

APRIL LODGE GUINEA PIG RESCUE

Dedicated to rescuing the abused, unwanted and abandoned



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FINDING A NEW HOME FOR YOUR GUINEA PIGS

We take in many guinea pigs which people wish to rehome, often because the children have lost interest, illness, financial and personal matters and then there are those who have been abandoned, dumped, neglected or abused.

But we have a waiting list of guinea pigs due to come into the charity as unwanted guinea pigs far outweigh those being adopted and we simply don't have the space to take them all at once. Even if your guinea pigs **are** registered on our waiting list, you may like to try to rehome them yourself.

This document has been designed to prevent guinea pigs being passed around, ending up in "the wrong hands" and to ensure they end up in a safe, caring home for the rest of their lives.

Here are a few pointers on finding your guinea pigs a suitable new home.

- 1 - You need to let people know that you want to rehome the guinea pigs.
- 2 - You should visit any possible new homes to see how they will be kept.
- 3 - You could refer the new owners to our website which is packed with information on care & diet as well as our guinea pig welfare clinic details.
- 4 - It would be useful if you could see the whole family who want your guinea pigs, so you are happy with the set-up.
- 5 - Ensure the guinea pigs will not be used as live fodder for reptiles or as live bait for other animals. It happens – seriously!
- 6 - Ensure the guinea pigs will have secure protection against predators and extreme hot or cold weather conditions.
- 7 - You may like to ask if you can visit from time to time or receive updates.
- 8 - You may wish to organise a loan rather than a change of ownership.
- 9 - You should offer them a home back if the person interested is no longer able to keep them at a later date.
- 10 - You could also hand over their enclosure, equipment, hay, feed and bedding.
- 11 - The new owner should be told of any previous illness and which vet they are registered with, if it applies.
- 12 - You may like to compile your own care plan for the new owners.