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Animal Fact Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____



Guinea Pig

Cavia porcellus

Cavia porcellus is a fully domesticated animal with no wild population anywhere - it was bred from wild cavies in the Andes at least 3,000 years ago, primarily as food, and cuy remains an everyday me…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Caviidae
Habitat: Grasslands (ancestral), domesticated environments
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Domesticated (Not Evaluated); wild relatives Least Concern
Lifespan: 4-8 years
Weight: 700-1200 grams
Scientific name: Cavia porcellus

Did you know?

- Despite their name, guinea pigs are neither pigs nor from Guinea—they are rodents originally from the Andes mountains of South America.
- Guinea pigs popcorn - they jump straight up and twist in mid-air when excited, a behaviour with no obvious purpose beyond apparent exuberance. Their …

What I learned

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