

# THE IMPORTANCE OF HAY IN A GUINEA PIG'S DIET

## GOOD QUALITY HAY/GRASS

- Should make up majority of their diet.
- Important to be available every day.
- Source of fibre for healthy digestion and teeth.
- Encourages natural foraging and grazing behaviour

## GREENS/LEAVY VEGETABLES

- Provide additional nutrients and moisture in their diet.
- Excellent sources of vitamin C.
- Add variety of textures and tastes for stimulation and enrichment.
- Can be given daily in small amounts.
- Examples are broccoli, kale spinach, watercress and celery.

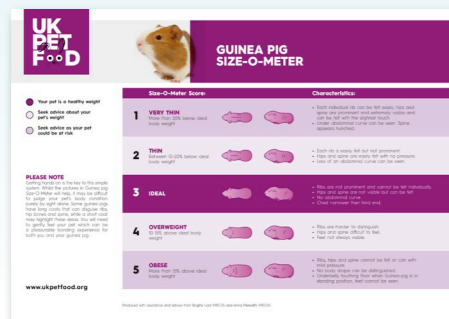
## GUINEA PIG FOOD

- There are different types of food that are specially designed for guinea pigs to meet their nutritional needs.
- Always follow the feeding guidelines on pack, for the correct amount to feed.
- **Guinea pigs are unable to synthesise their own vitamin C so it's important they receive sufficient amounts from their food.**

## TREATS

- Good for bonding with your pet.
- Examples are small amounts of carrot, strawberry, raspberry or cucumber.
- Give occasionally (limit them to avoid weight gain and dental problems).

Keep an eye on your guinea pig's body condition with the UK Pet Food Guinea Pig Size-O-Meter



**DON'T FORGET  
FRESH WATER!**

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Guinea pigs are different from rabbits and have their own nutritional needs.

