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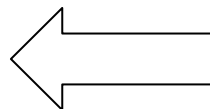
Playtime!

You should always keep your guinea pig active. Playing with them is one way to keep your pig happy and active. You will probably find that your guinea pigs will like their playtime but there are other things you can do.

This guinea pig is going for a short ride up the street.

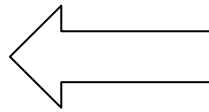


Giving your guinea pig small toys to play with and snuggle into is a good way to keep them occupied.





Making a small wire cage and putting huts and toys in it is another way to play with your guinea pig.

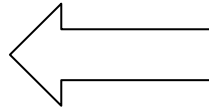


Giving your guinea pig little rocks to walk on is good for your guinea pig's feet and guinea pigs usually like to play around on them.

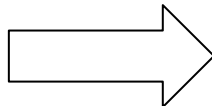




Exploring nature is one of the most exciting things your guinea pig can do.



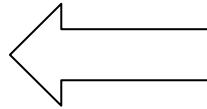
Rock climbing and exploring the cavities comes very natural to this young male.



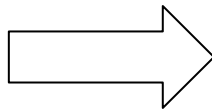


"Going for a ride".

Adding toys into your guinea pig's life can stop boredom but it is your job to find safe toys for them.

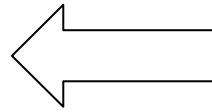


Most guinea pigs love to hide in old tyres. This guinea pig is in a tyre swing but if you are going to put a guinea pig in a tyre swing you should never spin it or push it hard.





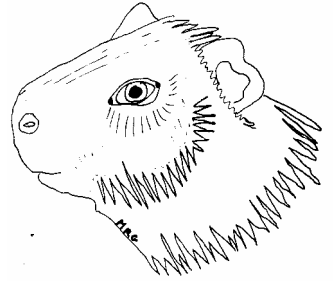
This guinea pig found a red tailed Cockatoo feather. She found it quite interesting and you will find that your guinea pig will like to explore things too.



This guinea pig is going for a gentle spin in an umbrella. But your guinea pig's claws may dig into the umbrella and rip it.



Name _____



Underline the correct spelling!

guinea pig - guinae pig

water bowl - water bole

hutsh - hutch

strawe - straw

respiration - restpiration

vegitables - vegetables

cauliflour - cauliflower

playtime - playetime

baor - boar

sowe - sow

pellets - pelets

breeds - bredes

veterenarian - veterinarian

dutch - dutsh

biological - bilogical

bactereal - bacterial

congunctivitis - conjunctivitis

diarrhoea - diarhoea

broccoli - brocoli

carots - carrots

pregnansy - pregnancy

birth - burth

Keeping a guinea pig happy and healthy.

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List eight things you could do to keep a guinea pig happy and healthy.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

The following outcomes could be achieved by completing the entire guinea pig theme; *beat boredom, breeding, caring for guinea pigs, diseases and disorders, feeding guinea pigs healthy foods, feeding guinea pigs unhealthy foods, general knowledge, holding guinea pigs, housing guinea pigs, males and females, photos, taming guinea pigs.*

English

- reading
- writing
- alphabetical order
- develop further research skills

Science

- learn about guinea pigs in captivity
- breeding, males and females
- familiarize oneself with diseases that affect guinea pigs
- breeding
- feeding habits
- biological data

Mathematics

- problem solving
- learn about data

Health

- personal hygiene when handling animals
- guinea pig health related issues

Technology

- design, cage and feeding utensils
- research using the Internet
- basic computer knowledge
- Use of camera (or digital camera)

Art

- design and layout
- creative playtime planning for pets
- drawing

Cross curricula based learning
