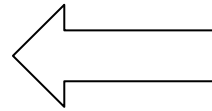


Good food!

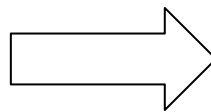
There are many healthy fruits and vegetables your guinea pig can eat. Fresh grass and dry hay are also excellent for a well balanced diet. With all things... moderation is best. A little of everything is ideal. Take a look at the following pictures of fruit and vegetables suitable for your guinea pig.

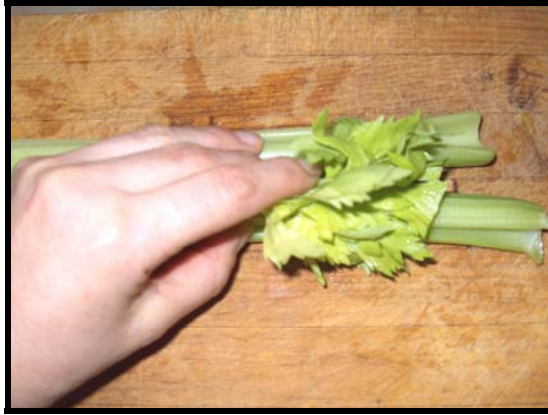


Broccoli leaves and even the broccoli head is a treat for your guinea pig.

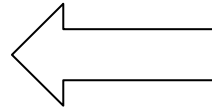


Fresh carrots cut into thin strips or rounds are excellent as a daily vitamin and mineral source.

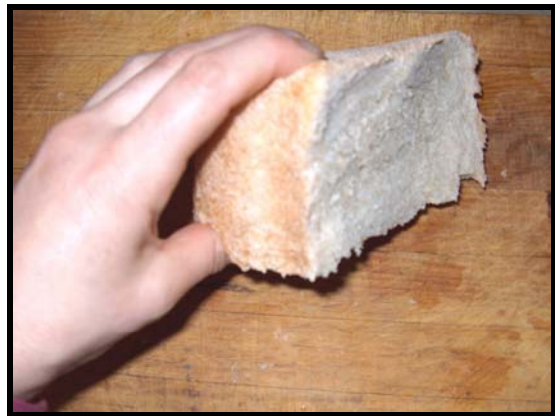
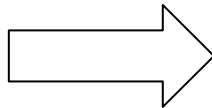




Your guinea pig will love a bit of celery every now and again.

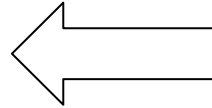


Stale wholemeal bread can be an extra supplement to dry foods such as pellets and hay.





A variety of different leaves can also be good. Make sure the leaves aren't poisonous.

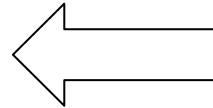


Guinea pigs will like the treat of a small piece of kiwi fruit every now and again.

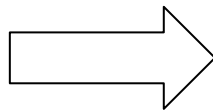




Beetroot leaves are delicious and nutritious but the actual beet they don't really eat.



Red, green or yellow apples are all acceptable treats for your guinea pig. You can cut them in strips or chunks.



Even your apple core can be given to the guinea pig instead of wasting it in the bin, unless of course you have chooks or a mulch heap. If you are not going to peel the apples, you must wash them carefully. Poison sprays are used in most commercial fruit orchards. Washing all fruits and vegetables is always recommended, unless you grow these yourself and you don't use poisonous sprays.



Cauliflower leaves can be cut from the main plant as it is growing a head. Although a small amount of leaves is acceptable, the cauliflower head itself is not really liked by most guinea pigs.



Many different types of grasses are ideal for your guinea pig. Make sure the grass has not been sprayed with herbicide (poison) before picking it and giving it to your guinea pig. If possible, collect fresh grass from your garden every day.



Fresh, clean hay is often eaten by your guinea pig when you first put it in the hutch. Once it becomes soiled they will not eat it and it should be replaced.

Guinea pigs love silverbeet, or spinach as it is also referred to. They will eat the stem and the leaves.





Rosemary

You can give your guinea pig some herbs such as rosemary, parsley and mint. Young, freshly picked shoots are the best. Your guinea pig may not like the taste of some herbs; it is all a matter of personal guinea pig taste.



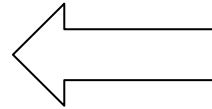
Parsley



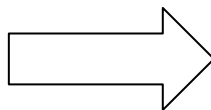
Mint



Dry food is also good for your guinea pig. These guinea pigs have a variety of vegetables and dry foods.

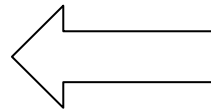


It is not good to feed your guinea pigs just dry food. They will soon get bored eating the same dry food and could refuse to eat altogether.

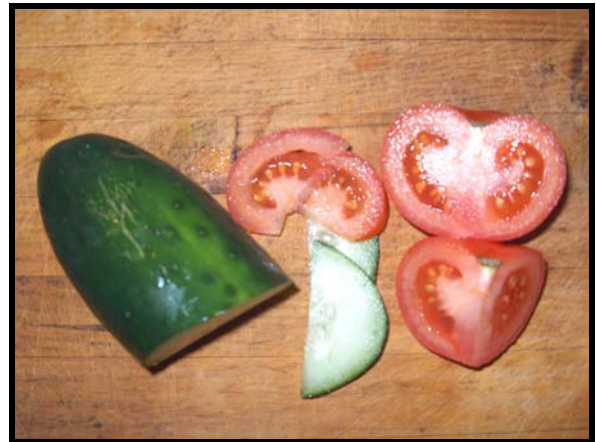
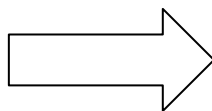




You can mix dry foods to make your own guinea pig 'dry food mix'. Displayed here are sunflower seeds, wheat and guinea pig pellets.



Guinea pigs love eating cucumber and tomatoes. This can be a treat for them, as cucumbers and tomatoes can be very costly when not in season.

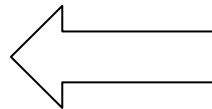




Of course fresh, clean water should always be available in your guinea pig's cage. This is one type of water bowl that you can make. Use a small glass bottle. Fill with clean water and tip upside down in a shallow bowl. Tie the bottle to the wire cage with a piece of wire to hold it in place.



You can use anything that holds water such as small bowls or an ice cream container.



If you have baby guinea pigs make sure you use shallow dishes as some babies are keen to explore what is inside a deep ice cream container and they will soon find themselves drowning.

Your task:

Identify all plants and vegetation in your area that would be suitable for guinea pigs to eat. Explain why you have identified a particular plant as 'good food'.

Suitable Plant	Reason

Suitable Plant	Reason

Name _____



Find the healthy foods!

carrot
pear
bread
pellet
watermelon
apricot

silver beet
cucumber
banana
grass
corn
hay

parsley
tomato
plum
broccoli
peach
mango

apple
celery
lettuce
cauliflower
grapes
cherry

c a u l i f l o w e r v q
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n p a r s l e y t l r e s
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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
