

New Guinea Pig Checklist

Use this checklist of things to buy before you bring your new guinea pig home.



- ☐ 1. An indoor cage (preferred) or outdoor hutch. An indoor cage should be made from powder-coated wire or coroplast and have a solid bottom with a removable tray. An outdoor hutch should have a wire bottom with 1/3 solid flooring and have a leak-proof roof.
- ☐ 2. A wooden or plastic nest box for the guinea pig to sleep inside.
- ☐ 3. An exercise pen, made from wire or hard plastic.
- ☐ 4. One or two ceramic crock food bowls.
- ☐ 5. A hanging water bottle for the side of the cage.
- ☐ 6. A hay rack that hangs on the side of the cage.
- ☐ 7. Commercial timothy pellets made specifically for guinea pigs.
- ☐ 8. Fresh green vegetables, thoroughly washed.
- ☐ 9. Timothy hay.
- ☐ 10. Safe bedding made from recycled paper, aspen or corn cob.
- ☐ 11. Wooden chew blocks for gnawing.
- ☐ 12. Toys such as balls made for cats, empty toilet paper rolls, small boxes, PVC pipe.
- ☐ 13. A travel carrier made for small animals.
- ☐ 14. A soft brush for grooming.
- ☐ 15. Nail trimmers designed for cats or human infants.
- ☐ 16. And, yes, as noted in the comments, vitamin C is critical to guinea pigs.

