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### **Skincare + Environmental Matters**

Recently we've received a few emails about guineas with on-going skin problems. When Gorgeous Guineaes products are used as per the instructions, they are very safe, effective and rarely fail to help the condition for which they are designed. Often when you start digging deeper, there are other things going on that can affect the guinea's skin, so here are some things to consider in order to help your guinea:

- **Are you following the instructions to the letter?**

Every product is sent out with an instruction sheet with advice about how to use it. If you have any additional questions, you can always email me if you're not sure about anything. As an example, a few customers have come to grief with Lice 'n' Easy shampoo when they haven't bothered to do the second round of two shampoos one week after the first. Two lots of bathing are required to get rid of the lice, eggs and nits so if the second round isn't done, there is a good chance that the lice will return.

- **Are you trying to do too much?**

"Overprocessed pigs" are surprisingly common where people shampoo them too often (eg more than once a week where there is a skin problem), or apply too many products in a short space of time in the hope that by doing this, the problem will clear up more quickly. This is not the case with natural products - less is more and you don't need a lot of products to do the job. If in doubt, please ask as all our products have been thoroughly tested in various combinations, so we are always happy to offer you advice based on our experience.

- **Is your freshly washed guinea going back into a clean cage?**

If not, you may be prolonging their skin problem. It's a bit like humans putting their freshly washed / treated feet into dirty socks and untreated trainers when they are trying to get rid of Athlete's Foot! Cages need to be cleaned and disinfected at least twice a week as warm, damp bedding makes the perfect environment for all sorts of bacteria, fungi and insect nasties to flourish.

- **What type of bedding are you using?**

The combination of woodshavings or sawdust and not cleaning out often enough is one of the major causes of skin problems. Check out our [Top Tips](#) more information about how you can help to prevent many skin problems from happening in the first place.

- **Does the damp bedding get removed / replaced every day?**

Sitting on damp bedding isn't very comfortable or hygienic, so all damp bedding should be removed and replaced once or twice a day. This will depend on how many piggies there are in the cage and where they sit, sleep and poop - some spots are more popular than others!

Brodie is a prime example of a guinea that was kept in dirty conditions, on shavings, not cleaned out frequently enough and not given the necessary skincare. She was taken in by [Thistle Cavies Rescue](#) who kindly provided these pictures.



Bodkin with filthy skin



Bodkin with dirty "trousers"



Beautiful Bodkin after 2 x CocoNeem Melts followed by Manuka & Neem Shampoo



Bodkin with clean "trousers" and lovely pink skin