



Guinea Pig Grooming Guide

Follow our guide to keep your guinea pig tangle & dirt free, spot any abnormalities, and strengthen your bond with regular grooming.

Brush & Browse

Brush once a week (short-hair) or 2-3 times (long hair) - use the palm of your hand (add a bit of water if shedding) or a metal narrow-toothed comb. Look and feel all over for lumps, sores, hair loss & pests too.



Grease Glands

Weekly, wipe grease gland (penny-sized oil gland at base of spine used for scenting & marking) with diluted guinea pig shampoo, to prevent build-up & infection.



Ear Clean

Weekly, check for wax build-up, bacterial infections & ear mites. Foul smell or reddish/brown crustiness requires vet treatment. Clean outer ear with diluted guinea pig shampoo, never poke anything inside.



Dental Check

Weekly, check for broken/misshapen teeth. Inhibited eating or drinking is a vet emergency.

Nail Trim

Every 1-2 months, depending on age, diet, cage type, and activity level. Reduce pet stress with a professional nail clipping service.

'Butt' Bath

Occasionally, if soiled with urine/faeces, more often if long-haired. Wash bottom half only in shallow water with guinea pig shampoo. Towel-dry thoroughly.

Contact your Vet for more advice and help with Guinea Pig Grooming.