



Pets Guinea Pig



Project Overview

You will learn about the guinea pig's history and origin, breed characteristics, anatomy, housing, health, identification, and behavior. The project is designed to teach you about how to care for a guinea pig in your home as it focuses on cage management, nutrition, grooming, breeding, and expenses associated with owning a pet guinea pig

Key Learning Topics:

- Common guinea diseases
- Reproduction of guinea pigs, sexing, breeding your pet, and raising litters
- Handling and taming your pet guinea pig
- Equipment needed to have a healthy pet guinea pig
- Proper nutrition of a guinea pig.

Expanding the Project

- Construct a poster or photo journal of your pet project to exhibit at a fair, or achievement day
- Keep records of the expenses associated with having a guinea pig.
- Keep a log of the activities you participate in which are related to those areas.
- Attend Project meetings and workshops.
- Deliver a demonstration or illustrated talk on your project.

Resources

- Hamster
- Guinea pig
- Birds
- Tropical Fish
- Record Form 300.A-7



Exhibit Guidelines

- Guinea Pig Exhibit
- Self-Determined advanced Small Pets Exhibit including Self-Determined Project Record Sheet 300.SD.1
- Posters may be no larger than 14 X 22 inches. Posters are defined as any flat paper, foam board, cardboard, or other backing appropriate for hanging on the wall.
- Display Boards may be no larger than 18 x 48 inches. Display boards are defined as scored, freestanding science boards.
- Exhibits: Exhibit bases for three dimensional vertical displays may be no larger than 24 x 24 inches

Targeting Life Skills:

- Goal Setting
- Cooperation
- Problem Solving
- Empathy
- Resilience
- Healthy lifestyle choices
- Decision making
- Disease Prevention
- Self-discipline
- Character

