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The Importance Of Hay

Hay is an essential part of a guinea pig's diet and unlimited hay should be available to them at all times. Not only does it aid digestion, but it also helps to keep their teeth in check as they are constantly growing. Guinea pigs need a diet that is high in fibre and can end up with digestive problems such as intestinal blockages, enteritis and bloat where there is not enough fibre in their diet. Hay contains high levels of indigestible fibre which promote increased gut motility and can help to keep the digestive system healthy.

Hay fed to guinea pigs should be of good quality, have a nice green tinge to it and smell sweet. Sadly many pet shops sell very poor quality hay that is brown and dusty. The other problem with hay is that if it is old, hasn't been dried properly, or has been stored in poor conditions, it can go mouldy. If you ever find hay in this condition, please throw it away immediately as the mould (fungal spores) can cause skin problems or even death if a piggy eats hay in this condition.

Many farms and riding schools have nice sweet Meadow Hay on offer, and providing you have somewhere suitable to store a bale, it is a very cheap way of providing both bedding and forage for your guinea pig.

[Dust Free Hay](#) is grown organically in Derbyshire, available online and the "little volunteers" here at Gorgeous Guinea pigs are very enthusiastic about it. The hay is soft, green and fresh with a lovely aroma. They also supply dust free American Timothy Hay.

The Oxbow Hays are very good quality too, and add variety to your piggy's diet. Also highly recommended is Burns Organic Mountain Hay. These hays are all available from [The Hay Experts](#). Why not treat your guinea pig to some top quality hay and make their day? These hays are too expensive to use as bedding, so it is useful to put them in hayrack or hay ball them off the floor



This large hanging Hayball is great for groups of guinea pigs and comes highly recommended by the inmates here at Gorgeous Guinea pigs. Not only is it fun but keeps hay off the floor and fresh.

Because it is made of wire it can be used again and again so a great investment!

IMPORTANT - please don't give this size ball to baby pigs as they may get their cute little heads in between each section and we don't want them to get stuck!