

GUINEA PIG



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Lifespan up to 8 years with proper care
8-11 inches long

Think carefully before adopting an animal, it is a lifetime decision!

DIET

- High-quality guinea pig food, hay and limited amounts of vegetables, fruits.
- Clean, fresh water, always available and changed daily.
- There should always be hay and food available for your guinea pig.
- Guinea pigs require 30-50 mg of Vitamin C daily. They can get that from high-quality food, vitamin supplements or citrus fruit.
- Avoid treats that have a high sugar or fat content. Never feed chocolate or caffeine.
- Discard any fruits and vegetables if they have not been eaten after 24 hours.

BEHAVIOR

- Guinea pigs are easily handled, and they enjoy having a routine. So if you choose a similar time each day for play, they will be comfortable with that. They enjoy hiding in objects, but normally will come out when people are near the habitat.
- Their incisor teeth never stop growing - so they always need things to chew on. Ensure that you have wood sticks, or chewing blocks available for your guinea pig at all times.

HABITAT

- Household temperatures are suitable for the guinea pig. Temperature should not exceed 27 degrees Celsius, and the guinea pigs habitat should never be in direct sunlight or where it is exposed to a draft.
- The habitat should be a cage designed specifically for guinea pigs. The habitat should have a solid bottom, and it should be escape-proof. A good guideline is a habitat that is at least 30"Lx15"Wx15"H to allow for plenty of exercise room.
- 1-2 inches of bedding should layer the bottom of the habitat (bedding choices include: crumbled paper bedding, or hardwood shavings). Remove wet spots in the bedding daily, and change it completely at least once a week, more frequently if necessary.
- The habitat should be cleaned completely about once a week. You can use a mild soap and water. Make sure the habitat is completely dry before putting in fresh bedding and the guinea pig back in.
- Guinea pigs can be kept in same sex pairs if they grow up together from a young age. Otherwise it would be advised to keep adult guinea pigs housed in separate habitats.

GROOMING & HYGIENE

- Guinea pigs are clean animals, and rarely need baths. You can spot-clean them as needed with a damp washcloth. If needed their fur can be brushed with a soft-backed brush.
- It is normal for their teeth to be yellow, and cleaning is not necessary.

What you need...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Soft Brush & Nail Clippers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High-quality g.pig food | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay Rack | <input type="checkbox"/> Hideout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hay | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys/Wood Chews/Mineral Chews |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bowl | <input type="checkbox"/> Treats | <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamin C |

A healthy guinea pig, is alert, active, eats and drinks regularly, has clean fur & eyes and breathes clearly and communicates by squeaking.