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# Metropolitan Guinea Pig

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## Interested In Adopting?

If interested in **fostering**, [click here](#) to submit a fostering application.

If interested in **adopting**, please answer the following questions to apply to adopt a MGPR guinea pig. We try to ensure the best possible match between animal and adopter. Remember that this is a lifetime commitment.

Before applying, keep in mind the following points:

- Guinea pigs must be housed indoors only.
- You are expected to provide the guinea pig with a large enough cage. **Before applying, review the page about appropriate [CAGES \(click here\)](#) . It is very important to us that your guinea pig has a proper size cage!**
- Guinea pigs live an average of 5-8 years. We are looking for those special adopters who will make every effort possible to keep their companion for the entire life of the guinea pig despite lifestyle changes (divorce, moving, etc.)
- Guinea pigs may not be adopted as gifts.
- Guinea pigs are social animals and are happier in pairs (or herds of two or more). Therefore, we do NOT adopt "single" guinea pigs unless specifically stated in the description.
- If you already own a single guinea pig and want to adopt one of our guinea pigs as a companion, this is our speciality!! Mixed-sex pairs are recommended as this pairing generally works best.
- We will NOT adopt a guinea pig for the purposes of breeding.
- We do NOT adopt guinea pigs to children. We do adopt guinea pigs to families. Parents must fill out this application and sign the adoption contract. **Please do not have your children call or email.** Applicants who under 18 yrs of age or who are living with parents must have a parent or legal guardian apply on their behalf.

- MGPR is an all volunteer organization. Therefore, it may be 7 to 10 days until we contact you about your application. If you have not been contacted after 10 days of submitting your application, you may email us at [info@mgpr.org](mailto:info@mgpr.org) for a status.

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#### Fees as of Jan 1, 2019

- **\$65 per neutered male** guinea pig
- **\$80 per spayed female** guinea pig
- **\$110 for bonded pairs** (Pairs listed on the site together)
- Unlike some other rescue groups, all of our guinea pigs are spayed/neutered and have been to a vet for a checkup prior to adoption. While the adoption fee helps to cover some of the vet costs, our expenses far exceed the adoption fees. [Click Here](#) to see why we feel that spaying/neutering our guinea pigs is so important. Not only does it control the guinea pig population, there are definite health benefits.
- A contract must be signed at adoption time

Please understand that the guinea pigs available for adoption are all housed in foster homes. We do not have a shelter facility. We rely on the kindness of volunteers to care for and socialize our foster piggies. Sometimes, if a guinea pig has been fostered for a long period of time, a strong bond forms between the foster parent and the animal. The foster parent has the final determination in whether or not the animal will be relinquished into your custody.

We do not hold guinea pigs back from adoption. There's a chance that the guinea pig you're interested in will be adopted before you're invited to an adoption meet. Please understand that if you have a guinea pig and adopting a friend for him/her, it's ultimately up to your guinea pig as to whom you adopt. We would work with you to find a compatible friend of opposite sex. All of our guinea pigs are spayed or neutered so there is no chance of offspring with your guinea pig.

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## Adoption Application

**Please complete the entire application as incomplete applications will NOT be accepted. We serve the Washington DC-MD-northern VA area and will consider areas in other states if within 2 hour driving distance (one-way) from Washington DC. You must be willing to make the drive to where we hold adoption meets in northern MD.**

Name:

Address:

City:

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State:

District of Columbia

**NOTE:** MGPR is a Virginia based organization and adopts only to those living in Washington DC-MD-northern VA and will consider areas in other states if within 2 hour driving distance (one-way) from Washington DC. MGPR reserves the right to decide which locations are too far from the organization's base for an applicant to be considered to adoption. You must be willing to make the drive to where we hold adoption meets in northern MD.

Zip:

Telephone:

Email Address (please be accurate):

Applicant Age: 18 years or older:

Living Area:

House

Please select all that apply:

Own

Rent

Rent w/roomates

if renting, does your landlord allow pets:

Living w/parents

Student

List all human members of household and ages of children:

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If children are in the household, what will be their role in caring for the guinea pig:

Does anyone in the household have allergies to animals

No  Yes  No

If yes, please describe:

### Tell Us About Your Pets (Current and Past)

Do you currently have any pets?

No  Yes  No

If yes, please describe. Include all pets, types, age, sex, spayed/neutered. Specify where they are kept and how long you have owned them.

Name of Vet, City, Phone (if Applicable):

Is this an exotic vet:  Yes  No

Are you aware of the costs involved for regular vet care?  Yes  Yes  No

List all pets no longer owned for the past 5 years. (use text box on next page)

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Include type, age, sex, how pet was obtained, and why you no longer own the animal:

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a shelter?  No  Yes If yes, describe the circumstances:

Are you planning on moving soon?  No  Yes

If yes, when?

Who will be the primary caregiver for the guinea pig?

Is there a particular guinea pig(s) you're are interest in adopting? (not required)

Reason for wanting to adopt a guinea pig:

How much time will have have to spend with the guinea pig?

Describe how frequently the guinea pig will be held and taken out of its cage:

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What will you do with the guinea pig when you go on vacation?

Do you already own a cage?  No  Yes

If yes, describe it:

Describe where the guinea pig cage will be kept:

While not required for an adoption, a home visit is often part of our adoption process. Would you object to a home visit?

No  Yes  No

Have you applied or adopted a guinea pig from us before?  No  Yes  No

If yes, please describe:

How did you hear about us?

Personal Reference

Your application will be reviewed by all MGPR volunteers. One of the volunteers will be assigned to your application and will reach out to you to guide you through the adoption process, which will involve answering additional questions.

[Email completed form to info@mgpr.org](mailto:info@mgpr.org)

For general questions and comments, please email [info@mgpr.org](mailto:info@mgpr.org)

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