

Guinea Pigs are Great!



Here's what the guinea pigs say:

I'm very breakable!

The guinea pigs in G-Force are specially-trained computer-generated guinea pigs that do a lot of cool stuff. But the rest of us can't do martial arts or parachute and we don't want to learn! Our little bodies are very breakable and we get hurt easily. Children shouldn't carry me around and should only hold me on their laps when a grown-up is supervising. Though I am small, I need strong hands to hold me.

Let me run but not in a ball!

The guinea pigs in G-Force might like motoring around in a silly plastic ball, but those toys aren't right for real guinea pigs. My body doesn't bend that way and my little toes could get stuck! I'd rather have a safe, enclosed place to run around and explore. I might be timid at first, but if you take me out to play every day, I'll be running laps and jumping for you. I don't use rodent wheels either. They're for hamsters!

I want a friend!

It may seem like we're friends, but I don't want to share my space with mice, rabbits, hamsters, or other animals. We eat different things and they can carry germs that could make me sick. Rabbits have really strong legs and they can injure me when they're angry or jumping around.

Another guinea pig is just what I need. We'll run and play together and keep each other company while you're away at school or work. So many of us need homes. Please adopt a guinea pig from your local rescue or shelter!

Give me a big cage!

I hate fish tanks. They are so small! The bedding stays wet, smells bad and makes me sick. Big cages are so easy to build. I can exercise when I want and get away from my pal if we are having a tiff. They don't get smelly as fast either. I need at least 7.5 square feet. The bigger the better for me and my pal!

No cedar bedding!

Cedar releases aromatic oils that injure my lungs. Pine can cause problems too if it is strong smelling. If you use pine, be sure to air it out before you use it. Aspen or Carefresh are good choices. Fleece can make a comfy home too; just toss it in the wash!

Feed me hay!

Hay keeps my teeth from overgrowing. I don't need wood blocks for my teeth, just a constant supply of grass hay. I need tasty grass hay available 24-7.

I love tasty green veggies!

Give me at least a cup of veggies every day. Red and green leaf lettuce, parsley, kale, endive and red peppers are some of my favorites. I need vitamin C to stay healthy. The darker the greens the more nutritious so skip the iceberg lettuce.

No vitamin drops in my water!

Drops make my water taste bad so I might not drink as much as I need. And the vitamin C fades away quickly in water. Give me fresh veggies like parsley, kale and red pepper so I get my vitamin C naturally.

No seeds!

The husks get stuck in my teeth and seeds are too rich and oily. Skip the seeds and colored bits. Plain guinea pig pellets stored in a dark dry place so the vitamin C stays fresh are what I'll eat!

I need a special vet!

Most regular vets don't treat guinea pigs so find an exotics vet. They know what kind of problems I may have and can prescribe safe medications. Did you know that some antibiotics like Amoxicillin could kill me? See www.GuineaLynx.info for a list of safe and dangerous medications! And please see a vet ASAP if you notice anything wrong with me. We go downhill very quickly without treatment.

I don't want to be pregnant!

Don't house me with an intact mate or some-body's going to end up pregnant. Pregnancies are very risky for guinea pigs so if you love me, you'll be sure this doesn't happen. We girls can get pregnant as early as 3 1/2 weeks of age and males can be dads at 3 1/2 weeks. Separating pups at 3 weeks of age helps prevent unwanted pregnancies. A vet can help you tell who is who.

I can live 4-7 years!

I can live a fairly long time if you take good care of me. Will you still like me and want me around in 7 years?

Adoption: The Right Choice!

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