Caring for your Rabbit and Guinea Pig
Rabbits and Guinea pigs eat lots of fresh hay and grass, fresh chopped vegetables like spinach, celery and a bit of carrot and apple as a treat.

Ensure you empty and clean their food bowl every day.
Water

- Make sure your pet has cool, fresh water all the time.
- Using a special water bottle for small animals can help keep the water clean.
- When it is hot, wipe your guinea pig or rabbit with a cool, damp cloth.
- You can put a frozen plastic bottle in a sock or towel for your pet to rest on when the weather is hot.
Guinea pigs and rabbits can live in a large hutch with a roof and warm places to hide and sleep.

Rabbits can be taught to live in your house — like a cat.

Remember to clean your pet’s home twice a week.

Guinea pigs and rabbits need exercise — give them time everyday to safely explore outside their cage.

Bring your small animal out of the sun when it is hot.
Exercise

- All animals need room to move and play.
- **Watch** your guinea pig or rabbit when they are exploring to keep them safe.
- Even small animals get **bored** - give your pet some toys to play with, like a **box**, a cardboard tunnel or a fruit tree branch to **chew** on.
Friends

- Guinea pigs and rabbits need friends to share their homes with – they are very social animals.
- All animals can feel lonely.
- Remember to be very gentle and quiet when playing with your guinea pig or rabbit as they can be easily frightened.
Special Care

- Guinea pigs and rabbits must visit the vet once a year for a check-up.
- Vets give small animals medicine to stop them from getting some diseases.
- Take your pet to the vet if he is sick, hurt or stops eating.
Guinea pigs and rabbits can live for 5-10 years. You must be ready to love and care for your pet for its whole life.