LYMPHOMA



Superficial lymph glands are under the chin on both sides, behind the front and back legs, in front of the back legs, and on the sides of the neck. If these lymph glands are enlarged, you sometimes feel them. If they feel like little pebbles or grainy, it can mean lymphoma (cancer), an infection, or other things. A vet should be seen to be sure there's not an infection that needs treatment.

A heavy ferret can develop fat pads in these same areas. Fat pads should feel mushy and not granular or grainy at all.

While a ferret will eventually die from lymphoma, it can still live a couple of years with it.

I recently examined a woman's ferret. It felt like large pebbles in those areas. I told her it felt like lymphoma and sent her to the vet. The vet also diagnosed lymphoma. He did a biopsy, which found nothing. A biopsy can hit surrounding tissue and not the actual 'lump' so blood work was done. The blood work did now show lymphoma. Both the vet and I are astounded. The ferret does have something wrong and that's still being worked out.

This is a link to a great article on lymphoma and treatments: [https://vetspace.2ndchance.info/lymphoma-in-your-ferret/](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fvetspace.2ndchance.info%2Flymphoma-in-your-ferret%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0a0-0myRy5mz9aWn6qT3z1m77GPIAtz6coL9RrVdapTAGQeWeqbO_5TSc&h=AT2odk57Kde5rxUGTMRqtVQ_Fq9xMXDEl8ensxGDpkqEUTWUYIRHv5mM-p78UjJdA3wEQb7YyiLWsDgOtvpyktUaPty5xr1VwU0mpkXDw5-hIYaQqoRcynrOhtdaF2pj2kwybtb51fh86_6bDg&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT1YpJI8gLNDXL9lzes7QwaxCFREiRoxHE__C_wKvcFXHaq_uUUIBxFptUGyJHNX2PxLmlFTUulmpW21RAzQhuXWD4lNzg4y8_XYIxG_qggU_K1eGJaPUNsX9DGlvxV0m9C6ml9Gq9RnZVADTA7UQpDTBdQVKihnTW-gIYmZoshG0xjM8Oz08J-REufvODMFY_0kv6wGgtsC)