



Who we are

Founded in June 2001, Knoxville Guinea Pig Rescue is a no-kill rescue committed to saving guinea pigs. The board of directors brings over 50 years of experience to KGPR.

As of February 2023, KGPR has rescued over 1750 piggies and have adopted 1675 to caring homes.

When you adopt from KGPR, you become family. You'll have your KGPR family and their wealth of knowledge behind you anytime you have questions.

Fostering opportunities


KGPR is committed to providing a safe and loving environment for all our fosters while they await their forever home.

If you would like more information on becoming a foster parent, please visit our website and submit a foster application.

Essential Resources

knoxvilleguineapigrescue.org
guineapigcagesstore.com
guinealynx.com
cavymadness.com

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Knoxville Guinea Pig Rescue



Why should I adopt from a rescue?

Guinea pigs need to be rescued for a variety of reasons. Some come from sad, unhealthy and even dangerous conditions. Sometimes people just don't want to be bothered with them anymore. Many are from local shelters where they would have been euthanized.

By adopting from a rescue, you are saving lives. For every piggy that finds a loving home, we can rescue another. You will also know for sure the gender of your guinea pig and will be certain that it is not pregnant or sick. And you will have a great wealth of guinea pig information at your fingertips!

What to consider before adopting

- The average lifespan of a guinea pig is 5-8 yrs, so this is a long-term commitment.
- They are social animals and should not be kept alone.
- Cage size and location. See size chart.
- Who will be the primary caregiver? If adopting for a child, what will you do when the child loses interest?
- Proper guinea pig care can cost up to \$100/mth or more. Plus, you need to be prepared for significant expense of emergency vet care if needed.

Cage size chart

# of Pigs	Minimum Size	Preferred
	7.5 square feet approx. 30"x36"	Bigger is better!
	7.5 square feet approx. 30"x36"	10.5 square feet approx. 30"x50"
	10.5 square feet approx. 30"x50"	13 square feet approx. 30"x62"
	13 square feet approx. 30"x62"	16 square feet approx. 30" x 76"

Finding a piggy soulmate

Whether you're looking for a couch potato, an active piggy with zoomies and popcorn to spare, a talker that'll welcome you home with wheeks, or a companion for a current piggy family member, we want to find a good fit for your family.

All of our guinea pigs are vet checked and treated for any health issues before they are available for adoption.

Adoption process

- Research! Visit KGPR Guinea Pig 101 for advice.
- Submit an adoption application
- Our KGPR staff will review the application and contact you for an interview.
- If approved, we will work together to setup a meet-n-greet.
- At the meet-n-greet you'll meet piggies that we have determined would be a good fit for your family and overall lifestyle. We will tell you all about the piggies you are visiting with, and answer any questions you have about being a piggy parent.
- If you are seeking a companion for an existing piggy family member, you will bring that piggy(s) with you to ensure they are compatible with each other.
- If you choose to move forward with adoption, you will sign the KGPR contract, pay the adoption fee, then go home with your new piggy family member.

Cost of adoption

Our adoption fees for guinea pigs are:

- \$50 for a single
- \$75 for a pair
- \$100 for a neutered male or spayed female
- \$120 for a neutered male or spayed female and another piggy

New piggy parent checklist



Cage & Cleaning

- spacious cage
- dustpan & small whisk broom
- cage bedding
- paper towels
- trash bags
- spray bottle with 50/50 water/vinegar solution

Cage Accessories

- plastic or wooden hidey houses
- no-drip water bottle
- ceramic or no-tip food bowl
- wooden chew toys

Food

- high quality timothy hay
- oxbow guinea pig pellets
- fresh water (filtered is best)
- assortment of safe veggies and fruits

Care

- small animal nail clippers
- soft bristled brush
- small pet carrier

Veterinary Care

- You will need a vet that sees exotics.
- Find a vet before adopting! Visit our website for a list of reputable veterinarians. Don't wait until you have an emergency to start searching!