

Declared Animal Policy

Domestic Ferret, *Mustela putorius furo*

This policy applies to	All owners of ferrets on Kangaroo Island
Policy	It is the policy of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board (Landscape Board) to only issue permits for the movement, possession and sale of ferrets on Kangaroo Island under conditions that further the objects of the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> ('the Act').
Definitions	Domestic ferret - A domesticated medium sized carnivorous mammal (<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>) that is descended from the European polecat (<i>Mustela putorius</i>).
Impacts and invasiveness of ferrets	Ferrets are aggressive predators and may prey on a range of native fauna, including ground nesting birds, small mammals, reptiles and frogs. Transmission of bovine tuberculosis by ferrets to domestic stock is a serious threat to agriculture in New Zealand. Ferrets have become serious pests on other islands (worldwide) and the costs of managing established ferret populations or eradicating them are considerable. The management requirements in this policy are designed to prevent the risk of these impacts.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kangaroo Island is protected from the devastating impacts that would result from the establishment of a feral ferret population • Wildlife is protected from predation by escaped domestic ferrets • To outline the minimum requirements and the general conditions that the Board considers necessary for the keeping of ferrets
Legislation	<p>Under section 185 of the Act, the Minister for Environment and Water has declared the domestic ferret a Category 3 animal for Kangaroo Island with the following sections of the Act applying-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 186 Movement within and onto Kangaroo Island prohibited • 187 (1) Possession on Kangaroo Island prohibited • 188 Sale on Kangaroo Island prohibited • 189 Release on Kangaroo Island prohibited • 190 Owner must notify the KI Landscape Board of presence • 191 (1) Must confine on Kangaroo Island in accordance with an Authorised Officer instruction in relation to keeping and managing ferrets in captivity • 192 (1) Owner of land must destroy if on land on Kangaroo Island <p>Section 197 enables the KI Landscape Board to issue a permit to move, possess or sell a domestic ferret. The KI Landscape Board can set permit conditions that must be met prior to issuing a permit.</p>

<p>Domestic Ferret Permit Conditions</p>	<p>Domestic ferrets cannot be moved, possessed or sold on Kangaroo Island or brought to Kangaroo Island, unless an application for a permit has been received by the KI Landscape Board and a permit has been approved and issued by the KI Landscape Board under Section 197 of the Act. Before a permit is granted, the applicant must satisfy the KI Landscape Board that all permit conditions have or can be met.</p> <p>The conditions below are considered necessary to further the objects of the Act and to comply with the objectives and principles for biosecurity measures outlined in the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Plan Volume 3: Implementation Part A Regulatory and Operational Policy.</p> <p>Permit Duration</p> <p>Each permit is up to 3 years duration and, where possible, will have an end date of 30 June.</p> <p>Record Keeping</p> <p>Owners must keep a permanent record, in a fixed paged book, detailing the following for each acquisition or disposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit number • Microchip number • Desexed date and location • Date acquired or disposed (includes deaths, births and sales) • Method acquired or disposed (includes deaths, births and sales) • Supplier/Purchaser Details (permit number, name, address) • Stock on hand • Remarks • Date of cage inspection by owner <p>Permit holders must submit a copy of the record book, for the previous two years (if they have kept ferrets during that time), with their application for a permit. The records must be available for inspection by officers authorised under the Act, if requested.</p> <p>Identification of Ferrets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No person shall keep a ferret on Kangaroo Island unless the ferret is identified by a microchip, of the same type used by Kangaroo Island Council for the identification of cats and dogs. • No person shall keep a ferret on Kangaroo Island unless the ferret is desexed. <p>Limit on Ferret Numbers</p> <p>The limit on the number of ferrets is two per premises and permit.</p> <p>Effective Containment</p> <p>All ferrets kept on Kangaroo Island are to be contained in purpose-built enclosures matching the guidelines developed by the South Australian Ferret Association. An officer authorised under the Act will inspect ferret enclosures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferrets are not allowed to roam freely (i.e. out of captivity) over owners' property, gardens or backyards. When ferrets are being
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carried between an outside cage and indoors, they must be carried in a secure carrying box.

- A ferret cage should have a minimum floor space of 300 mm x 600 mm per ferret, a hinged and latched lid and mesh floor. Mesh cages should be regularly inspected for damage or rust. Cages need to be placed in the shade to avoid heat stress.
- The risk of injury to an animal in the enclosure should be minimized and owners must comply with Animal Welfare Act 1995 in regard to the general husbandry and welfare of the animals being kept.
- If any animal should escape, be stolen or lost, the KI Landscape Board must be notified as soon as practicable and within 24 hours.

Notice of Disposal

The KI Landscape Board must be notified of the death of any ferret within five working days of the death. Note than owners may be required to preserve specimens that have died until these deaths can be verified by Authorised Officers of the Act. Preservation may be by freezing or some other means.

Ferrets brought into Kangaroo Island

Prior to bringing a ferret to Kangaroo Island a permit must be obtained from the KI Landscape Board.

Non resident visitors bringing a ferret to Kangaroo Island must comply with these permit conditions and the permit will only be issued for the period of time the ferret is on Kangaroo Island.

Movement

- Domestic ferret owners must notify the KI Landscape Board of a change of address or contact details within 5 working days.
- Domestic ferret owners must notify the KI Landscape Board when a ferret listed on a permit permanently leaves Kangaroo Island.
- Prior to taking possession of a ferret, the KI Landscape Board must be notified of the intention to take possession and approval must be granted.
- The KI Landscape Board must be notified of a change in ownership of any ferret within 5 working days of the transfer.

Ferrets transported must be done so in the following manner:

- in secure carrying boxes,
- with adequate ventilation, and
- with individual compartments for males and females.

These are general requirements, and the KI Landscape Board may impose additional conditions or vary the requirements depending on circumstances.

Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The KI Landscape Board may inspect the premises where a ferret occurs, or is suspected to occur, to ensure compliance with the policy and any permit conditions The KI Landscape Board may request inspection of the record keeping procedures of the owner of a ferret with a permit at anytime. The Landscape Board may serve a notice or order on the owner of land or the owner of a ferret requiring action to be taken to ensure compliance with the Act. <p>Offences</p> <p>The Offence for non compliance of this policy and permit conditions is in accordance with Section 197 of the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> The maximum penalty for a person who contravenes or fails to comply with a condition of the permit is \$60,000, or an expiation fee of \$800 may be issued.</p>
Statutory Fees	The fee for applying for and obtaining a Domestic Ferret Permit will be in accordance with Landscape Act (General) Regulations which are revised regularly.
Responsibilities	The Kangaroo Island Landscape Board, or delegate of the Board, will issue a permit.
General	
Implementation	Responsibility of Authorised Officer
Periodic Review	Responsibility of Authorised Officer
Date Reviewed	
Signature	

POLICY APPROVAL

Approved by	Kangaroo Island Landscape Board	Date Approved	2 December
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QUALITY CONTROL

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1	2/12/2020	08	NRM Policy updated and approved by Landscape Board. Request to investigate addition of sunset clause.

Kangaroo Island Landscape Board

Permit Application Form- Domestic Ferrets

Fee Payable- \$ _____

LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA ACT 2019

Permit to Move, Possess or Sell Category Three Animals (Section 197)

It is an offence to move, possess or sell a ferret on Kangaroo Island without a Permit under Section 197 of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* issued by the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board (KI Landscape Board). All permit applications will be considered in accordance with the *Declared Animal Policy, Domestic Ferrets* (attached) as adopted by the KI Landscape Board.

Permit applications must be submitted to KI Landscape Board, 35 Dauncey Street, (PO Box 39), Kingscote SA, 5223. Attach the applicable fee made payable to the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board.

Owner name	
Address where ferrets kept	
Contact phone numbers	
Email	

List all ferrets kept at the premises

Microchip no		
Date desexed (attach certificate)		
Date acquired		
Method acquired		
Supplier	Permit no	
	Name	
	Address	
Import/export no		
Sex		
Colour (general)		
Comments		

- If the domestic ferret is just "visiting" Kangaroo Island, insert arrival and departure dates in the comments section.
- Describe, draw and/or take a photo of the enclosure for the ferret and the method/equipment used to transport the ferret and submit with your application.
- Attach a copy of your record book for the previous two years.