

Guinea Pig Care Secrets: A Comprehensive Guide to Happy and Healthy Cavies

Guinea pigs are adorable and social creatures that make wonderful pets. They are relatively low-maintenance, but they do have specific needs that must be met in order to thrive. This comprehensive guide will provide you with all the information you need to know about guinea pig care, from housing and nutrition to health and behavior.



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Housing

Guinea pigs need a spacious cage that is at least 7.5 square feet for two guinea pigs. The cage should be made of wire mesh so that the guinea pigs can get plenty of ventilation. The cage should also have a solid bottom to prevent the guinea pigs from getting bumblefoot.

The cage should be furnished with a variety of toys and hiding places to keep the guinea pigs entertained and comfortable. Some good choices for toys include:

* Tunnels * Ramps * Balls * Chew toys

Hiding places can be made from cardboard boxes, igloos, or even just a pile of hay.

The cage should be cleaned regularly to prevent the build-up of bacteria and parasites. The cage should be spot-cleaned daily and completely cleaned once a week.

Nutrition

Guinea pigs are herbivores and their diet should consist mainly of hay, pellets, and vegetables. Hay should make up the majority of the guinea pig's diet and should be available to them at all times. Pellets should be fed in limited quantities, as they can be high in calories. Vegetables should be fed fresh daily and should make up about 20% of the guinea pig's diet.

Some good choices for hay include:

* Timothy hay * Orchard grass hay * Meadow hay

Some good choices for pellets include:

* Oxbow Cavy Cuisine * Kaytee Timothy Complete * Mazuri Guinea Pig

Some good choices for vegetables include:

* Romaine lettuce * Bell peppers * Carrots * Celery * Broccoli

Guinea pigs also need a constant supply of fresh water. The water should be changed daily and the water bottle should be cleaned weekly.

Health

Guinea pigs are generally healthy animals, but they can be susceptible to a variety of health problems. Some of the most common health problems in guinea pigs include:

* Respiratory infections * Urinary tract infections * Skin problems * Dental problems * Obesity

It is important to take your guinea pig to the vet for regular checkups to ensure that they are healthy. The vet can also provide you with advice on how to prevent and treat common health problems.

Behavior

Guinea pigs are social animals and they should be kept in pairs or groups. Guinea pigs that are kept alone can become lonely and depressed.

Guinea pigs are also very active animals and they need plenty of space to run and play. They should be given plenty of opportunities to exercise outside of their cage.

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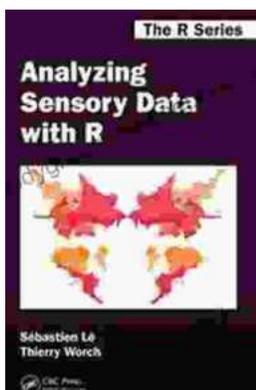
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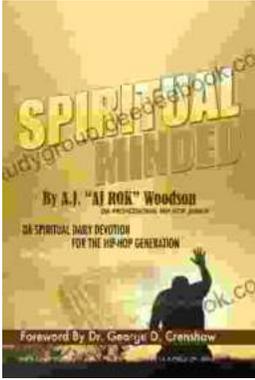
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