

<p>What do I do in case of a medical emergency with my foster animal?</p>	<p>Please refer to the medical emergency FAQs.</p>
<p>My foster rabbit/guinea pig isn't eating/going to the toilet?</p>	<p>If your foster rabbit/guinea pig stops eating or going to the toilet, contact your Foster Care Network Coordinator as this could indicate a serious illness.</p>
<p>Can I feed my foster rabbit/guinea pig any other food or only the food RSPCA Victoria has provided?</p>	<p>You can give your foster rabbit/guinea pig up to two cups of fresh green leafy vegetables a day. Some examples are: cos lettuce, romaine lettuce, rocket , dark-coloured or purple lettuces, bok choy, silverbeet, endive, small amounts of broccoli, broccoli/cauliflower leaves, celery (especially the leaves), carrot tops (the green part), snow peas, brussel sprouts, spinach leaves, basil, mint, parsley and coriander.</p>
<p>What foods should I avoid giving to my foster rabbit/guinea pig?</p>	<p>Do not feed rabbits/guinea pigs iceberg lettuce, cabbage, rhubarb, alfalfa, potato peel, raw beans, corn, grains, seeds, nuts, bread, biscuits, cereal, chocolate, sweets, processed sugars, garden plants or clover hay.</p>
<p>Should I supply water via a bowl or a drip bottle?</p>	<p>Most rabbits/guinea pigs prefer to drink from a bowl, so it is important that you provide a ceramic water bowl. Ceramic bowls are heavier than plastic bowls and are less likely to be tipped over, so they are the recommended option. You can also provide a drip bottle, which attaches to the side of the enclosure. RSPCA Victoria will provide you with all of the equipment required to care for your foster animal.</p>
<p>Can I toilet train my foster rabbit/guinea pig?</p>	<p>Rabbits/guinea pigs are easily litter trained. A rabbit/guinea pig will generally choose one or two corners to toilet in. Just place a litter tray in these areas and your foster animal will learn to go to the tray when he/she needs the toilet. This reduces mess around the home. Plant or paper based litters are safe, or you can use some shredded paper. RSPCA Victoria will provide you with all of the equipment required to care for your foster animal.</p>
<p>What sort of enrichment can I give my foster rabbit/guinea pig?</p>	<p>To ensure that your foster animal is happy and healthy, make sure you provide a variety of environmental enrichment, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wooden toys to chew. These keep teeth healthy and stop them

	<p>growing too long.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hiding boxes, cardboard boxes are fine. - Tunnels to play and hide in. - Treat toys, such as grass/hay balls. This is a great form of enrichment, as your foster animal will work to get all the yummy food inside. RSPCA Victoria will provide you with all of the equipment required to care for your foster animal.
<p>How should I handle my foster rabbit/guinea pig?</p>	<p>Use slow and controlled movements so as not to scare them. Make sure you support their hind legs so they feel secure and cannot kick out and damage their spine. Make sure children sit quietly and allow the animal to come to them first before interacting.</p>
<p>What sort of veterinary treatments has my foster rabbit/guinea pig been given?</p>	<p>Your foster animal will have been given a vaccination against Calicivirus and will be due again in approximately six months. It also would also have been given a flea and worming treatment; along with a full veterinary health check. Please contact your Foster Care Network Coordinator if you notice any of the following in your foster animal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watery eyes - Runny nose - Breathing difficulties (including noisy breathing) - Hair loss or skin problems - Diarrhoea - Changes in weight or appetite (not eating) - Behavioural changes - Straining to urinate or defecate
<p>My foster animal is really unwell and it's outside of business hours or I can't get in touch with the Foster Care Network Coordinator?</p>	<p>Please refer to the medical emergency FAQs.</p>
<p>Should I groom my foster rabbit/guinea pig?</p>	<p>You are welcome to brush your foster rabbit/guinea pig with a comb or soft rubber brush. Please leave nail clipping or bathing your foster rabbit/guinea pig to RSPCA Victoria veterinarians. RSPCA Victoria will provide you with all of the equipment required to care for your foster animal.</p>
<p>My foster rabbit/guinea pig just</p>	<p>Rabbits/guinea pigs are crepuscular which means they snooze all day</p>

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and are most active in the early morning and in the evening.