

AUNTYANIMAL

Small Animal Fostering and Rescue

GUINEA PIG MATCHMAKING SERVICE

Owners seeking a companion for their Guinea Pig are offered **BOARDING AT REDUCED RATE - (25% off)** (for up to 7 days*) for their guinea pig while we make careful monitored introduction with one (or a pair, or group) of our females or neutered males who are looking for a long-term relationship with the right partner!

*Boarding fee: Guinea Pigs (rescues) £4.00 per day less 25% = £3.00
Non-rescues £6.00 per day less 25% = £4.50

If your animal's boarding with us extends beyond the REDUCED RATE period of 7 days, extra day(s) boarding will be incurred at normal rate (e.g £4 per day for rescue guinea pig, £6.00 non-rescue) and must be paid for at the time of pick-up.

Your guinea pig(s) are offered a free mite treatment/preventative. The rescue currently routinely treats all guinea pigs with Ivermectin drops once every 3 months, as a preventative measure. It is also used when new animals arrive and before bonding guinea pigs or adding new guinea pigs to an established colony.

Upon successful bonding and subsequently agreeing to adopt one (or more) of our piggies **an adoption fee of £15 (each) is requested (adoption fee for a neutered male is £30)**. This helps towards neutering, vaccinations, treatment and health care costs incurred by the rescue.

On arrival your animal will be checked for any sign of illness - if any illness is evident your pet will be isolated from any other animals and run time may be restricted. In some cases we may reserve the right to refuse boarding.

In the event that your pet falls ill or is injured and requires treatment while boarding with us or during the bonding process you (the owner) will be liable for any vet fees incurred for its treatment.

AUNTYANIMAL is unable to accept liability for any consequences whatever resulting from your pets stay and is unable to accept liability for any expenses of any kind arising from sickness/injury developed during its stay or subsequently.

Owners Name:

Address:.....

Postcode:..... Telephone:..... Mobile:.....

Email:.....

Name and Address of Veterinary Practice:

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Telephone:.....

Piggy Bride/Groom's Name: Age:

Breed: Colour/Markings:

Neutered more than 6 weeks ago: Y/N

Any existing conditions/symptoms:

Date of Arrival: **Date of Departure:**

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..... days @ per day = payable on day of arrival.
(in addition to the above an Adoption fee of £15.00 female/£30 n male is requested at time of pick-up if bonding is successful)

Intended Piggy Bride/Groom's Name: Age:

Breed: Colour/Markings:

Neutered more than 6 weeks ago: Y/N

Any existing conditions/symptoms:

I (the owner) accept the terms and conditions contained in this agreement. I am aware that unforeseen circumstances can occur during the bonding process, and I understand that whilst the rescue will do its utmost to prevent injury and ensure that the Guinea Pigs health, welfare and safety are paramount, and that safety procedures are followed at all times, there could be a risk of injury.

Signed by(the owner)

Signed on behalf of **AUNTYANIMAL** Small Animal Fostering and Rescue.....

Date:

About the bonding process:

Guinea pigs are much happier in pairs or small groups consisting of :-
a single neutered male with a spayed female or group of females
a pair of females or group of females
a pair of males or a trio of males.

Every bonding is different (as each human friendship is different) sometimes they grow closer over time, sometimes there is an immediate connection. It really is up to them.

We never guarantee a time scale but 3 days gives us a much clearer picture of their relationship development than we can get from a few hours. For this reason we advise a 3 day stay initially which can be extended if necessary.

We like to ensure that guinea pigs are fully bonded before they leave and ultimately aim to get them sharing a carrier together, which means less trouble for you when they arrive home.

Bonding can involve a certain amount of chasing and posturing by one or both parties - providing this is not aggressive, the bonding can be allowed to proceed and this will be closely observed in the early stages, with the animals not being left together unattended for the first 2 hours.

A hierarchy will usually develop – be it within a herd or within a partnership. One animal becomes the dominant one, usually appearing first when food is on offer and sometimes hogging the food bowl before allowing it's mate or the rest of the herd to get a look in. This all works well providing the other(s) accept it and there are no overly aggressive challenges for dominance.

Successful bonding will depend on both guinea pigs attitudes. We have a high success rate but never tempt fate, so can't make any promises that a particular pairing will work, or how long it will take. We will try to keep you updated during your pet's stay (if you don't hear anything from us for a while please don't worry) above all else - animal safety is paramount and office administration is sometimes way down on the scale.

We will not rush any bonding or force animals to make friends. The animals must be allowed to make friends in their own time or decline advances. If a particular pairing isn't working we will call a halt to bonding.

Finally, once a pair are bonded they should never be separated. If one has a veterinary appointment or needs to visit the groomers then they should both accompany each other in the same carrier. It can be very stressful for guinea pigs to be apart once they have bonded and formed a close relationship with each other.

What's included in the Boarding Fee:

Food/Water - Food and water is included but we ask that you bring a small amount of your animals dried food so that we can mix it with ours to avoid dietary upset.
Branded dry food (either Burgess or Pets at Home is given to our small animals)
If you prefer to provide your own food or your pet has special dietary requirements we can accommodate this.

Fresh fruit/veg - Given according to Species/Breed requirements
If your pet has a favourite we'd like to know.

Hay - Good quality hay is given (as much as they can eat) according to Species/Breed requirements.

Treats - Given occasionally - if your pet has a preference again we would like to know.

Housing/Bedding - According to Species/Breed requirements
RABBITS and GUINEA PIGS are not shut in hutches 24hrs a day. Our indoor or outdoor hutches are spacious and your pet(s) will have room to play. They will also have the opportunity to graze in an individual outdoor run - weather permitting.
If you prefer to provide your pets own accommodation, arrangements can be made.
HAMSTERS, GERBILS, MICE, CHINCHILLAS, DEGUS, CHIPMUNKS, and similar animals will be boarded in their own accommodation which you will need to bring with you.

Toys/Stimulation - Our hutches/runs are spacious having toys, logs and tubes to explore and barley or oat straw to play in. You may like to bring your bunny's litter tray (if he/she uses one) or any toys that will be familiar to them. This will help them settle into their holiday accommodation having familiar things around them.

Cleaning - Undertaken on a daily basis to ensure your pet is kept comfortable and clean.

Access to secure outside runs - Weather permitting according to Species/Breed requirements. Your pet can enjoy nibbling the fresh grass and relaxing outside.

Cuddles - **AUNTYANIMAL** operates 24 hours a day so you can be sure your pet will receive its share of attention.

We aim to make your pets stay with us an enjoyable one, so you in turn can have a relaxing time whilst on your holiday knowing that your pet is being looked after by experienced caring people.

HAVE A LOVELY HOLIDAY,

AUNTYANIMAL

Visit our website

www.auntyanimal.me.uk

There is an on-line shop with plenty of donated New and Used bargains up for grabs, rescue/re-homing news, details of Holiday Boarding and more.

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