



Tips on caring For Your new pet Guinea pig



Guinea pigs are sociable animals so keep in single sex pairs or groups.

They can often be kept with rabbits but keep an eye on them to make sure the guinea pig is not bullied.

Feed a good quality guinea pig mix with plenty of hay and fresh veg. The fresh veg is vital for their health, as they need the vitamin c it provides.

A guinea pig's hutch is best under cover in the winter, as they are not as hardy as rabbits.

If you decide to breed from your guinea pig never mate a sow for the first time after it is 10 months old.

Trim longhaired breeds to prevent soiling of coat, especially around the rear.

Claws may need cutting periodically.

Guinea pigs are quite prone to mange- it is easily detected as they develop sore scurfy patches and scratch furiously. The condition is easily treated, ask at your pet shop or visit your vet.