



**BLACK-FOOTED FERRET  
RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION  
TEAM**

# Black-footed Ferrets

*Black-footed ferrets are long, thin animals. They have short light tan fur with a black face mask, black feet, and a black-tipped tail. The ferrets' color and markings blend in with their grassland home.*

*Black-footed ferrets hunt prairie dogs and live in their burrows. They are well-adapted to their lives in prairie dog towns. Their long bodies move easily through the underground tunnels. They have short legs with large front paws and claws for digging. Ferrets have large ears and eyes that help them find prey and avoid predators. Scientists think that smell is the black-footed ferrets' most important sense for hunting prey underground.*

