



ACS Melbourne Adoption Agreement Form

Adoptive Parents Details:

Full Name:

Address:

Phone Number: (h).....(m).....

E-mail Address:

Adoption Agreement:

Written below is an outline of the minimum care requirements for a guinea pig adopted from the Australian Cavy Sanctuary. The information below may be a lot to read through but it is important that every aspect of bringing a guinea pig into your family has been considered before adopting so that your guinea pig will live a long happy and safe life and so that you can be 100% certain that a guinea pig is the pet for you. When adopting from the sanctuary this duty of care is agreed and signed to so it is recommended to read through it carefully and if in question about anything stated below please feel free to contact ACS to discuss it.

By choosing to adopt a guinea pig from the Australian Cavy Sanctuary, I hereby agree to the following:

1. An adult will be the core owner of the guinea pig and will be responsible for all aspects of the guinea pig's care at all times. Children will not be left responsible for the care of the guinea pig/s unless under adult supervision.
2. I will have an adult supervise if small children wish to handle my guinea pig/s.
3. My guinea pig will not be handled in a rough manner and will not be deliberately emotionally or physically harmed in any shape or form.
4. I understand that guinea pigs do not handle lots of stress and will provide a low stress environment for my guinea pig.
5. I am financially able to afford proper care for all the adopted guinea pig/s regular needs which includes the ongoing cost of appropriate and regular bedding, diet, housing and medical care as it arises.
6. I agree to be able to afford and supply appropriate vet care and/or medical care for my guinea pig if my guinea pig falls unwell and understand that this cost could come at anytime and/or suddenly. I understand that by bringing a new pet into my family that my new pet deserves the right to medically be treated appropriately if unwell so that it does not suffer or endure pain.
7. The average lifespan of a guinea pig is 5-8 years. I am prepared to care for my guinea pig for the full term of its natural life. I understand that if I have children they may lose interest in the family guinea pigs at some stage and that I have taken this into consideration and that in the best interest of the guinea pig that I am prepared to still cater for my guinea pig regardless of whether this occurs or not.
8. I agree to always make sure that my guinea pig has a companion of its own kind.
9. I agree that I will not breed from any guinea pig adopted through ACS.
10. I agree to always providing my guinea pig with an adequate daily diet.
11. I agree to providing adequate size housing for my guinea pig with a minimum area of 60cm x 60cm square per guinea pig unless the ACS Shelter manager has a written agreement with me stating that they accept my housing if it is smaller than the required space stated above.

12. I agree that if my guinea pig is going to be outside at any time that I have a fully fenced and secure yard and that my guinea pigs living quarters will be predator safe (e.g. cats, dogs, snakes, birds) and safe/sheltered from the harmful elements (e.g. wind, heat, cold rain) at all times.
13. I agree that my guinea pigs bedding will be kept dry and clean at all times.
14. I agree that the housing I provide for my adopted guinea pig will not have a wire base/bottom on it.
15. To the best of my knowledge this guinea pig has been sold to me in good health unless stated otherwise on the guinea pigs adoption certificate. If the guinea pig develops illness or injury in the future I will not hold ACS liable or responsible.
- 16. My guinea pigs will not be housed with other species due to the risk of injury and disease – this includes rabbits, rats, birds and poultry (chickens).**
- 17. If I am unable to keep my guinea pigs, for any reason, I agree to return them to the shelter (no questions asked) for a full refund of all adoption fees.**

Other Information

Please tick [✓] which applies

- I am over the age of 18. Yes No
- I am home everyday to care for my guinea pigs, and if unavailable have another reliable person/s that will tend to the animals. Yes No
- I have had problems, negative reports/warnings or visits from the RSPCA or another animal welfare organization. If you answer 'Yes', please give full details, including date/s, below. Yes No

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If at any time it is found that there has been a breach of my Adoption Agreement Form I accept that ACS may wish to speak with me regarding the breach to resolve the issue and/or if necessary take legal action in the case that the breach is of a serious nature.

If for any reason my adopted guinea pig is no longer to be kept by myself I agree to give the Australian Cavy Sanctuary first offer to take the guinea pig back.

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Name of Shelter Manager (please print): _____

Signature of Shelter Manager: _____

Signature of Adoptive Parent: _____

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