

GUINEA PIGS



Cavia porcellus

Guinea pigs are gentle, social rodents with round bodies and soft fur. They love companionship, enjoy squeaking to communicate, and thrive in cozy, calm environments.



STATS

Range: Andes Mountains of South America

Habitat: Grasslands

Average Size: 8 - 16 inches long

Lifespan in the wild: 1 - 4 years

Lifespan in human care: 5 - 8 years

Diet: Herbivore (only eats plant matter)

Activity: Crepuscular (most active at dawn and dusk)

Conservation Status: Least concern

FUN FACTS

- When guinea pigs are excited, they jump up in the air and often do a little twist too. This quick movement is known as popcorning.
- Guinea pigs are NOT pigs! (They are rodents.)
- Guinea pigs don't sweat.
- Guinea pigs don't sleep for long periods of time, they just take lots of short naps.