

guinea pig care sheet



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



habitat

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, pelleted bedding or recycled paper is recommended. No cedar bedding. Provide 1 to 2 inches of bedding and change regularly to provide a clean and healthy environment.



temperature

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 to 50mg 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

Provide fresh, clean, chlorine-free water daily.

shopping list

- appropriate sized cage
- pine shavings or appropriate litter (no cedar)
- guinea pig pellets
- food bowl
- water bottle
- guinea pig treats
- timothy hay
- wood chews
- vitamin c supplements
- book about guinea pigs

fun facts

average size

8 to 11 inches long

average life span

8 years

misc. information

guinea pigs prefer a routine (play, sleep, eating, etc)
they are social and can be kept with other guinea pigs
provide chew sticks as your guinea pigs
incisor teeth constantly grow

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