

## Guidance for adopting a Guinea Pig

If you are interesting in adopting from Tiny Toes Rescue, please consider the following which are the guidelines we put in place to ensure the comfort of our Guinea Pigs:

1. The Guinea Pig(s) will always have a supply of fresh clean water
2. The Guinea Pig(s) will always have a constant supply of fresh hay
3. The Guinea Pig(s) will have a portion of fresh vegetables and fruit each day
4. The Guinea Pig(s) will live in adequate size housing with a minimum area of 60cm x 60cm square per Guinea Pig
5. The cage should NOT have a wire base/bottom cage
6. The Guinea Pig(s) will be kept clean and dry at all times
7. An adult will be responsible for all aspects of the Guinea Pigs care and children will not be left responsible for the care of the Guinea Pig(s) without adult supervision. You must be sure an adult will supervise if small children wish to handle the Guinea Pigs
8. If the Guinea Pig is to be housed outdoors at any time, it is important that
  - a) there is a fully fenced garden and that my Guinea Pigs home will be predator safe (eg cats, dogs, foxes, birds)
  - b) That they will be sheltered from the harmful elements (eg wind, direct sunlight, heat, cold, rain) at all times
9. The Guinea Pig(s) will obtain veterinary care if he/she should have an ailment, injury or illness when necessary
10. The Guinea Pig(s) will **NOT** be used for breeding or for testing or laboratory purposes, or be used in any inhumane way

If you are no longer able to take care of the Guinea Pig for any reason, you must ensure that the Guinea Pig is returned to Tiny Toes Rescue, and not abandoned, sold, given away or disposed of by any other means.

On collection of any Guinea Pig from Tiny Toes, you will be asked to sign an Adoption Contract confirming the above.