

Animal Fact Sheet

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Guinea Pig

Cavia porcellus

The guinea pig is a small, tailless rodent native to the Andes in South America, domesticated for thousands of years. Known for their gentle temperament and vocalizations, guinea pigs are popular pet...

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 communicate with a variety of sounds, including 'wheeking' for attention. They require vitamin C in their diet, as they cannot synthesize...

What I learned
