

Supplies for Your New Guinea Pig!

Did you just adopt a new guinea pig? Congratulations! Now it is time to shop for everything they will need to make your house their forever home! Below is the list of things we recommend purchasing before bringing a new guinea pig home with you.

Carrier



The very first thing you need to buy is a carrier to help you bring your guinea pig home! Hard carriers are safest!

Housing



There are many housing options for guinea pigs, but it is important to do your research and select an appropriately sized habitat (the bigger the better). At Wayward Ranch we use the midwest guinea habitat pictured above!

Bottles/Bowls/Hay Feeders



You should consider getting a bowl for food, a water bottle, and a hay rack of some kind for your new Guinea Pig.

Bedding



There are several bedding options for your new guinea! Paper bedding can work well but our favorite is fleece bedding. this is a fabric blanket made to fit the cage and can be cleaned and washed easily! We like to have a few on hand to substitute when the others are in the wash.

Cleaning Supplies



It is very important to make sure your guinea has a clean habitat! We recommend cleaning the cage daily, and emptying it for a deep clean once a week. You can use small animal cage cleaner or simply guinea-safe soap and water when deep cleaning.

Diet



A healthy diet is critical for a long and happy life for your guinea pig! We suggest using a high quality pelleted food, as well as a nice hay blend, further supplemented with vit C, fresh fruits and veggies (always check before you give a new fruit or veggie to your guinea pig).

Enrichment



It is so important to provide guinea pigs with plenty of enrichment and outlets for their energy! You want to focus a few different things when looking into new enrichment for your guinea pig. You want to give them plenty of hiding places where they can sleep. We also like to tie strips of fleece from the tops of cages to give the guinea pigs something else to hide and play in. It can be easy to make your own hideaways out of wood, but you must be sure the supplies you use are safe in case the hamsters chew on them. Having another guinea pig friend is the best kind of enrichment there is, and for this reason whenever possible we adopt our guinea pigs out as pairs. Finally, make sure you give your guinea pig plenty of toys and floor time to run around and play outside of the cage, supervised of course!