



 BEFORE YOU BRING THEM HOME

New Guinea Pig Supply Checklist

Everything to have ready before day one — so their first night is calm.



Lives 5–7 years



Always keep two



Unlimited hay



Vitamin C every day



Their home

- ☐ A cage with at least ~7.5 sq ft of floor for a pair (~10.5 is better)
- ☐ Soft paper bedding — never cedar or pine shavings
- ☐ A hidey-house each, so nobody gets cornered
- ☐ A quiet, draft-free spot indoors



Food & water

- ☐ Unlimited timothy hay, and a hay rack to hold it
- ☐ Guinea-pig pellets with vitamin C
- ☐ Fresh vitamin-C veggies: bell pepper, collard greens, turnip
- ☐ A water bottle and a heavy food bowl



Company

- ☐ A second guinea pig — they get lonely on their own
- ☐ Never a rabbit as a companion: one kick can break a guinea pig's back



Everyday care

- ☐ A soft brush and small nail clippers
- ☐ A kitchen scale — weight change is the earliest illness warning



Health

- ☐ An exotic or small-animal vet found before you bring them home
- ☐ A small emergency fund for surprise vet bills



Day one – the settling-in plan

1

Before they arrive

Cage built, hay rack full, water bottle in and dripping, a hidey-house each.

2

The first hour

Lift them in with two hands, then leave them be. Hiding for hours is completely normal.

3

The first night

Quiet room, no handling yet. Just talk near the cage so they learn your voice.



Keep this handy

Our exotic vet Vet phone Coming-home day



The two mistakes almost everyone makes: a cage that's too small, and forgetting vitamin C.