

Guinea Pig *Cavies* 

## Natural Habitat: Central and South America

Lifespan: 8-10 years

**Food:** Guinea Pig Pellets, Fresh Hay Greens, Fruits and Vegetables; Avoid Lettuce, Cabbage, Pears & dairy products - Guinea Pigs are lactose intolerant

## **Breeding:**

- Females sexually mature at 5 wks; Males: 8 wks
- Average Gestation Period is 68 days
- Wean at 3-4 weeks

**Other notes:** <u>Do not</u> use cedar bedding because it may cause respiratory infection; <u>Do</u> <u>not</u> feed rabbit pellets because they lack vitamin C and may contain antibiotics that are harmful to Guinea Pigs.