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Top 10 Things We Wouldn't Be Without

We're often asked for product recommendations, so here are some of the things that we wouldn't be without. Website links are listed at the end of the article.

- 1. HAY, HAY AND MORE HAY** - the most important part of a guinea pig's diet. Buying nice green, fresh, meadow hay by the bale is by far the cheapest way to get quality hay for your guineas. Try your local farm or riding stables. Other more expensive hay is great to give your piggies variety. Firm favourites here at Gorgeous Guineaes are:
 - Dust Free Hay including dust extracted Organic Meadow Hay grown in Derbyshire and American Timothy
 - Oxbow Hays (Western Timothy and Orchard Grass)
 - Burns Organic Mountain Hay and Oat Hay
 - Just Grass (dried grass)
- 2. GUINEA PIG CAGES** - DIY cages that piggies love because they are open and spacious:) Built from Correx (corrugated plastic) and grids, you can construct them to whatever size you like. Practical, cheap to build and easy to clean.
- 3. OXBOW CAVY CUISINE** - nutritionally balanced, higher in fibre and lower in protein than most dried foods on the market. No artificial colours, based on Timothy Hay, it comes in pellet form so no wastage due to selective feeding. Cavy Performance is also available and this is specifically designed for Mini-Pigs that are growing fast, as well as pregnant and nursing sows that need additional nutrients for growth and development.
- 4. GORGEOUS GUINEAS PRODUCTS** - for regular monthly shampooing and other skin issues - we've got skincare covered:)
- 5. WATER BOTTLES** that Marvellous Maisie can't destroy! Maisie is our chief bottle "tester" and has managed to destroy most bottles apart from the ones from Thistle Cavies Rescue. They come with a bottle screw for fixing the drinking bottle to the cage. Quick and easy to remove for daily cleaning and refilling - 500ml size.
- 6. OXBOW CRITICAL CARE** - a high fibre, complete syringe feeding formula for guineas that are not eating due to illness or recovering from surgery. Critical Care is based on Timothy Hay and contains plenty of fibre to keep your guinea's digestive system moving.
- 7. PLANET GUINEA** grass and herbage seeds. Sourced specifically for guinea pigs - easy to grow and loved by guineas. Planet Guinea stocks a variety of guinea pig friendly grass seeds and herbage seeds, including grass seed mixes and their own herbage seed mix.
- 8. FOUR SEASONS ANTI-PARASITIC WORMER** - a natural wormer for your guinea. Quick and easy to use. Check out our Worming article for more information.
- 9. READING GUINEA PIG RESCUE** - our local guinea pig rescue and where most of the Gorgeous Guineaes "inmates" come from:) There are thousands of guineas waiting to be adopted and to find their "Forever Home" up and down the country, so please think about adoption before buying from a pet shop.

10. A GUINEA-COMPETENT VET who knows what a decent dose of antibiotics is, understands the importance of pain relief, can do dental work and X-rays without anaesthetic, not to mention using the correct anaesthetic gas for operations along with suitable pain relief before the op. Find one before you need one! Active Vetcare in Berkshire has some excellent guinea-competent Vets, so check out our recommendations.

Website Links:

The Hay Experts

Oxbow products including hay, Cavy Cuisine and Critical Care as well as lots of other goodies.
www.thehayexperts.co.uk

Dust Free Hay

Dust Free meadow hay and American Timothy.
www.dustfreehay.co.uk

Just Grass

Dried grass which guineas love, especially in the winter when fresh grass isn't readily available.
<http://www.dodsonandhorrell.com/products/horse/forage/just-grass/>

SPH Supplies

Oxbow products including hay, Cavy Cuisine and Critical Care along with probiotics, disinfectants etc. If you order from them, please mention Reading Guinea Pig Rescue so that they can receive a small donation@.
www.sphsupplies.co.uk

Guinea Pig Cages - Instructions on how to construct these fab cages.

www.guineapigcages.co.uk

Gorgeous Guineas

Visit our shop for all your skincare supplies.
www.gorgeousguineas.co.uk

Thistle Cavies Rescue

Water bottles, Oxbow products including hay and Critical Care, probiotics, disinfectant and much more! All profits go towards running the rescue and paying large Vet bills.
www.thistlecaviesrescue.com

Planet Guinea

Easy to grow grass and herbage for your guineas as well as Bags of Fun and Happy Soles Fleece Bedding.
www.planetguinea.co.uk

Holistic Pet Supplies

Four Seasons Natural Wormer.
www.holisticpetsupplies.co.uk Worming article: www.gorgeousguineas.com/articles.html

Reading Guinea Pig Rescue

Our local rescue where all our Gorgeous Guineas were adopted from.
www.readingguineapigrescue.co.uk

Active Vetcare, Berkshire

Recommended Vets in Berkshire that regularly treat guineas.
www.gorgeousguineas.com/vets.html