

Guinea Pig Care Guide

FOOD AND WATER

Guinea pigs eat (and poop) a lot! See below for some tips on how to help them maintain a healthy diet.

- They need access to hay at all times in order to keep their gut moving.
- They can't produce their own vitamin C so that needs to be supplemented in their diet.
- Guinea pig food pellets are not required but it can help to make sure they get the right nutrients every day. (boring looking pellets are best!)
- Fresh vegetables are a great way to supplement vitamin c and other nutrients. (see veggie list attached)
- Fresh water is a must!

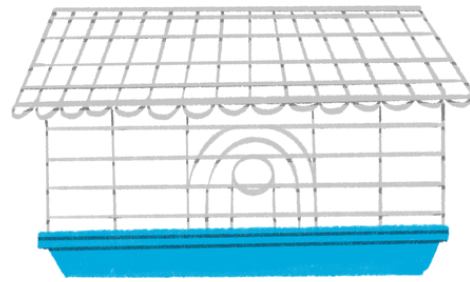


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ENVIRONMENT

Guinea pigs are prey animals so their environment plays a big part in how happy they are.

- They require at least 7.5 sq. ft. of flat cage space (unless they are young).
- Carefresh or fleece with pee pads is recommended! Guinea pig feet are soft, so they need padding. (pine/cedar wood shavings are toxic)
- Places to hide are extra important, so they feel safe.
- They are a bit skittish so I recommend holding them and feeding by hand as much as possible.



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DO NOT RECOMMEND

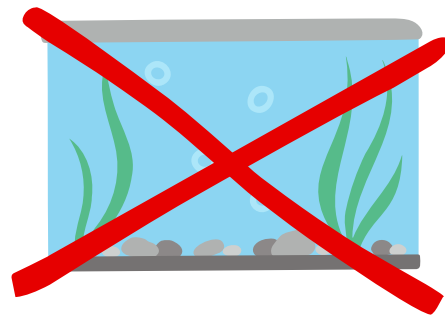
Below are some items we don't recommend for the safety of your piggy.

- Hamster wheels or hamster balls. A guinea pig's spine is different from a hamster, they are fragile.



- Carrying or holding a guinea pig up high (At least until they are comfortable with you). They are skittish and can wiggle out of your hands.

- Cedar or pine shavings, they are toxic. Guinea pigs have fragile lungs, the fumes can make them sick.



- Using aquarium tanks as a cage, they need ventilation, they can get respiratory infections.

