



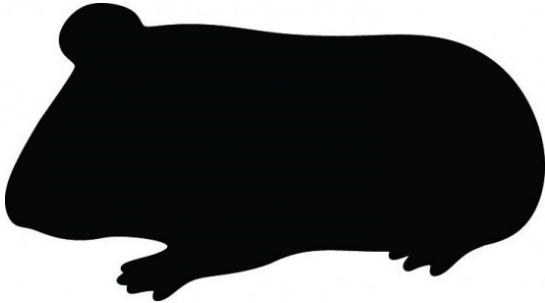
Guinea Pig

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FUN FACT!

Guinea Pigs are gentle, social and will enjoy the companionship of another Guinea Pig. They can live 5-8 years and get up to 12" long. What makes Guinea pigs interactive is they are diurnal, most likely to be active during the day. Unlike Hamsters that like to party at night. Guinea pigs also like to communicate with purr's, squeals, and head nudges. Although shy at first, guinea pigs will develop intense affection for their owners.



Feeding

Guinea pigs are herbivores and the largest part of the diet should be hay and pelleted foods. Food should be kept in a dish and hay should be kept in a hay manger. You can give them fresh fruits and vegetables but they should be removed after a few hours. They must have water at all times. A 16oz water bottle minimum recommended. Food dishes and water bottles should be cleaned daily or every other day.



Accessories

Guinea Pigs cannot store or manufacture Vitamin C, so you'll need to add a supplement every other day. Their teeth never stop growing, so your pet needs lots of healthy things to chew on. Chew toys should be available at all times.

Housing

Clean the cage and accessories weekly. Be sure to remove all stored food and scrub all parts of the water bottle by soaking it in a bleach/water solution for no less than 20 minutes to properly sterilize, then wash with hot soapy water, rinse thoroughly, and replace the bottle every 24 months.

Sanitation

Guinea Pigs love to dig, run, and jump so provide lots of clean aspen, or recycled paper bedding. Cedar shavings and pine shavings are not recommended for small pets. Bedding should be cleaned weekly and cage scrubbed monthly. They need a cage that has a solid floor large enough for a food dish, water bottle, hay manger and hiding area plus room to frolic. Minimum cage size is 24x12x12. Place the cage in a cool area (65-75F) with low humidity and out of direct sunlight and away from drafts.

Health Care

Guinea pigs should have a House to hide in and when outside the cage you can use an exercise pen.

Special Needs

Again Guinea pigs need Vitamin C added every other day to their food or water. In some cases it may need to be added daily. If they do not get proper Vitamin C this can cause many health issues.



Life Cycle

Guinea Pigs can live 5-8 years. When Guinea pigs are born they have all their hair, and eyes are open, looking like mini adults. Even though they are born with their eyes open, and they have hair, and eating regular foods they still need to be with mom to nurse and socialization for 4 to 5 weeks.

Expert Help

If you have questions about your guinea pig, do not hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to help you.

SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

Cage	Treats
Bedding	Litter Box (optional)
Water Bottle	House
Food Dish	Hay
Guinea Pig Pellets	Activity Toys
Hay Manager	Chew Toys
Mineral Treats	Vitamin C drops
Habitat Cleaning Solutions	



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