

New MAZURI Small Pack Guinea Pig Diet 5E11 For Happy Cavy

A pig is a pig is a pig. Right? Wrong.

Guinea pigs--or cavy--are not really pigs at all. These South American natives belong to the genus *Cavia* in the order Rodentia, classified by their constantly growing incisors.

So how did they get the name? German speaking countries refer to these furry pets as "Meerschweinchen"--sea piglets that came across the ocean and squeal like pigs. In Holland "Guinees biggetje" or guinea pigs, refer to piglets that were sold for one guinea.

Anyone who listens to their delighted squeals at feeding time recognizes that guinea pigs are not difficult to feed. However they have delicate digestive tracts with a unique balance of helpful bacteria in their intestines. This balance can be destroyed by improper nutrition found in other diets like hamster and rodent feed.

Cavys also have unique dietary requirements for vitamin C, protein, carbohydrates, fats, fiber, and minerals which should be precisely balanced to maintain the good health of your pet.

A Daily Dose of Vitamin C

Stocky and small, guinea pigs are the only rodents who CANNOT synthesize Vitamin C. Like humans, they must consume an ample amount of vitamin C daily to prevent scurvy. The problem is that vitamin C found in fresh vegetables and other feeds lose potency over time.

MAZURI Small Pack Guinea Pig Diet, 5E11 contains a stable form of Vitamin C that is fully potent for up to nine months. When fed daily, this alfalfa-based diet eliminates the need for supplements and provides all the nutrients your cavys need--including natural vitamin E--in the precise balance to keep them happy and healthy.

A Diet for All Developmental Stages

MAZURI Small Pack Guinea Pig Diet, 5E11 is a complete life-cycle diet formulated to meet the nutritional requirements of guinea pigs during growth, reproduction and maintenance. It should always be fed free choice.

Something to Gnaw On

Palatable MAZURI Small Pack Guinea Pig Diet, 5E11 is a nutritious blend of pellets, grains, fruits and vegetables cavys can gnaw on to wear down their constantly growing teeth. Branches from fruit trees--not frozen or sprayed--also keep guinea pigs entertained.

Drink to Good Health

Guinea pigs don't tend to drink much and sometimes get water from fresh greens, however it is important to keep a fresh supply of water available in their cages at all times. A gravity-flow bottle fills their need for fresh water. Avoid using water directly from a faucet since chlorinated water is bad for the animals.

Go For the Green

Although MAZURI Small Pack Guinea Pig Diet, 5E11 is all your cavy needs, it's ok to feed greens. Celery, spinach and zucchini are all good choices. Avoid iceberg lettuce and green cabbage and never feed potato peelings or raw beans to your guinea pig since these are poisonous.

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