



## Australian Rat Fanciers Society

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### TRAYS FOR FERRET KINGDOM & FERRET KINGDOM JUNIOR CAGES

Although Ferret Kingdom is a great cage, the trays that come with them are made of a plastic that rats can chew, the trays are also quite shallow.

The AusRFS worked with Ballis Plastics to make better trays with higher sides, to keep food and litter from being scattered out of the cage. The trays are made from hard plastic which rats don't chew, and are clear, so once in the cage they are hardly noticeable - owners can see in and rats can see out. They come in 2 styles.

**FULL TRAY:** For use on the bottom section of FK or FKJ cage. Can also be used to divide FK cage into two sections.

**TRAY WITH CUT IN:** for use on the upper section of the FK cage.

One corner has a cut-in to fit over the access hole to the bottom section of the cage. When ordering please advise which corner you want the cut in - either the rear right hand corner (or front left hand corner if turned around), or rear left corner (or front right corner if turned around).

**Please note:** sides of the tray are 8.4cm high but it is recommended that one or both sides of the cut-in section be lower, so rats can more easily climb over to get to the bottom section of the cage. Alternatively you may prefer not to have any sides on the cut-in section, or only one side. This would mean you might get some litter etc falling down the ladder access hole, but it will make it much easier for rats to get to the ladder. This is particularly important with older rats. When ordering please advise Ballis how high you want each side of the cut-in.

**SIZE:** The measurements are 902mm x 602mm x 8.5cm high. Please measure your FK to make sure the trays will fit. This size has fitted all cages so far, but some cages might be slightly different. The trays fit snug into the cage. Both cage doors must be fully open to get the trays in and out.

#### **Housing babies**

FK's have evolved over the years. If you have a new style cage you won't have an issue. But because of the way the older cages were made, the tray will fit snugly right up against the end bars, there will be a small gap between the tray and the middle bars, where very young babies could fit. Therefore, we recommend when housing babies, something be placed in this gap to prevent babies getting stuck between bars and tray.

**Variations** The AusRFS committee considered a lot of factors before settling on the final design. Please feel free to order trays with different specs, but please think carefully – eg - if made from a thinner plastic they will be too flimsy, if made higher they may hit the internal fixings of the cage. If you prefer a coloured tray, there is a huge variety of colours and tints available, but this may alter the price.

Please order directly from Ballis Plastics. They have all the specifications. Just say which style you want, and remember to mention that you have been referred by the AusRFS. The AusRFS does not make any money from this arrangement. The trays were designed and specifications given to Ballis purely as a service to rat owners. Ballis also has our design for hide houses made from the same hard, non-chew plastic – please see Hide House document for details.

**Price per tray - \$145 plus GST**

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Delivery can be arranged to the purchaser's address. Alternatively, Ballis does a fortnightly delivery to South Eastern Plastics in Braeside, so customers are welcome to pick up their orders from that company.

