## **Photographing Ferrets**

## Step by Step on how to photograph your ferret...

- 1. Remove film from box and load camera
- 2. Retrieve film box from behind the couch and throw in trash
- 3. Remove ferret from trash and brush coffee grounds from its nose
- 4. Choose a suitable background for photo
- 5. Mount camera on tripod and focus
- 6. Find ferret in hamper and take dirty sock from its mouth
- 7. Place ferret in pre-focused spot and return to camera
- 8. Forget about spot and crawl after ferret on knees
- 9. Focus with one hand and fend off ferret with other hand
- 10. Bribe ferret with raisin and linatone.
- 11. Get tissue and clean linatone nose print from lens
- 12. Take flash cube from ferret's mouth and throw in trash
- 13. Remove ferret from trash and take away candy wrapper
- 14. Put magazines back on coffee table
- 15. Try to get ferret's attention by squeaking toy over your head
- 16. Replace your glasses find ferret dragging camera under couch
- Jump up in time to grab ferret by scruff of neck and say, "No, soda! My soda!"
- 18. Call someone to help clean up mess
- 19. Fix a drink
- 20. Sit back in your futon with large, strong drink and resolve to teach the ferret "sit" and "stay" the first thing in the morning

## Ferret Pictures – What not to do...

- 1. Don't let your ferret see the camera, especially if it's on a low tripod. ("Oh! Whatcha doing? \*nose on lens!\*)
- 2. Don't even BOTHER to try and get the ferrets in one area.
- 3. Be sure to drug your ferrets with excessive raisins, or bribe them with treats. Take quick pictures as they run from the camera to hide them.
- 4. Get your ferrets while they're sleeping. This offers 5 seconds of wonderful footage before they awake.
- 5. Cage bars can be camouflaged with vines or ribbons to make it look like you don't HAVE to keep them in the cage to get good shots.
- 6. Don't take your ferret to a professional. They generally EXPECT you to pay for things like stolen film and tipped cameras.
- 7. Carry your camera around constantly, to get wonderful in action shots. It's great training for National Geographic assignments.

