



## Caring and grooming your guinea – pig.

### INTRODUCTION

It is extremely important to check your guinea-pig for any sign of infection or illness. The instructions below will tell you all you need to know...

### INSTRUCTIONS ON TEETH

Firstly, pick up your Guinea-pig and gently open up their mouth and check for any breakages, cracks, infection or any inward curving.

If any breakages trim them with human nail clippers and make sure you don't hurt your Guinea-pig.

### MOUTH

Once again, pick up your guinea-pig gently and check for any cracks on your guinea-pigs lips.

If there is any cracks use a cotton bud to cover it with gentian violet.

### EYES

A quick glance will tell you if the eyes are bright and healthy. And if the lids are free from any kind of waxing or gunk.

If there is any infection on the eyes wrap the guinea-pig in a towel and drip a couple of drops of eye wash on the surface of its eye.

Never put a guinea-pig in with a rabbit. The rabbit could even break guinea-pigs back. Plus rabbit's food has different chemicals in so your Guinea-pig could get seriously ill.

Regular check-ups on your guinea-pig will make sure your guinea-pig is happy and healthy.

### DON'T FORGET

Feed and water your guinea-pig every day.

Clean the guinea-pigs hutch every week.

Brush your guinea-pig often so to keep its fur clean.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Guinea-pigs originally came from Peru, South America. The people from Peru used Guinea-pigs as chickens and let them run around every where. They used them as chickens in another way as well..... They EAT roast guinea-pig!

Book of information from:

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