

Nelly

**Species**

Guinea Pig (*Cavia porcellus*)

Habitat:

Grassy, rocky areas. Native to South America. Lives in underground burrows.

How we look after our pet:

A good hutch, an outdoor run, a friend to live with. Plenty of hay. Shelter and protection from the weather in winter.

Food:

Grass, hay, vegetables/fruit. Small amount of guinea pig pellets. Extra Vitamin C.

Characteristics:

Up to 40cm long. No tail. Short legs with claws on each toe. Body covered in fur. Sociable—like to be with other guinea pigs.

Why we love Nelly:

Nelly is very inquisitive. She is fast, and races around her run in the garden, exploring everything!

Nelly's Story

Nelly is still quite young. She came to live with Rachael in early 2017 to be a friend for Nancy Guinea Pig. Nelly is quite an unusual colour, grey and white, with red eyes. Nelly can be a little unsure of new things, and appreciates Nancy's care and kindness towards her!

Not all guinea pigs will easily take to the introduction of a new pig, and you should never leave them alone together at first, they need plenty of time to get to know each other under supervision. Nancy and Nelly were firm friends from the start though, and live happily together.

