

MEET OUR ANIMALS

Introducing: Mouse the Guinea Pig



Mouse came to Diamond Forest Farm Stay in May 2017 as his previous owner was no longer able to keep him. Mouse is a very appropriate name for him as he is very shy and timid and likes to hide away in his little green shell that is his shelter. We don't know exactly how old Mouse is but we know he is not too old and not too young.

Did you know?

- Guinea Pigs originated from the Andes and are a member of the rodent family
- Guinea pigs are not related to pigs and they do not come from Guinea. The Guinea in their name refers to the country of Guyana and because they have stout bodies which gives them a "piggy like" appearance, they are named after them
- A male Guinea Pig, like Mouse, is called a boar and a female is called a sow (these are the same names given to pigs)
- Guinea Pigs live approximately 7 to 9 years so they don't have a very long life span
- Guinea Pig's teeth continue to grow so it is important that they have a variety of feed to help their teeth wear down
- Each Guinea pig has five different types of hair that make up their coat
- An adult will grow to approximately 20-25cm long
- Guinea Pigs are very susceptible to very hot and very cold temperatures so in winter mouse has his own little heat mat to keep him warm and he gets a bottle filled with ice to cool down in summer

Our Secret

Mouse is very shy but he will come out of his little green shell house when all is quiet and no one is around. If you are very quiet and sneak into the petting pen you may just catch him out and about because he thinks no one is watching.