URINARY TRACT PROBLEMS

If a ferret is having problems urinating, it's not just painful, it is a very serious problem. If enough urine backs up in the bladder, the bladder can rupture. This is an incredibly traumatic and painful way to die.

If there's pain, the ferret isn't going to eat or drink enough. Without enough fluids, (whether from urinary tract problems, stones, or prostate issues), the kidneys are strained to try to filter poisons from the bloodstream. Enough strain on the kidneys results in them breaking down
and renal failure occurs. Renal failure means death. Depending upon the ferret's age and health, this could be as fast as a couple of days.

Below are symptoms of urinary tract problems, which include urinary tract infections, kidney stones, bladder stones, urinary tract crystals, prostate swelling, preputial gland enlargement, and more. Any of these symptoms should be seen by a vet.

* Blood in urine
* Straining to urinate
* Showing signs of pain when urinating (whimpering, grimacing, eyes watering)
* Dribbles urine after walking away (indicates there's still urine in the bladder that's not being expelled due to pain)
* Urine is really concentrated yellow (indicates urine is being held due to pain or not enough fluid intake)
* Urine is brown (can indicate blood in the urine or being held due to pain)
* Not urinating every few hours like normal (can indicate urine is being held due to pain)
Urinating large amounts at one time (can indicate urine is being held due to pain)
* Frequent defecation (can indicate the colon is being aggravated from bladder or prostate swelling or from pain)