

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



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

**FACT**

**MYTH**

Guinea pigs can live in small cages

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.

**FACT**



**MYTH**

Carrots and iceberg lettuce are great treats

Guinea pigs have unique nutritional needs - they require vitamin C daily and must be fed a diet specifically formulated for guinea pigs, alongside fresh hay and veg.

**FACT**



**MYTH**

Guinea pigs eat rabbit food

**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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