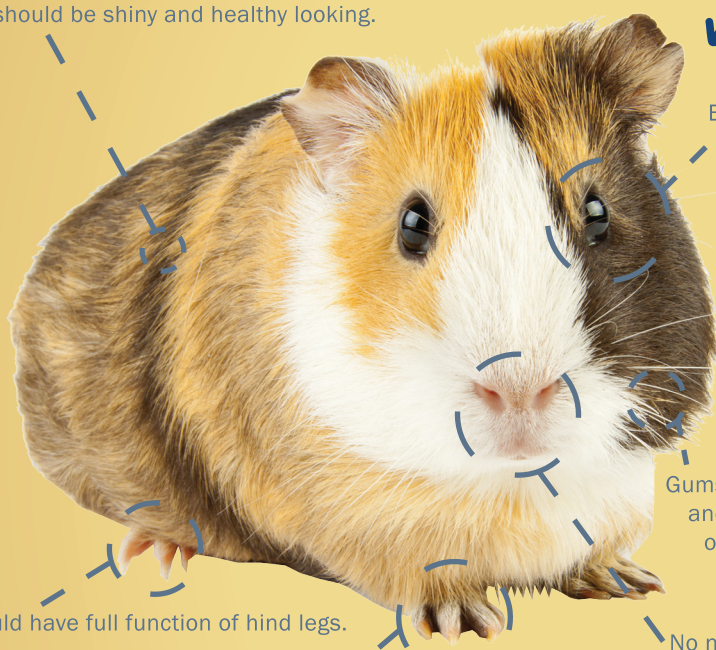


SCURVY IN GUINEA PIGS

Vitamin C is an essential vitamin in humans, primates and guinea pigs (cavies)
 – Without this critical vitamin, your animals will suffer from deficiencies and eventually develop the dreaded scurvy.

A Happy Healthy Guinea Pig

Coat should be shiny and healthy looking.



Eyes should be clear and free of any gunk or mucus.

Gums should be nice and pink. No blood or pale colouring.

Should have full function of hind legs.

No nasal discharge.

Joints should be moving freely without pain.

“Scurvy is a disease that can easily be prevented.”

How do we guarantee vitamin C??

Fruit and Veg



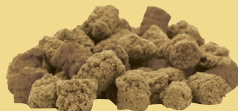
Fresh fruit and vegetables are a great source of vitamin C and fibre, but NOT a reliable source. Most of the time the levels of the vitamins are unpredictable and deteriorate rapidly in the elements (air, heat, sunlight).

Supplements



Vita-C Plus tablets are an easy way to supplement vitamin C, without changing the animal's diet. It is important to remember you are responsible for meeting the nutritional requirements of your guinea pig.

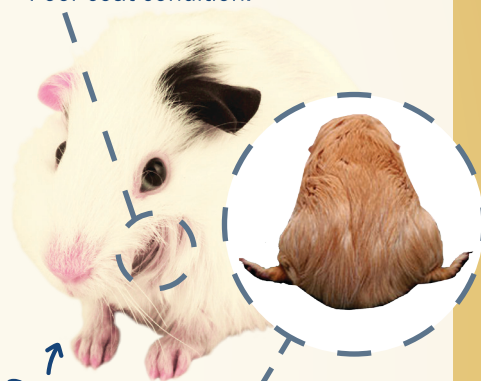
Pellets



Most commercial grain mixes and pellets do not contain vitamin C, but Vetafarm's Cavy Origins is fortified with a special form of vitamin C (stabilised) elements, formulated by animal nutritionists and veterinarians, guaranteeing your guinea pig gets the vitamins it needs.

Symptoms of scurvy:

- Loss of appetite and weight loss.
- Depression.
- Sore joints and lameness (usually in the back legs first).
- Bleeding gums and nasal discharge.
- Poor coat condition.



Scurvy

Rear leg paralysis.

Pictured above is a guinea pig that is displaying some common symptoms of vitamin C deficiency.

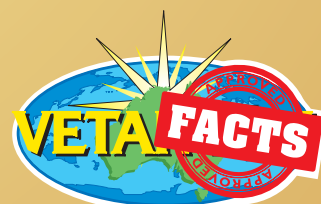


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