



# Rescue

# Metropolitan Guinea Pig

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## Interested In Fostering?

It is the responsibility of Metropolitan Guinea Pig Rescue ("MGPR") to offer for adoption healthy, socialized guinea pigs to the extent possible. To this end, foster families are expected to provide regular socialization and to use supplies in accordance with the guidelines established by the rescue, including brands of food and bedding, and the provision of fruits, vegetables, and hay.

Please answer the following questions to apply to foster a MGPR guinea pig.

## Fostering Application

Please complete the entire application as incomplete applications will NOT be accepted

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

**NOTE:** MGPR is a Virginia based organization and considers only to those living in the District of Columbia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. MGPR reserves the right to decide which locations in these states are too far from the organization's base for an applicant to be considered for fostering.

Zip:

Home phone:

Work phone:

Cell phone:

Email Address (please be accurate):

What is the best way to reach you?

What is the best time to reach you?

Name of alternate contact (optional):

Phone number for alternate contact (optional):

Email Address for alternate contact (optional):

Are you over 21? 

MGPR accepts guinea pigs from a variety of shelters, in all states of health and socialization – ranging from friendly and healthy to unsocial and critically ill. MGPR wants your foster care experience to be a comfortable and positive one. We will make the best match possible for you,

your family members, your lifestyle, and your environment. If you are interested in fostering a special needs animal, we will provide you with the required support.

**MGPR will provide all vet care for the foster guinea pig(s) through the approved veterinarians.**

1. Does everyone in the household agree with doing foster care?  Yes

If no, who objects and why?

2. Are there any special circumstances or limitations to your ability to do foster care (time, money, space, driving ability, physical condition, travel, etc.)?

Please describe:

3. Are you willing and able to take your foster guinea pig(s) to adoption meets, if not are you willing to transfer the guinea pig(s) to another foster parent to transport for you?  Yes

4. Have you ever had any problems, negative reports/warnings or visits from the SPCA or any other animal welfare organizations?  Yes

If so, please give details:

5. Have you ever been convicted or accused of animal cruelty?

6. Living Area:

House

Please select all that apply:

- Own
- Rent
- Rent w/roomates:

7. If you rent, does your landlord allow guinea pigs:

- Living w/parents
- Student

8. Are there any other people living in your household?  Yes

If so, please state how many and their ages:

9. Does anyone in the home have animal or hay allergies?

No  Yes

If yes, please describe:

10. Are there any other animals living with you?

If so, please state the type of animal(s) and how many:

11. I certify that my own pets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations, where appropriate

12. Have you owned any guinea pigs in the past?

If yes, please state how long ago, how many, and the circumstances in which they left your care:

13. Do you currently own any guinea pigs?

If so, please state how many:

14. How many hours in the day will an adult be at home where the foster guinea pig(s) is being cared for?

15. How many hours a day will you be at home and/or be able to dedicate time to your foster guinea pig(s)?

16. Do you have any experience in animal care/foster care?

If so, please give details:

17. How many guinea pigs can you comfortably care for?

18. Are you willing to supply food (Pellets, green non-alfalfa hay, and vegetables) for the guinea pig(s) in your care?  Yes

19. Are you willing to supply bedding for the guinea pig(s) in your care?  Yes

If so, please state the type of bedding you will be using

20. MGPR will be happy to provide a cage to you at no cost. Are you interested in a cage from MGPR?  Yes

If you choose to use your own, please state the type of cage and the size dimensions.

21. Where will the guinea pig(s) in your care be housed? (Living room, kitchen, bedroom etc.)

22. Do you feel emotionally capable of letting go of the guinea pig(s) once you have finished fostering them?  Yes

23. What type of guinea pig(s) are you willing to provide foster care for?

- Pregnant guinea pig(s)
- Mother and babies
- Guinea pig(s) requiring at home medical care/treatment
- Old/Sanctuary guinea pig(s)
- Guinea pigs needing behavioral support/treatment
- Guinea pigs needing extra handling to help them gain trust
- Healthy guinea pigs

I agree to the following conditions (You must agree to and check all boxes to be considered for fostering):  Yes, agree to all conditions below

- I will keep my foster guinea pigs in a separate cage from my own animals. I understand that there is a risk of my pets becoming ill and/or injured from exposure to foster guinea pigs.
  - I will house the guinea pig(s) in the appropriate rescue approved cage (MGPR will provide a cage if needed).
  - I will provide only bedding; food; and non-alfalfa hay that has been approved by MGPR, without reimbursement
  - I will provide fresh fruits, vegetables, and green non-alfalfa hay to the foster guinea pig(s), without reimbursement.:
  - I agree to provide daily handling of my foster guinea pig(s) in a safe and appropriate manner
  - I will monitor my foster guinea pig(s) regularly, weigh them weekly, conduct regular health checks, and immediately notify one of the board members of any concerns about a foster animal's health or behavior
- If my foster guinea pig(s) requires veterinary attention, I will do my best to obtain permission from one of the board members before taking the animal to the vet. I will take the animal to an approved veterinarian immediately or arrange for another foster parent to do so in emergency situations.

- If I take my foster guinea pig(s) to the veterinarian, I will attempt to contact and discuss any suggested veterinary procedures, including but not limited to diagnostics such as bloodwork or radiographs, non-routine procedures, or euthanasia, with the board members before they are undertaken
- The foster guinea pig(s) are the property of MGPR. I will adhere to any decisions by MGPR about the return or placement of the foster guinea pig(s).
- I will provide the appropriate bowls, hides, and water bottles for the foster guinea pig(s)
- I will make prior arrangements to return my foster guinea pig(s) to MGPR if I can no longer foster them
- I will not take in guinea pigs on behalf of MGPR from individuals, animal shelters, or any other sources, without prior permission of MGPR
- I understand that foster guinea pigs must be adopted through MGPR and they may not be released into the care of anyone prior to the completion of the full adoption process and contract
- I understand that an authorized agent of MGPR may check on any foster guinea pigs in my care and remove them if deemed necessary
- MGPR and its authorized agents are not responsible for any accidents, injuries, or illnesses arising from the fostering of MGPR guinea pigs
- MGPR, its authorized agents, and the hosting facility or owner are not responsible for any accidents, injuries, or illnesses at or arising from adoption meets
- I will not turn over a foster animal to anyone who claims it is his/her lost pet without consulting with a board member.
- I will not transfer a foster animal to another foster home without first notifying a board member
- I will follow all foster care policies and procedures
- MGPR retains full ownership of any animal in foster care and will handle all decisions made in regards to adoption and care for the animal

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

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