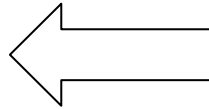




Broad bean plants and the beans themselves aren't good for your guinea pig to eat.

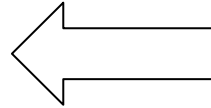


Your guinea pig can eat a bit of capsicum but it is not good to feed your guinea pig too much. The leaves should not be eaten.

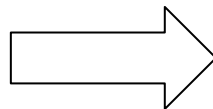




Chillies and the chilli plant leaves are not good for your guinea pigs; it could give your guinea pig a very sore stomach.

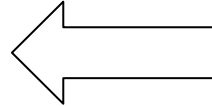


You shouldn't feed your guinea pig flowers unless you know they aren't poisonous. These are orchids and unsuitable to eat.





Uncooked potatoes and potato plant leaves are also poisonous for your guinea pig. You should not feed your guinea pig uncooked potatoes, but cooked once can be eaten.

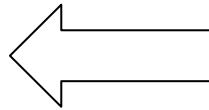


Rhubarb leaves and flowers look nice and tasty but they are poisonous. The stem is not poisonous but it could give your guinea pig an upset stomach.





Spoiled food is not good for your guinea pig. If an apple or another fruit or vegetable has a small bit of rot in it, you can cut the rot out and give the rest of the food to your guinea pig.



Snow peas are not generally liked by guinea pigs. You will probably find that if you put a snow pea in front of your guinea pig it will nibble a small bit and leave the rest.



Wild plants both good and bad for Guinea pigs.

<i>Some suitable plants</i>	<i>Some poisonous plants</i>
chickweed, clover, cow parsley, dandelion, dock, groundsel, plantains, sow thistle, vetches.	anemone, belladonna, bindweed, boxwood, buttercup, celandine, foxglove, hemlock, rhubarb, potato leaves.

It is always a good policy to check up which plants are suitable and which ones aren't. If you are not sure about a particular plant, ask someone. Quite often your guinea pig will know what is good for it and what isn't. Most guinea pigs won't touch food that is bad for them but not all pigs are like that, so it is up to you to double check, you don't want to poison your guinea pig!



Your task:

Identify all plants and vegetation in your area that would not be suitable for guinea pigs to eat. Explain why you have identified a particular plant; what could happen to the guinea pig if it ate this plant and a possible remedy or solution if a guinea pig ate a poisonous plant.

Unsuitable Plants	Reason	Remedy

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Unsuitable Plants	Reason	Remedy



Name _____

Find the unhealthy foods!

chilli
nightshade
chips
bind weed
cheese
bacon

rhubarb
potato
ice cream
hemlock
sugar
eggs

broad beans
egg plant
orchids
anemone
meat
cake

green tomato
legumes
capsicum leaf
box weed
pies
lollies

z	i	c	e	c	r	e	a	m	r	x	d	q
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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
