

ADOPTION ENQUIRY FORM – ACS Melbourne Shelter

1. E-mail Address and Contact Phone Number (Our first reply to your form is always via email)

Please check that your email address is written correctly. Sometimes we cannot email people back as they are incorrect.

2. Full Name and Age

Please note you must be over 18 to enquire even if you have children who are keen to adopt and who will be helping with the guinea pigs by policy the actual adoption must be to an adult over the age of 18.

3. Your Location (Suburb)

4. How did you hear about ACS?

e.g. Search Engine, Pet Shop, Vet, Word of Mouth, Newspaper, T.V, Friend who adopted or a Classifieds Site? Any help with specifics greatly appreciated. This question is placed here as the ACS is currently working on the best ways possible we can advertise our re-homing program to increase the chances of adoption for the animals in our care.

Before filling in this form, we ask that the ACS **Adoption Agreement Form** on our website be read and agreed to. This can be found in the following weblink:

www.australiancavysanctuary.com/adopt.html or in hard copy at the ACS Melbourne stall

5. Do you agree to the terms of the Adoption Agreement Form? **Yes / No** (cross out which is not applicable)

6. How many guinea pigs are you interested in adopting? (If you know which guinea pig you are interested in please state which here)

Please note: By ACS Policy we only adopt guinea pigs out in pairs or to a home with at least one other guinea pig. Guinea pigs are social/herd animals by nature and do need friends of their own kind as well as their human friends. Evidence shows it is cruel to keep a guinea pig on it's own. Please see the ACS Website's guinea pig care section for further information regarding cavy companionship.

7. Have you had any guinea pigs in the past or currently? If so, how many and how long ago? If you have guinea pigs currently are they males or females or both?



8. Do you have any other pets? (If so please state what type and how many).

9. How do you plan to house your adopted guinea pigs? (e.g. inside the home/patio or outdoors). If outdoors, do you have a fully fenced/secure yard? Does your yard have shaded areas?

PLEASE NOTE: The Melbourne ACS shelter does not recommend the use of lawn hutches or outdoor hutches kept in the back yard as a permanent home for your guinea pigs. If you do not already have a hutch, please communicate with the shelter manager who can direct you towards suitable enclosures for your adoptive pets. We can also help with modifications to existing cages to improve the living conditions for your new pets.

10. What size is the enclosure/s (length x width)? How many guinea pigs in total do you plan to keep in the enclosure? What is the enclosure made out of e.g. timber/metal/plastic?

If you can email or provide a photo of your enclosure, this will speed up the adoption process. Send to acsmelbourne@gmail.com

11. Does the enclosure have wire on the bottom? (e.g. will the guinea pigs be walking on wire)

Yes / No (cross out which is not applicable)

12. What will the guinea pig/s daily diet will consist of?*

PLEASE NOTE: The more specific you are, the faster the adoption process will be. If this section is answered in little detail we will have to email you back to ask what the exact daily diet for your guinea pigs is, so the more information you provided, the faster the adoption process will be.

13. Do you wish to show or breed with the guinea pig/s?*

- Yes (breed)
- No (breed)
- Unsure (breed)
- Yes (show)
- No (show)
- Unsure (show)

14. If you have any questions or any other details you would like to mention before adopting through ACS, please fill in this section with your questions or concerns. If you have children who will be regularly handling the guinea pigs, please mention here.

