



Agent Juarez vs. Snowflake!



How does the G-Force team stack up against Real Guinea Pigs?

Agent Juarez and her G-Force pals:

- Drive cars
- Parachute
- Use blowtorches
- Swim
- Talk
- Walk on two legs
- Live in tanks with mice & rats
- Use hamster balls

And do many cool and amazing things!

Real Guinea Pigs like Snowflake:

- Are noisy and eat and poop all the time
- Need really big cages that must be cleaned often
- Should only live with other guinea pigs
- No hamster balls or wheels (they'll hurt their backs!)
- Can't swim
- Have fragile bones
- Should not be carried by young children
- May get ill and require expensive veterinary care

And they can't do **ANYTHING** G-Force pigs can do!

Thinking of getting a guinea pig? What if your child becomes bored and loses interest? What if a family member needs treatment for allergies? Did you know that guinea pigs sometimes bite? Or that they may have accidents [pee and poop] when being held? Most guinea pigs are quite timid and not very friendly. It takes patience to win their trust.

Guinea pigs do not make good "starter pets" for a child. They require frequent daily care by the parent. Cages can be smelly, especially if not cleaned regularly. Expect to find hay and bedding in random places in your home. And guinea pigs are expensive! All those fresh vegetables and bedding add up. Medical care can be costly. Snowflake had several surgeries and needed medications to get better.

Not all guinea pigs are super heroes - only the cartoon ones. Thousands of guinea pigs are homeless. You can help by supporting your local guinea pig rescue or shelter. If you are thinking of getting a pet, be sure to do your research. And if you DO decide to get a guinea pig, make it a lifetime commitment!

And most important of all, adopt!

www.guinealynx.info - Guinea Pig Care and Health Information You Can Rely On