



*Guinea Pig*

# BASICS

OHLONE HUMANE SOCIETY

# GUINEA PIG ESSENTIALS



**BRUSH**



**FOOD BOWL AND  
WATER BOTTLE**



**LARGE WIDE ONE-LEVEL  
CRATE AND SOFT BEDDING**



**VETERINARIANS**



**SOFT CARRIER**



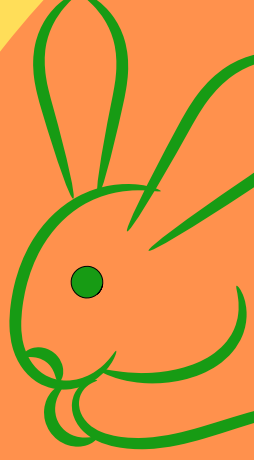
**LITTER OPTIONS -  
PAPER, FABRICS,  
OTHER**



**ASSORTED FRESH  
HAY, GUINEA PIG  
PELLETS, CERTAIN  
FRESH PRODUCE**



**A FAMILY TO LOVE**



# READING GUINEA PIG Body Language



## HAPPY

Body relaxed , ears up, may purr

May make a high pitched squeal!

"Popcorning" hopping up and down

## UNSURE OR WORRIED

May hide or avoid coming out

May not eat or may chew out their hair

Pupils dilated and freeze



## ANGRY

May growl or nip

Teeth chattering

May hiss or squeak

# POPULAR DOMESTIC BREEDS



**SHORT HAIR**



**MEDIUM HAIR**



**LONG HAIR**



**NO HAIR/HAIRLESS**

# ENRICHMENT



**GUINEA PIGS** enjoy toys and stimulation.



Digging: objects in hay or grass,



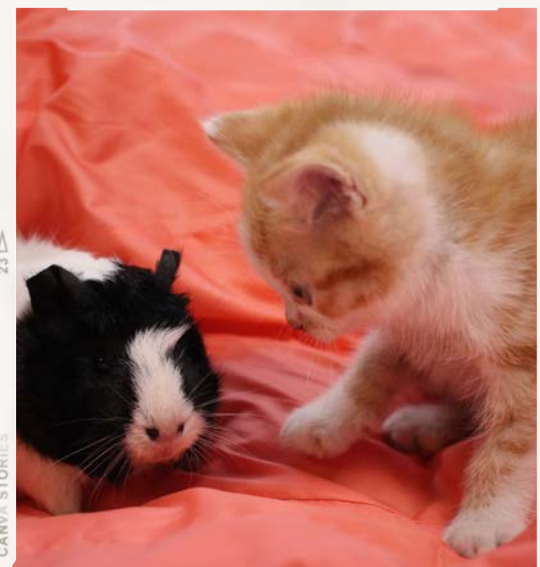
Burrowing: paper bags, baskets, bowls



Exploring: toys, food puzzle, hurdles, trick training



Trying new food and in enclosures



Having other pets as friends

# WHAT DO GUINEA PIGS LIKE TO EAT?

## HEALTHY FOOD FOR GUINEA PIGS

### Higher Vitamin C VEGETABLES

- Parsley
- Coriander
- Celery leaves
- Collard greens
- Swiss chard
- Beet greens
- Spinach
- Carrot tops / leaves
- Sugar snap peas
- Kale
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower
- Brussels sprouts
- Cabbage
- Kohlrabi leaves
- Bell or sweet peppers

### Higher Vitamin C FRUITS

- Tomato
- Tamarillo
- Orange
- Tangerine
- Mandarin
- Grapefruit
- Currants (leaves also edible)
- Gooseberries
- Strawberries
- Kiwi Fruit
- Mango
- Guava
- Feijoa
- Papaya
- Persimmon
- Rosehips
- Honeydew melon
- Cantaloupe



# WHAT NOT TO FEED GUINEA PIGS

## AVOID THESE FOODS FOR YOUR GUINEA PIG

- Avocado
- Iceberg Lettuce
- Hot Peppers / Chilies / Paprikas
- Garlic
- Onions
- Leeks
- Tomato leaves & stalks
- Rhubarb
- Nuts
- Seeds (choking hazard)
- Coconut
- Mushrooms
- Potatoes
- Fruit juices
- Teas, coffee, colas
- Peanut butter, cakes, cookies, baked goods
- Milk and milk products (including yogurt)





# Guinea Pig

h t s j x h c p i l j x d o c  
 o s g u i n e a p i g g m s r  
 n w l y c i s f n r p v n y a  
 e r v e t e r i n a r i a n t  
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 s p o d p o p c o r n i n g u

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|--------------|------------|------------|--------|
| veterinarian | enrichment | popcorn    | litter |
| honeydew     | carrier    | family     | bowl   |
| brush        | water      | guinea pig | toys   |
| pets         | crate      | hay        |        |



*Spay/Neuter,  
 Vaccinate &  
 Microchip Your  
 Guinea Pig*



**ADOPT FROM A  
 RESCUE OR  
 SHELTER!**

**EDUCATE!**

