



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