



RILEY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
ADOPTION CONTRACT

Guinea Pig

P.O. Box 1202, Manhattan, Kansas 66505

Phone: 785-776-8433 Fax: 888-701-8936 Web: www.rchsk.org

E-mail: Exotic-Adopt@rchsk.org OR Info@rchsk.org

Name of Adopter
Address of Adopter
Home Phone Work Cell
Email Address
Employer
Landlord Name (if renting) LL's Phone #:
Veterinarian's Name Vet's Phone #:
Name of Pet to be Adopted Sex Age
Breed/Description
References:(No Family Members Please) #1 Phone
#2 Phone

AS THE ADOPTING PARTY I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

- 1. I agree that this guinea pig will be an indoor pet integrated with the rest of my family. I understand that guinea pigs require time, attention and lots of love, and I have the time and the intention of providing this to my guinea pig
2. I agree to provide a safe, healthy environment and to house the guinea pig indoors, safe from predators, disease, and exposure. I agree to give this guinea pig play and exercise time. I will ALWAYS supervise any children or other animals who are in the presence of this guinea pig.
3. I understand the guinea pig needs social interaction and love for emotional wellbeing. I understand and agree to provide, for the guinea pig's social and emotional needs. I agree to read all information about this topic.
4. If renting, leasing or subletting, I CONFIRM that I have permission from the landlord to have an indoor guinea pig. 5. I agree to provide the guinea pig with fresh food, water, Timothy hay, pellets made for guinea pigs and small pieces of appropriate fruit/vegetables EVERY DAY.
5. I have no allergies to guinea pigs and no one in my household has an allergy to guinea pigs.
6. I will not allow animals such as hunting cats, ferrets, or hunting/working dogs, etc. around the guinea pig.
7. This guinea pig adoption is permanent, and I understand that the guinea pig can live on average from 5 to 7 years of age with a small chance of them reaching 10 years old.
8. In the event of illness or injury, I agree to seek PROMPT veterinary care.
9. I understand that the pet covered by these adoption papers, is, as far as can be determined by the RCHS, in good health, and that the RCHS is not responsible for any medical fees incurred after the adoption date. However, if a health problem develops during the first 10 days, I should notify the RCHS to discuss the matter.
10. I agree to provide requested feedback in the adoption follow-up program, and I give the RCHS visitation rights to ensure that the terms of this adoption agreement are being observed.
11. I agree that I am NOT purchasing this guinea pig to BREED OR BE BRED and that I will NOT willfully and/or knowingly place guinea pigs together of the opposite sex WITH OUT one of them being spayed or neutered.
12. If, for any reason, I cannot keep the adopted pet, I agree to notify the Riley County Humane Society (RCHS), and return the adopted animal to an active member of the organization.
13. I understand that any failure to perform the foregoing agreement will constitute a breach of contract. In the event of a breach in contract, I authorize the Riley County Humane Society to reclaim both possession and ownership of the pet.

Signature of Adopter: DATE:

RCHS Representative: DATE:

**Riley County Humane Society
Guinea Pig Interview**

Your Name _____

Name of Guinea Pig _____

1. Do you own your home or rent?

1a. If you rent, does your landlord permit guinea pigs? (**We will contact your landlord and verify**)

2. Have you had a guinea pig before?

2a. If so, how long did you have your previous guinea pig?

2b. What happened to them?

3. Why adopt a guinea pig as a pet?

4. Have you obtained information regarding guinea pig diet, needs, behavior, etc. ?

4a. Are you aware that guinea pigs **cannot** synthesis their own vitamin C unlike most other animals and are the only non-primate that **REQUIRES** vitamin C to be supplemented?

4b. How will you be adding vitamin C to your guinea pigs diet?

4c. Are you aware that some fruits and vegetables should not be fed to guinea pigs? (Iceberg lettuce is one example)

4d. Will you provide them with appropriate hay such as Timothy, Brome or Orchard Grass?

4e. Are you aware guinea pigs need their nails trimmed on a regular basis and are you willing to do this?

4f. Are you aware that guinea pigs may be active at night?

4g. What will you provide for the guinea pig to gnaw on to keep their teeth from getting too long? **5.** Will the guinea pig be housed indoors or outdoors

6. What type of caging/housing will you be using?

6a. Will there be room for food and water dishes, and room left over for the guinea pig to stretch out comfortably or stand up tall?

6b. What type of bedding will you use?

7. Are there children in the home? If so, what ages?

7a. Is the guinea pig being obtained as a pet for the child(ren)?

7b. Will the guinea pig be supervised in the presence of young children?

- 7c. If the guinea pig is being obtained for a child, is there an adult willing to be the primary care giver?
8. Is this guinea pig intended to be a bond-mate for another family guinea pig?
- 8a. If so, is that guinea pig spayed/neutered?
9. Does anyone in your home have any known allergies to guinea pigs?
10. Is everyone in the family aware of the potential adoption?
11. Will the guinea pig be allowed lots of exercise/play time outside of his/her cage and lots of interaction with the family?
12. Are there dogs or cats or other naturally predatory animals in the family?
- 12a. If so, how do you plan to keep the guinea pig safe from these animals?
13. We realize the veterinary care for a guinea pig is limited. However, are you willing to take your guinea pig to a qualified exotics veterinarian if he/she should need medical care?
- 13a. Are you aware of the cost involved with using a qualified exotics veterinarian?
14. A guinea pig's average lifespan is 5-7 years, but they can live up to 10 years. Are you fully prepared to commit to the guinea pig(s) for their entire lifetime?

If your application is approved, and the adoption is not successful, for whatever reason and after any duration of time, do you agree to return the guinea pig(s) back to the RCHS fostering and adoption program? This stipulation is also referred to in the adoption application you are required to sign.

If you agree please sign _____ Date _____