

## Guinea Pig Boarding Information

*This fact sheet provides you with information detailing the care and accommodation we can provide for your Guinea pig/s during their stay. If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to ask.*

### ACCOMODATION:

The accommodation we currently have available:

- 1) Ferplast Casita Rabbit/ Guinea Pig cages, measuring: 96cm x 57cm x 56cm for up to two Guinea Pigs: 117cm x 58cm x 60cm for up to three Guinea pigs.
- 2) 6ft Chartwell Double Height hutch suitable for up to three bonded Guinea pigs from the same household. The hutches are made from strong Scandinavian wood with wire mesh doors and cosy bedding areas. This hutch is recommended by the Rabbit Welfare Association and Fund. We have a plenty of secure floor space, enclosed within a run for your guinea pigs to play and exercise in, under supervision. They are **never** left in the run on their own.

We recommend you measure the size of your pet's accommodation at home to compare the size of the living arrangements, if you are not sure if ours is big enough. We are happy to discuss different options and will accommodate your Guinea Pigs in their own cage if you prefer. They often feel more confident in an environment they are familiar with. It also helps them to settle if you provide some of their own toys, mini hides or other familiar items that you think will help.

### BEDDING:

We line our hutches with newspaper and use Fitch animal bedding with a layer of hay for the sleeping area. We find the Fitch is more absorbent, easier to clean out and has less allergens than woodchips. However, we want to keep your Guinea pig's environment as close to what he or she is used to at home. If you would prefer us to use your choice of bedding and would like us to do the same, we are happy to do so, provided you bring enough for the duration of their stay.

### HEALTH:

We check on your Guinea pig/s several times a day with a final check before bedtime, for us! The family generally spend a lot of time in the annexe anyway, relaxing and reading. Your pets eating and drinking will be monitored throughout their stay. We check and clean any dirty bottoms. During high risk weather we cover hutches with a fine mosquito net to help guard against the dangers of fly strike.

We **never** mix pets from different households or unbonded pairs from the same household.

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### **DIET:**

The majority of your Guinea pigs diet will be made up of good quality Timothy Hay. We also have access to fresh grass and supplement your pet's diet with varied fresh greens, which generally include:

- Curly Kale
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Celery
- Salad peppers
- Carrots and carrot tops ( in moderation)

When booking with us we will ask you to fill in a questionnaire listing the greens you usually feed your Guinea pig. We will never feed your Guinea pig anything it has not already tried under your supervision, to avoid any upset tummies. Additionally we ask you to provide enough Guinea pig nuggets for their stay and again these should be the brand your pet is used to. If you do not provide these, or there is insufficient for their stay we have in stock "Pets at Home" own brand, which will be substituted and charged at an extra £2 a week.

### **EMERGENCIES:**

When you book your Guinea pig in with us, we will ask for details of who you would like us to contact in an emergency. We will always phone your emergency contact before making any decisions, but if this is not possible we will make sure your pet receives the veterinary care that it requires.

**PRICING:** We currently charge:

£6 per cage (96cm x 57cm x 56cm) per day for up to two bonded pets

£8 per cage (117cm x 58cm x 60cm) per day for up to three bonded pets

£10 per hutch (6ft Chartwell) per day for up to three bonded Guinea pigs

If you would like us to take care of your guinea pigs for an extended time (longer than two weeks) we are happy to negotiate a discount.

### **BOOKING:**

As we are committed to providing a home from home environment for your pets, we have limited spaces available, so would advise you to book early.

