

Guinea Pig Facts

Did You Know:

- Guinea pigs are also known as cavies.
- Guinea pigs are not actually pigs at all. Nobody is sure of where their name comes from, but it is believed it is due to the squealing sounds they make.
- Although they can no longer be found in the wild, their native habitat was forests, savannas, mountainous grasslands, and busy areas throughout South America.
- When guinea pigs are excited they might 'Popcorn'. This is when they jump up in the air and often do a little twist too.
- A male guinea pig is called a 'boar' and a female is called a 'sow'. Baby guinea pigs are called 'pups'.
- Guinea pigs make lots of noises. The most well-known is the 'wheek'! This is a sound they only make for their humans, usually to remind them to bring food!
- Guinea pigs have four toes on their front feet and three toes on their back feet.
- Guinea pigs are very sociable animals and are happiest living in a group. They should not be kept on their own as they get very lonely.
- Guinea pigs are vegans.



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