***Ferrets Project***

In this project I learned so much! I use to have a ferret and I didn’t know as much about them as I know now. I learned that ferrets are hypoallergenic and they have really strong jaws and that they could break every bone in a hand if they tried. I remember when I had a ferret he would always bite our toes in the middle of the night trying to get our attention. I’m glad he didn’t use his powerful jaws! I also learned that ferrets have scent glands just like skunks do, and that when they get frighten it releases. Another thing I learned is that Ferrets have 1-15 kits at birth; that’s a lot! Lastly, I learned that there are 15 different types of ferrets and that ferrets don’t see well.

As for their senses, I found it interesting that sight is not an important sense for them like it is for we humans. Back when ferrets were all wild, they lived underground in little tunnels. It’s obviously dark in those tunnels so they didn’t really uses their sight sense. I read an article that a family started to notice that their ferret was completely blind when they moved their furniture and their ferret started running into things, because he wasn’t familiar to the way things were set up. It’s interesting how they move around the world in such a different way from humans.

Something funny that I learned was that a ferret will not wake up even if they’re picked up and moved around. I remember after a BBQ with my family, we were on our way home, I had Max (my ferret) with me and he was falling asleep. When he fell asleep I got so scared because I was shaking him and moving him around and he wouldn’t wake up. I thought he was dead, so I ended up putting his nose right by my neck so I could feel him breathing the whole way home. I wish I’d known this fact about them back then! In fact, doing this project helped me learn a lot about ferrets that I wish I knew when I had Max.

When I presented this project in advisory, it helped me get more comfortable talking on the microphone and public speaking. From that experience, it made me realize that everyone in my class is nice and supportive. I’m glad I choses Ferrets as my project. In the future I’ll know how to do a project and how to write a reflection. I will know how to organize what I’m learning and how to create my evidence. This was a great topic for a first project and I can’t wait to put the lessons and skills I’ve learned into my next project.