BARNEY

WHAT AM I?

Guinea Pig

WHERE WOULD YOU FIND ME LIVING IN THE WILD?

Wild guinea pigs live in South America. However, they do not look quite like our domesticated piggies. They are known as the Brazilian guinea pig and can be found in the jungles of Brazil and still in parts of the Andes, where they originated.

HOW DO YOU LOOK AFTER ME AS A PET?

I live in a big hutch with a run attached so I can eat all the grass. I like lots of hay to hide in and keep warm. In the winter, I like to live indoors as I don't have a thick coat to keep me warm. I always need to live with at least 1 other guinea pig so I don't get lonely

WHAT DO I LIKE TO EAT?

I get my fresh vegetables, herbs and a little bit of guinea pig food on a morning with lots of lovely crisp hay which I eat all day long aswell as grazing on lots of grass, this is important for me as it keeps my teeth in good condition, then for my tea I get some different vegetables and a little more guinea pig food and lots more hay. Peppers are my favourite thing to eat

WHAT DO I LOOK LIKE?

I've got a brown and white short coat with 4 little short legs and little ears, my eyes are on the side of my head so I can see all around me and a little twitching nose.

WHY DO WE LOVE BARNEY?

Barney is a very cute and calm guinea pig who will sit on his special cushion and let everyone give him a cuddle and stroke

MY STORY

Hello everyone my name is Barney and I am a very friendly guinea pig, I came to live with Michala at Lion Learners in Barnsley with my brother Rubble from a rescue centre when we were 12 weeks old. I was very shy at first and would hide away behind Rubble. But now I shout for my food if its late and 'popcorn' (this is what it's called when we jump around in the air) when I get excited. Me and Rubble always come to work together and take it in turns for cuddles. When I sit on my special cushion I just relax and enjoy all the strokes I get