

Guinea Pig Care

Needed Items - The Musts

- _____ Cage - at least 7.5 square feet for 2 piggies
- _____ Bedding/ Cage Liner - Fleece or loose bedding
fleece is our choice because it saves money in the long run
- _____ Pellet Food Dish (ceramic recommended)
- _____ Water Bottle
- _____ Places to hide - like a hut/house - one per piggie at least
- _____ Daily Fresh Fruits and Veggies - Carrots and fruits are great treats
- _____ Timothy Based Guinea Pig Pellets
Recommend "Small World" Brand from Walmart
- _____ Tomothy Hay/ Grass
Tractor Supply has 50 lb. compressed bales for less than \$20
Look for "Standlee Timothy Grass"
- _____ Nail Clippers (NOT Human nail clippers)
Small ones from a pet store work

Preference Items - Can Live Without

- _____ Chew Sticks/ Toys
- _____ Woven Play Balls - most don't care for these
- _____ Tunnels/ Tubes - depending on the size, they can be fun additions
- _____ Hanging strips of fleece or "fleece forests"
- _____ Treats - must NOT have any dairy, nuts, or seeds
- _____ Litter pan - if you plan to litter train
- _____ Vitamins and Supplements

Useful Items - Highly Recommended

- _____ Pet Hairbrush
A human comb/brush is fine, but some small pet brushes can be better
- _____ Hay Rack/ Feeder
Hay in a pile is fun but it gets everywhere
Useful feeders include metal/ woven baskets and litter pans
Some store-bought ones are too small. Just make sure you can easily place a full hand into the area that you fill it
- _____ Toilet Paper/ Paper Towel Cardboard Rolls
many piggies love to eat these and toss them around as toys
- _____ Boxes
Boxes made into huts and tunnels are great places to hide
- _____ Coconut Oil
Almost a necessity for cleaning grease glands, dirty butts, and cleaning up "boar glue". Great moisturizer as well
- _____ Vinegar and Water - great cleaning solution for cleaning piggie urine

Unneeded Items - Don't Get 'em

- Hay Balls
- Salt wheels - if they're eating pellets, they don't need these
- Anything they will chew on that has bright color
the dye used on these can be toxic
if soaked in warm water with vinegar, much of the dye comes out
- Vitamin C Water Drops
Vitamin C deteriorates in open air/ water and it makes the water taste funny
so they drink less