Guinea Pig Vet Visit and Daily Health Checklist

Companion Reference Sheet for: Guinea Pig Vet Near Me: Dental and Diet Checks to Ask About
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Key Takeaways

- Ask whether the specific veterinarian who will see your pet has hands-on experience with guinea pigs.
- A dental exam should address the cheek teeth, not just the front teeth you can see.
- Bring specific food details, including types, portions, treats, and any recent changes.
- A wellness exam can cover weight, teeth, vitamin C intake, skin, droppings, and urinary signs.
- Changes in eating, breathing, movement, or urination can need same-day veterinary advice.
- Ask about diagnostic testing, after-hours care, and referral options before you need them.

Find a Nearby Veterinarian With Guinea Pig Experience

Wellness exam area	What to ask the veterinarian to assess	Reference
Teeth and overgrowth	How the vet checks the incisors and cheek teeth, and whether a fuller oral exam or imaging is needed.	Merck Veterinary Manual
Weight and body condition	How your pet's weight compares with their previous measurements and whether a change needs follow-up.	RSPCA guinea pig health guidance
Skin and coat	Whether there are areas of hair loss, sores, itching, or signs that need parasite or skin testing.	RSPCA guinea pig health guidance
Appetite, droppings, and urination	Whether eating, stool output, urine habits, or signs such as straining call for further investigation.	Merck Veterinary Manual

Discuss Diet, Vitamin C, and Daily Husbandry

Food or nutrition topic	What to discuss with the veterinarian	Reference
Grass hay	North Carolina State University Veterinary Hospital states that about 80% of a guinea pig's diet should be high quality timothy hay North Carolina State University Veterinary Hospital. Ask whether the hay type and daily access suit your pet's age and health.	North Carolina State University Veterinary Hospital
Leafy greens	The same hospital states that about 10% of a guinea pig's diet should consist of leafy greens North Carolina State University Veterinary Hospital. Bring a list of the greens and portions you offer.	North Carolina State University Veterinary Hospital
Pellets and vitamin C	Ask whether the pellets are formulated for guinea pigs, how much to feed, and whether your pet needs a separate vitamin C source.	VCA guinea pig feeding guidance

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Water and supplements	Review how you provide water and any supplements. Ask the vet to recommend a reliable vitamin C plan for your pet rather than changing the dose on your own.	VCA guinea pig feeding guidance

Guinea Pig Appointment Checklist

Bring the details that help the veterinarian see what is normal for your pet and what has changed. Husbandry details often explain a problem faster than any test.

☐ **Food record:** List hay, pellets, greens, treats, supplements, and approximate portions. Photos of food packages and feeding setup can help.

☐ **Health notes:** Record recent appetite, weight, droppings, urination, activity, and any signs such as drooling or itching.

☐ **Medical history:** Bring prior records, medication names and doses, test results, and information about earlier dental treatment.

☐ **Enclosure details:** Take photos of the habitat, bedding, water setup, and feeding area, or write down the cleaning and exercise routine.

☐ **Safe transport:** Use a secure carrier with familiar bedding and hay. Keep the carrier stable and at a comfortable temperature during travel.

☐ **Questions:** Ask who will examine your pet, how the clinic assesses cheek teeth, what tests may be needed, and who handles after-hours calls.

DID YOU KNOW?

The most commonly diagnosed disease in guinea pigs was dental disease (36.3 per cent).

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