

Merlin



What am I?

Where do I live in the wild? South America. I am not a truly wild animal. Guinea Pigs are kept by people in countries like Peru as a source of food!

How am I looked after as a pet? I need a good hutch or indoor cage and a friend to live with. I love the chance to run around outside and eat grass. I need to be kept warm in the winter.

What do I eat? Grass, hay, vegetables, some fruit and a little bit of guinea pig food.

What do I look like? Small, soft and furry. I have short, little legs and no tail. My nose is always twitching. Guinea pigs can have pretty patterns with different colours. And a variety of different coat types.

Why do we love Merlin? Merlin is a very cute, cheeky and clever guinea pig. He has crazy fur that sticks up everywhere and will spring back up again if you smooth it flat!

My story: I am a young Guinea Pig who came to Lion Learners Eat Midlands in the autumn as a friend for Arthur. I was chosen because I am a confident boy and not too bossy. Arthur likes to be in charge! Together we keep the rabbits under control.

Arthur has taught me all about being a Lion Learners Guinea Pig and he has shown me how to sit still on a cushion for some fuss. Sometimes, though, I can be tempted to go for a little explore. Kristan is usually watching me so I don't normally get away with it!

At home I love to be out of my hutch racing around! I just have so much energy! Kristan lets us out every day so I can blow off steam!! I am always ready to go back in my hutch for my tea, though, and I will shout very loudly to let Kristan know when I am hungry, especially when I hear the other animals being fed.

