

Meet Moe

Directions:

Read Moe's story and adoption profile below to learn more about him. Think about the kind of forever home that would be suitable for a guinea pig like Moe. To learn more about what guinea pigs need, check out our Guinea Pig Care Guide.

Moe's Story

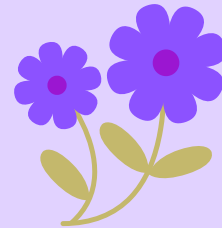


Moe's guardians already had a male guinea pig named Curly at home. They purchased Moe from the pet store as a friend for Curly. After a couple of months, Curly suddenly gave birth to three baby guinea pig girls! Oops! It turns out, Curly was a female guinea pig after all, who knew?

Moe's guardians surrendered him to the BC SPCA because they didn't have a separate place to keep him and were worried that if Curly got pregnant again, they would be overrun with guinea pigs!

Adoption Profile:

- 2 year old Abyssinian Guinea Pig
- Unneutered male
- Lifespan 5-7 years
- Not used to people. Needs a quiet home with people who are patient and willing to socialize him.
- Can be kept in a home with cats and dogs as long as he is safely out of their reach.
- Is a social animal who would benefit from a friend of his own kind.

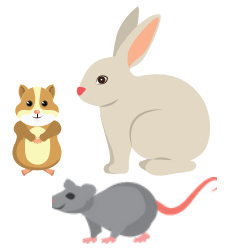


Too Many Pigs!



The story of Curly and Moe is unfortunately not an unusual one. Guinea pigs can have babies from as young as 4 weeks! Very often, it can be hard to tell males from females, especially at a young age. Guinea pigs are social animals and need companionship, but should not be kept with a member of the opposite sex. Baby guinea pigs are cute, but could you find great homes for lots of babies if your guinea pig got pregnant?





Adoption Match

Directions: All of these people have applied to adopt Moe, but he can only have one forever family! Choose the perfect home for Moe by referring to his adoption profile and the [BC SPCA Guinea Pig Care guide](#) to find Moe's perfect match.

Applicant 1: Mary Molson

Mary has one male guinea pig. She has a 10 year old cat. She is a stay at home mom and has a son aged 7. She has a veterinarian.

Where will you keep Moe? In our basement where we keep our other guinea pig. We lock the door to keep the cat out. We will set up a smaller pen alongside our current guinea pig and join both pens together after a few weeks if all goes well.

What will you do with Moe if you go on vacation? Our cat sitter can also look after Moe.



Approved? Yes No **Why** _____

Applicant 2: Serena Jolston

Serena has two male guinea pigs. She also has a cat and a large dog. She has one daughter aged 5 and is a stay at home mom. She has a regular veterinarian.

Where will you keep Moe? In a large floor pen in the family sitting room with my other guinea pigs, with blanket bedding. He will get lots of attention in this busy place.

What will you do with Moe if you go on vacation? Hire a pet sitter.



Approved? Yes No **Why** _____

Applicant 3: Neil Parden

Neil has one unspayed female guinea pig. He has no other pets and no children. He does not have a veterinarian. He goes to work every day.

Where will you keep Moe? He can share a cage with my current guinea pig Flora. She gets along with everyone! I will fill their cage with aspen shavings.

What will you do with Moe if you go on vacation? Set him up with lots of pellets and hay, I won't be gone away for long. He and Flora can keep each other company.



Approved? Yes No **Why** _____