ml.

Set on the table a bowl with salmon oil, Furrotone, coconut oil, or whatever else you have that the ferret will lap up and distract it.  Put the ferret in front of the bowl.  Let it really get into lapping up what's in the bowl.  Start petting the ferret around the shoulder blades to get it used to being touched there.  Then lift the skin between the shoulder blades and stick the needle into the skin. Don't jab the needle straight down because you will hit muscle or bone.  Stick the needle just slightly down.  If you stick it in straight, the needle might just come through the skin on the other side.  Push in the distemper vaccination fluid.  Then just keep an eye on the ferret for an hour after to make sure there's no reaction.  *Call with any questions. 770-235-0070*