



Guinea Pig

Care Sheet

Caging needed: A solid bottom cage measuring a minimum of 24 X 12 X 12 for ONE adult Guinea Pig. If housing more than one, double the square footage. Guinea pigs love to run and popcorn around, so a big cage would benefit them.

Bedding: Care Fresh bedding, Pine or Aspen shavings can be used. Stay away from Cedar shavings; they can poison your pet. Spot clean the cage once a day. Once a week completely change out the bedding and scrub down the cage.

Accessories: The bare necessities would be a water bottle, food bowl and hide for your Guinea Pig to sleep in. A hay rack can be used to keep hay off of the floor of the cage. Add chews and toys, your pig will thank you.

Diet: A Guinea Pig pelletized food and hay should be given to your Pig daily. Fresh veggies such as carrots, green beans, broccoli, summer squash, peas, corn, zucchini, lettuce (NOT ICEBERG), peppers, and kale should also be offered daily. Treats can be given on occasion. For hay, use Timothy, Orchard grass, or Alfalfa (exclusively for young guinea pigs or pregnant mothers).

Misc: Guinea Pigs are very social animals, so if you are not able to spend a lot of time with them, consider adopting two or more. Female guinea pigs do very well together. If housing more than one male together be very cautious if they are not litter mates, males may fight. Before you bring your Guinea Pig home, make sure the habitat is stocked with toys and treats. Your Guinea Pig will be delighted if the habitat is in a calm, secluded spot away from larger pets. Keep their home far from drafty windows too; it will help keep their body temperature regulated. Guinea pigs love a good cuddle but on the first day home, give your guinea pig time to settle in.

Average Lifespan: 4-8 years

