



# GUINEA PIG care sheet



Always wash your hands after handling your guinea pig or its housing to help maintain sanitary conditions.

**PET DEPOT**

## CAGING NEEDED

- Cages should be approximately 30"L x 15"W x 15"H. All cages should be escape proof with a solid bottom to prevent leg and feet injuries.
- Guinea Pigs also like an area to hide.
- Shavings such as aspen, pine or pelleted or recycled paper is recommended. No cedar bedding. Provide 1-2 inches of bedding and change regularly to provide a clean and healthy environment.

## ENVIRONMENT

Avoid extreme temperatures. Guinea pigs acclimate well to normal household temperatures. Do not put your guinea pig in direct sunlight or a drafty area.

## DIET

- Guinea Pig Pellets and Timothy Hay.
- 30-50 mg of vitamin C is required daily. This may be obtained from certain fruits and vegetables such as kale, parsley, spinach, bell peppers, broccoli, tomatoes, kiwi, oranges or a vitamin C supplement. Vegetables not eaten within 24 hours should be discarded.
- Small amounts of treats may be offered.

## WATER NEEDS

Provide fresh, clean, chlorine-free water daily.

## MISC. INFORMATION

- Provide chew sticks as your guinea pig's incisor teeth constantly grow.
- Guinea Pigs prefer a routine (play, sleep, eating, etc.)
- Guinea Pigs are social and can be kept with other guinea pigs as long as there is plenty of room - watch for aggression!

## AVERAGE SIZE

8 - 11 inches long.

## LIFE SPAN

8 years.

## SHOPPING LIST FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Guinea Pig Pellets   | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate sized cage                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bowl            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Shavings or Appropriate Litter (No Cedar) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Chews           | <input type="checkbox"/> Timothy Hay                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle         | <input type="checkbox"/> Guinea Pig Treats                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamin C Supplement | <input type="checkbox"/> Book about Guinea Pigs                         |