

APRIL LODGE GUINEA PIG RESCUE

Dedicated to rescuing the abused, unwanted and abandoned
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ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

We put the welfare of the animals first - not profit for shareholders. As a registered charity which rehomes animals, we must abide by certain criteria regarding type of accommodation our guinea pigs will go to. Pet shops don't and in our experience, most sales staff are unaware of the RSPCA Welfare Act 2007 which stipulates a minimum cage size of 8sq feet for two guinea pigs. We are always happy to advise on what is and isn't suitable and can point you in the direction of better suppliers at good prices.

The minimum always is 120cm x 60cm or equating to 8sq ft (measuring floor area, not widest part or roof overhang) and on ONE level, not tiered.

INDOOR CAGES AND EXERCISE RUNS:

NO



Far too small.



Guinea pigs don't cope with steep ramps so the space required cannot be made up with height.

YES

The C&C kit system can be configured to your own design with loft if required. Ramp has traction and banisters. Much cheaper than off the shelf and considered the best by many



Large enough suitable cages include the Ferplast 140, and the 140cm from the Little Friends range

Play pens for exercise and enrichment indoors out of the cage are vital, especially for boars and during the winter.



OUTDOOR HUTCHES & RUNS:

NO

These aren't suitable due to size of living space, steep ramp, lack of protection from predators/vermin or having fixed runs. Guinea pigs need fresh grazing everyday. Fixed runs result in urine scalded earth and possible flystrike.



Suitable for indoor use as a playpen only

YES



Minimum size on one level. Raised off the ground.



Outside hutches will need some sort of protection but in very bad weather, you should have somewhere inside or more sheltered to house your guinea pigs.



Secure and solid and can be moved to fresh grass daily.