A guinea pig is also called a cavy and is not a pig at all! The closest relatives are the porcupine and chinchilla.

Guinea pigs come in many coat colours and lengths, and are very popular pets. Guinea pig breeds include:

*Abyssinian* — rough coat and have up to eight rosettes on the body.

*English* — classic, short, smooth coat.

*Peruvian* — long, floor-length coat covering the face, giving a ‘mop’ appearance.

*White Crested* — smooth, short coat with a white rosette on the top of the head.

*Himalayan* — smooth, white coat with either chocolate or black smut nose, feet and ears.

*Texel* — very high maintenance. The long, curly coat requires daily brushing.

The RSPCA Education Centre has several different types of breeds. Can you identify them?