

GUINEA PIG MYTH BUSTERS

Helping you give piggies the Comfort,
Care, Companionship that they deserve!



There's a lot of misinformation about guinea pigs out there. Let's set the record straight!
Whether you're a new owner or an experienced fan, knowing the facts helps keep guinea pigs healthy and happy.

FACT

Guinea pigs are highly social and need to live in pairs or groups for their emotional wellbeing.



MYTH

Guinea pigs only need one friend

FACT

Guinea pigs are delicate and need gentle handling and daily care from a responsible adult. They're best suited to family care, not as a child-only pet.



MYTH

They're great for young children to look after on their own

FACT

Guinea pigs need plenty of space - the minimum recommended is 5ft x 2ft for a pair.



MYTH

Guinea pigs can live in small cages

FACT

Too much carrot can be high in sugar, and iceberg lettuce can cause tummy upsets. Opt for leafy greens like romaine, kale, and fresh herbs in moderation.



MYTH

Carrots and iceberg lettuce are great treats

FACT

Guinea pigs love to explore! Tunnels, hideouts, chew toys, and scatter feeding all help keep them active and mentally stimulated.

MYTH

They don't need much enrichment



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