



GPAW's 2021 Perfect Piggies Programme



Welcome to the Perfect Piggies Programme!

Guinea Pig Awareness Week brings a nation of Guinea Pig lovers together to help spread the word about how to properly care for them.

Our handy checklist helps you to remember to complete all of the daily and weekly tasks necessary to keep your piggies happy and healthy.

Perfect Piggy Activity	Week 1							Week 2							Week 3							Week 4							Perfect Piggies Score
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
My piggies ate their body size in hay																													/28
My piggies ate their recommended amount of high fibre nuggets																													/28
I gave my piggies a handful of fresh greens																													/28
I hid my piggies' nuggets in their hay to encourage foraging																													/28
I refilled my piggies' water bowl/bottle																													/28
I interacted with my piggies																													/28
My piggies had space to exercise																													/28
I cleaned my piggies out																													/28
I checked my piggies' body score*																													/28
I checked my piggies for signs of illness																													/28
I checked my piggies' bottoms for sticky droppings																													/28
weekly I gave my piggies a health check																													/4

*To check your piggies' body score visit <https://www.pfma.org.uk/pet-size-o-meter>
One point per activity per day.



How to perform a weekly piggy healthcheck

1. Check your piggies' coat for any signs of dandruff, fleas or foreign bodies.
2. Check inside your piggies' ears for discharge.
3. Check the length and alignment of your piggies' front teeth.
4. Check your piggies' weight and keep note of any changes in it.
5. Give your piggies a gentle groom, this can also help you to bond with your piggies.

(Long haired piggies will need grooming more than once weekly.)



If your guinea pig shows any signs of illness or disease take them to your vet.

How to perform a daily piggy healthcheck

1. Check your piggies' eyes and nose for any discharge or mucus.
2. Check your piggies' coat is glossy and well kept and their skin is healthy.
3. Check your piggies are moving around normally.
4. Note any changes in your piggies' behaviour.
5. Check your piggies are eating all parts of their diet.
6. Check your piggies are passing urine and droppings normally.
7. Check the skin around your piggies' bottom for any signs of wet which can cause fly strike (check twice daily in summer months!)



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