

Animal Care Handouts: Guinea Pigs

The following topics in this animal care guide are as follows:

- Guinea Pig Handling & Care
- Guinea Pig Feeding
- Guinea Pig Housing
- Guinea Pig Enrichment
- Litter & Bedding: [SP-020-Recommended Small Mammal Litter and Bedding](#)

How to Handle Guinea Pigs



Always go slow while picking up a Guinea Pig! You don't want to scare them!



How to Hold a Guinea Pig



an excerpt from The Guinea Pig Guide
written & illustrated by Lesley DeSantis of When Guinea Pigs Fly
coming soon! www.theguineapigguide.com

Guinea Pig Feeding

Greens	Other Veggies	Fruits
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Almost Daily	Frequently 2-4 times per week	Occasionally 1-2 times per week	Rarely 1-2 times per month
Swiss Chard	Arugula	Basil	Beat Greens
Cilantro	Broccoli Leaves	Collard Greens	Mild Radishes
Belgian Endive	Chicory Greens	Dill (25g)	Sweet Potato
Curly Endive	Garden Cress	Kale	Banana
Butterhead Lettuce	Dandelion Greens	Mustard Greens	Seedless Raisins (10)
Romaine Lettuce	Parsley (25g)	Spinach	
Green Leaf Lettuce	Artichoke	Thyme (25g)	
Red Leaf Lettuce	Green/Snap Beans	Turnip Greens	
Sweet Potato Leaves	Green Cabbage	Watercress	
Baby Carrots (1 med)	Savory Cabbage	Asparagus	
Green Bell Pepper	Red Cabbage	Beets	
Yellow Bell Pepper	Celery	Broccoli	
Radicchio	Cucumber w Peel	Brussel Sprouts	
Cherry Tomatoes (1)	Edible-podded Peas	Pak-Choi Cabbage	
Zucchini w/ Skin	Red Bell Peppers	Cauliflower	
Gooseberries (25g)	All Squash	Corn (1 med ear)	
Raspberries (25g)	Red Ripe Tomatoes	Raw Pumpkin	
Strawberries (5sm)	Yam	Turnips	
	Blackberries (25g)	Apples w/ Skin	
	Blueberries (25g)	Apricot	
	Sweet Cherries (25g)	Raw Figs (1 med)	
	Crabapple	Kiwi	
	Raw Cranberries (25g)	Mango	
	Dried Uncooked Figs (1)	Cantaloupe	
	Grapes (25g)	Honeydew Melon	
	Orange Peel (25g)	Oranges	
		Papaya	
		Peach	
		Pear	
		Raw Pineapple	
		Plum	
		Watermelon	

Recommended Guinea Pig Cages



Guinea Pigs should be in groups of 2's, 4's, 6's
(8+ recommended for highly experienced people only)



Guinea pigs may be small however they need LARGE cages to run around



Guinea Pig Enrichment

Changing up the enrichment is fun for both the human making it and the guinea pig enjoying it!



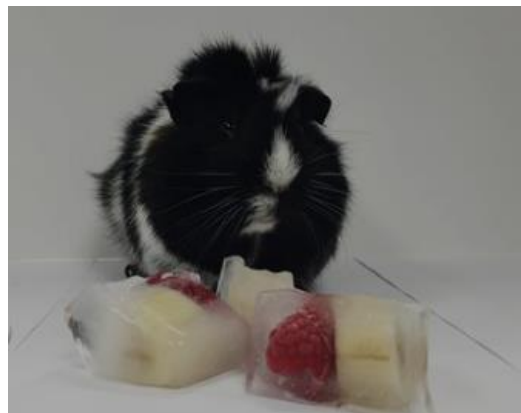
Paper lunch bag with hay



Pet grass/untreated grass



Dog toy with veggies



Frozen veggies/fruits



**Toilet paper rolls with
hay or chew sticks**



Hay/veggie feeder

