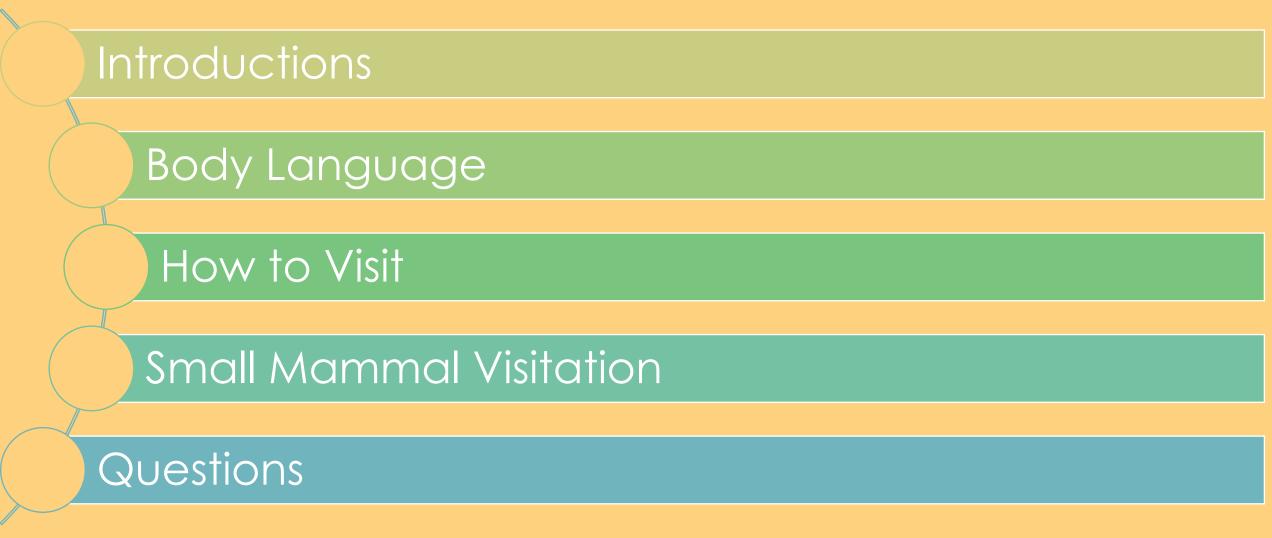
Junior Volunteer Small Mammal Training





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Schedule



Why do they need to be comforted?

Rabbits and guinea pigs are highly social animals. They can become depressed if they don't have companionship from a human or another animal! However, **they are shy and need to learn to trust you**.





It's a scary world out there!





Prey animals have many different survival techniques, being scared is one of them!



Rabbit body language



https://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=ruK6AXVLhiM



Rabbit food



Rabbits love fresh herbs and greens

See "Rabbit Food" handout for the list of foods you may feed the rabbits

There is often food in the cat kitchen refrigerator you may feed the rabbits

Please only feed the rabbits food items that appear on the list

What about guinea pigs?



Guinea pig sounds





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Go slow!

Small mammals need to learn to trust you, be patient!

Wait for them to come to you.



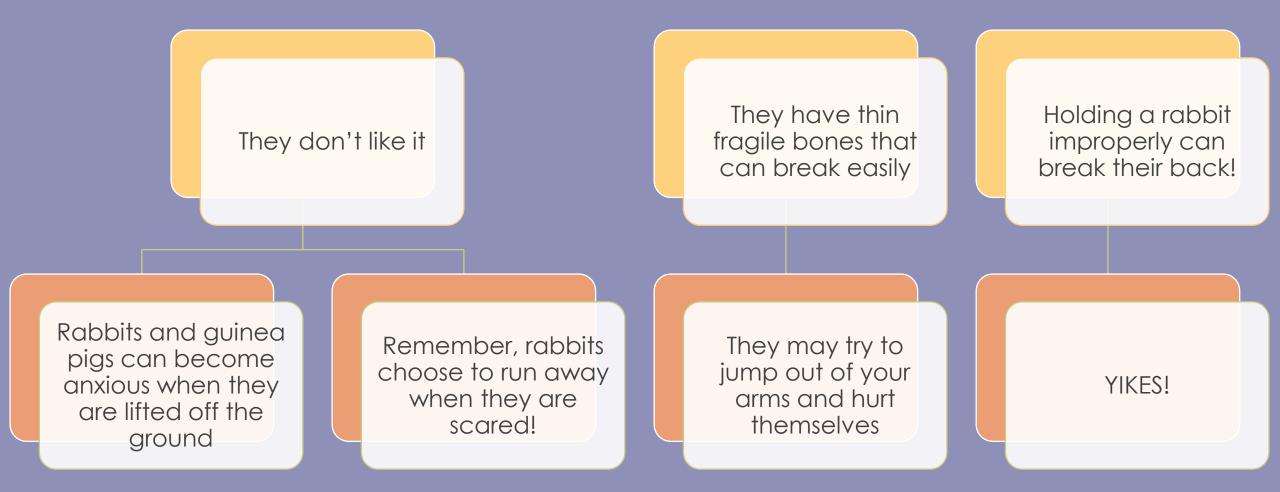


Start with one finger. If they don't run away, then pet with one hand.

Never pick up the small mammals.



Why don't we pick up the small mammals?



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What do you need?

• PATIENCE! • A towel or rug to sit on Approved foods (optional) • A book, journal, or homework (optional)

Animal Visitation Time!



Meet back 10 minutes before class is over



Reminders



You may only volunteer for what you sign up for

Volunteers may not assist with customer visitation

You may not bring friends or family members with you when you volunteer

You should only plan on staying for your assigned shift



Questions?



