

Pet Sitters International's Guide to Guinea Pigs



By the numbers

5-7 years average life span

8-11 inches average adult size

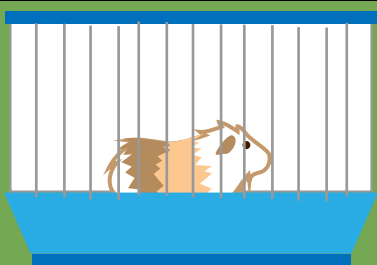
1.5-2.6 pounds average weight

Common types:

- Abyssinian
- American
- Crested
- Coronet
- Peruvian
- Silkie
- Skinny Pig
- Teddy
- Texel



What you'll need:



Solid-bottom cage & bedding



Water bottle and food bowl



Hay rack



Nesting items



Small pet carrier



Time to eat!



Guinea pigs are herbivores and need the proper balance of pellets, hay and fresh vegetables.

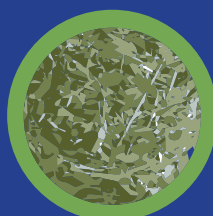
DAILY



1/8 cup pellets



1 cup vegetables daily



Unlimited fresh timothy hay



One small fruit treat once or twice per week.

Let's get social!

Guinea pigs crave the company of other pigs.

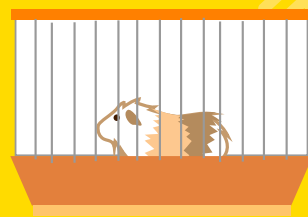
They also need time out of their cages and daily interaction and attention.



So nice and so clean...

Longhaired breeds require daily grooming and shorthaired breeds need once-a-week brushing.

Spot clean the cage every few days, and thoroughly clean it weekly.



Good

Health Checklist:



Bad

- Active, alert & social
- Eating and drinking regularly
- Clear eyes & healthy fur
- No issues breathing or walking
- Squeaks to communicate



- Diarrhea and/or weight loss
- Abnormal hair loss or skin lesions
- Lethargy or trouble breathing
- Eye or nasal discharge
- Overgrown teeth



When you're away...

If vacation or work travel keeps you from home, it's important to have someone you can trust care for your guinea pig daily.



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