

# Apple and Crumble



## Species

Guinea pig (*Cavia porcellus*)

## Habitat

Originally native to South America, in particular Peru. No longer exist in the wild.

## Care

Brothers, Apple and Crumble have a spacious indoor pen full of toys, hides and hay racks, and a large outdoor run with tunnels and lots of fresh grass. Guinea pigs are very sociable and need to live in groups or pairs.

## Food

Hay and grass are the best things for them with some daily fresh veg and biscuit pellets. Apple and Crumble also love dandelion leaves.

## Characteristics

Apple and Crumble are short-haired guinea pigs. They have very good hearing and eyes on the side of their heads so they can look out for danger. Their eyes have something called a dark ruby cast, this means they can look brown in some lights and red in others. It's caused by different pigments shining through.

## Why we love Apple and Crumble

They are sweet-natured, gentle and wonderful lap warmers! They rub each other's noses to say hello, which is very cute.

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# Apple and Crumble's story

Apple and Crumble were rehomed with Clare after their previous owner was no longer able to look after them.

Clare's daughter dubbed them Apple and Crumble as they were as sweet as pie – and the names stuck.



Apple and Crumble love snuggling up on people's laps, being scratched behind their ears, stroked along their backs and hand fed veggies. In fact, they'd probably like to do it all day long. As these little piggies love cuddles and food in equal measure.

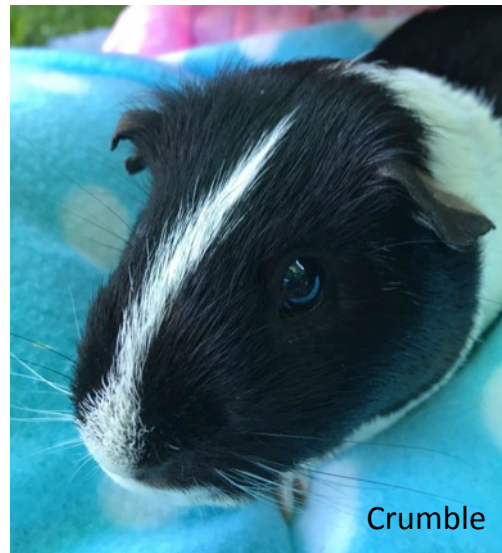
Guinea pigs only spend about four hours a day sleeping, usually in short 10 minute bursts. Most of the rest of the time is spent grazing so they need a constant supply of healthy food.

When they're not eating or napping, they like to play, race through tunnels and chew on their toys. They are very social animals and always need a friend. Which is why they always travel together.

Apple and Crumble's gentle nature makes them great confidence builders for those who may be more wary of animals. They are popular with everyone, from toddlers to the elderly.



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