



## SO, YOU'RE THINKING OF ADOPTING A GUINEA PIG?

All Wadars guinea pigs are deemed to be healthy and have been examined by a vet.

They are fostered by carers and you must make an appointment to view them; please telephone 01903 247111 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday for details.

Guinea pigs are kept in our carers' private homes and gardens and we would ask for your consideration when visiting. All are in Worthing and you will be given full directions on how to get there.

Once you have chosen guinea pig you will need to call the Animal Welfare Team (AWT) on 01903 247111 to arrange a home check. Before the AWT's visit you will need to have a fully weather-proof hutch and run in place. Normally the AWT is able to visit within 2 or 3 days of receiving your call. The purpose of the home check is to discuss ownership with you and the health and welfare of the animal. If both you and the AWT are satisfied and all paperwork has been completed, the AWT will discuss a convenient time for you to collect your guinea pig. Please make sure you have a metal or plastic carrier for transporting your pet.

### **Your accommodation**

If you live in rented accommodation, the AWT will need to see written permission from the owner of the premises, agreeing to the adoption.

### **Financial Implications**

There is an adoption fee for all Wadars animals. The amount varies depending on which animal you have chosen. This will be discussed with you at the home-check and is payable at that time

A large part of owning any animal is ensuring that all their needs are met. This includes veterinary treatment, food and housing. Please ensure that you have considered the full financial implication of owning an animal before you contact us, including the cost of insuring your pet.

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