## The Covid Conundrums An Invitation to Support Metropolitan Guinea Pig Rescue

## Friends of MGPR,

What a year 2021 has turned out to be for MGPR! We have been involved in some large rescues before, but none have been as challenging as two of the ones we have been involved in this year. The first came our way in March, when we were asked to help with many guinea pigs that had been seized in a situation where they were being kept in very poor conditions for snake food. We received 35 guinea pigs. One delivered two very deformed still births, one delivered four beautiful babies but at such a great toll to her own body we still don't have her sorted out. Of that group we would lose four as we battled a very severe upper respiratory issue and coccidia. Two would not reach a weight that we felt comfortable spaying. The combination of

bad breeding and filthy living conditions with little food was impossible to overcome for many of them. I can tell you that for the three foster homes that housed most of the guinea pigs, there were a lot of daily syringes wheek after wheek after wheek. Four of this group are still in our care.

Then would come the Rockport pigs - a group that we are still in the midst of sorting out. 20 guinea pigs (24 now, and counting,) that are all very beautiful, very young and pregnant way too early. We are so lucky to have so many foster families that are willing to do the difficult job of fostering these sweet girls knowing how hurtful the outcome may be.



We also have some good news. We did win a fifteenhundred-dollar product grant from Oxbow this year. While that is helpful for supplies, our veterinary costs have been huge this year. That's where you always come in.

We hope you will be able to continue supporting us in our rescue efforts. The pandemic has had a huge impact on all rescues worldwide. We are being asked to take in record numbers of animals that were amusing during lockdown but no longer wanted as people go back to their daily lives outside of the home. We need you now more than ever.

Learn more about these and other guinea pigs on our website, <u>WWW.MQDr.Org</u> Or find us at the Metropolitan Guinea Pig Rescue page at Facebook.com!

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