



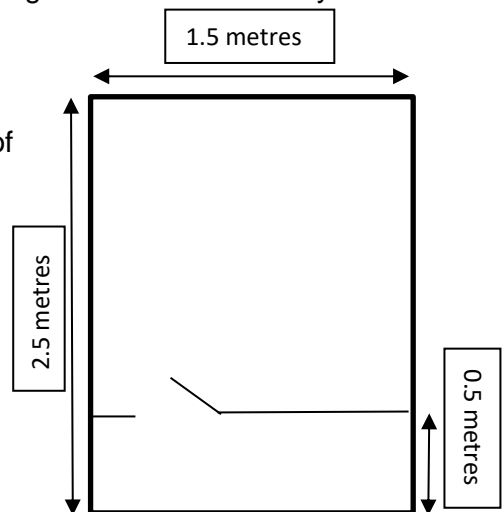
## THINKING OF ADOPTING A GUINEA PIG?

Although they may be small, owning a guinea pig may require more work than originally expected but if you ensure to meet all their welfare requirements, they can make fantastic pets. It is advised you do some research on guinea pigs; this could include their diets, grooming, cleaning, and social needs. Or give us a call and we can discuss the needs before you commit to adopting a new pet.

All Wadars guinea pigs are given a health check have been examined by a vet before being rehomed.

If you are interested in any of our guinea pigs, please fill out our online application form or phone us on **01903 247111** for more information. We would then arrange a home check with you and then invite you in to view the guinea pigs.

Before the home check you will need to have a fully weather-proofed hutch and run in place that meets the welfare needs of the animals (see diagram on right for approximate sizes). The purpose of the home check is to discuss guinea pig ownership with you and the health and welfare of the animal, as well as the housing you are providing for them. If you are looking to house your guinea pigs inside their enclosure needs are slightly different so, please get in touch so we can discuss your situation.



We do run a foster to adopt scheme if you are looking to bond your single guinea pig with one of our single guinea pigs, please phone us for further information on this process.

### Your accommodation

If you live in rented accommodation, Wadars will need written landlord consent agreeing to the adoption. This will need to be in place before a home check is arranged. Please provide your landlords contact details on your application so we can gain this consent.

### Financial Implications

There is an adoption fee for all Wadars animals, which helps cover the cost of their care with us- for guinea pigs this is £25 or £40 for a pair. The adoption fee is payable at the time of collection. Please make sure that you have a suitable plastic or metal carrier for transporting your pet. We can provide carriers for a £10 donation.

A large part of owning any animal is ensuring that all their needs are met, so do ensure that you have considered the full financial cost of owning guinea pigs, such as their accommodation, food, bedding and vet checks before you begin the process to adopt an animal from Wadars.

The minimum age for adopting an animal from Wadars is 18 years.

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