**Guinea Pig** *Cavia porcellus*

Guinea pigs are social companion animals that require daily interaction. They communicate by making various sounds that have different meanings and "popcorn," or jump in the air, when happy. Includes hairless guinea pigs.

**6 Things to Know About Guinea Pigs**

* They are one of the friendliest pets.
* Size: Guinea pigs grow up to 12 inches (30 cm) long
* Lifespan: Guinea pigs live for 5-8 years
* Sleep Patterns: Guinea pigs are diurnal and most active during the day
* Diet: As herbivores, Guinea pigs feed on plants and greens
* Did You Know: Guinea pig teeth never stop growing