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.

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