

# 5 Things Your Guinea Pig Wants You to Know



I need Vitamin C every day in my food

My cage is my home, please keep it clean and safe from predators

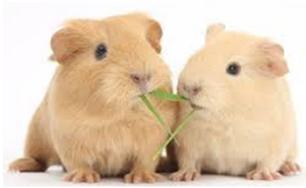
I am most happy when I am with a friend



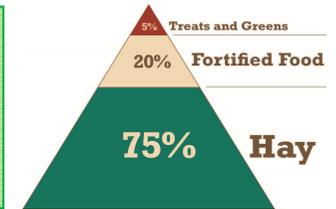
I love lots of fresh hay

I'll live a lot longer if you don't feed me grains, corn & seeds

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Guinea pigs **LOVE fresh hay** and this should make up most of the food you give them. Not only is hay good for your piggy, but it's very important to keep his tummy healthy and teeth strong. This pyramid shows how much hay and pellets should be fed to your pet.



Did you know that **grains, seeds and corn are not good** for your guinea pig? These might be good for you to eat, but your piggy struggles to digest starch and may become overweight if fed these foods.



**Vitamin C** should be given to your guinea pig daily to prevent them from getting Scurvy, which can be really painful. Oxbow makes the perfect Vitamin C tablet. Just one a day and your piggy will love them!



**Your guinea pig is social** and would love a friend to interact with while you are at school or work. Please just make sure the companion you choose is the same sex or de-sexed so that they don't fight or have babies which also need to be cared for. There are lots of piggies in the world needing loving homes and we don't want to add to the problem of unwanted guinea pigs who need to be rescued.

How and where you keep **your guinea pig's cage** is very important in keeping happy healthy pets. Think carefully about choosing the right size cage, cleaning it once a week and placing it in a cool place where your guinea pig won't overheat. Remember if keeping your pet indoors that they do benefit from time in gentle sunlight.

