WHEN YOUR FERRET PASSES

If you have two or more ferrets and one of the ferrets dies or has to be euthanized, be sure to let the other ferret(s) interact with the dead body. This is very important. Once the remaining ferret gets to interact with the body, it will realize the ferret is passed and not mourn nearly as much. You need to let the ferret interact with the body in any way it wants and for as long as it wants. This needs to be done in a place where the ferrets would normally sleep together, like a hammock or favorite sleeping spot. Some ferrets will just sniff and nudge the body and walk away. Others might try to move the body, sleep with it, or do other things.

I had a bonded pair of ferrets and one passed unexpectedly. The remaining ferret curled up with the body and slept with it for three hours. Of course, I was sobbing the whole time. Once she awakened, she walked away from the body and was perfectly fine. She didn't mourn at all. She just needed that long to come to the full realization that the other ferret was dead and not going to be waking up or something. If you're going to have the body cremated, please still bring the body back home and let the other ferret(s) interact with it, then take it back for cremation. **I cannot stress how important this is for the other ferret(s).**