

Orange County Cavy Haven



End-of-the-Year Newsletter, (714) 242- 7548 cavyhaven_info@yahoo.com

Look at cute rescued guinea pigs 365 days a year!

It isn't too late to order your 2011 OCCH Calendar (pictured to the right).

You can order through this link:

<http://www.cafepress.com/occh.309469550>

Proceeds go to the guinea pigs.



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Our Rescue

OCCH is a non-profit guinea pig rescue – we rescue guinea pigs from local animal shelters but we also do a great deal of educational events to raise awareness of proper guinea pig care as well as the plight of unwanted, abused and neglected guinea pigs.

We have a great volunteer base that was out rain or shine this past year our regular adoption events at Centinela Feed and our Supply Days as well as the

America's Family Pet Expo, the Cal Pet Expo, Petapalooza and a Pet Fair at the Irvine Animal Shelter.

We have been able to rescue many guinea pigs from animal shelters thanks to our volunteers and great supporters like you.



Wheek, GUINEA PIGS ARE GREAT!

Recent Rescues

Remembering pigs we have lost this year

Happy Adoptions

Event Recap

Adoptable Guinea Pigs

Current Guinea pigs

Meet Casper



A 5-week old lethal recently born to our rescue. (You can read more about

lethals here <http://www.guinealynx.info/eyes.html#congenital>)

Casper is a really sweet boy- he maybe tiny but he has a great personality. He likes to perch on your shoulder and eat critical care. Like most lethal guinea pigs, he cannot see or hear. They usually have dental problems. We are still learning about Casper. He did not have any incisors when he was born but they are slowly growing in. His molars grew a hook, which was trapping his tongue and he had to have them trimmed last

Tuesday (Dec. 28th) but he did beautifully and can eat on his own now.

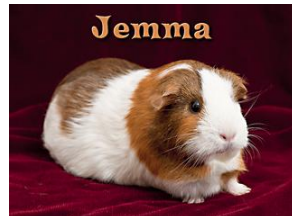
His wonderful foster moms were feeding him critical care and finely diced veggies every few hours.

He goes back for a re-check next month and may need his molars trimmed again. It costs \$182 to have it done each time but he is unable to eat well without it.



Adoptees Kiwi and Strawberry try out their new cuddle cup at our Supply Day Fundraiser.

Meet Jemma and Tabitha



These beautiful girls are now happy and healthy ... a few cry from what they looked like when they were rescued from the OC Animal Shelter September.

A volunteer went to pick up a 'sow' from the shelter (actually a boar now named Peabody) and saw the shelter had received three guinea pigs in a box. We had foster space so we took them all in. Floyd (the male in with these two girls)

only had a broken toe.

These girls had more severe medical issues. Jemma had a large tumor on her side that had been left untreated far too long. It was over 2 inches long. It was over \$600 to have it removed plus the costs of her medication. Tabitha had scurvy, bumble foot and urine scalds. They are both sweet and friendly girls who are now ready for adoption.





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Happy Adoptions!

Here are photos of some happy adoptees from this past year. If you'd like to share your happy adoption story or photos, please email cavyhaven_info@yahoo.com



Our Website: www.cavyhaven.org

Guinea Pig Tip of the Day:

It is important to weigh your guinea pigs weekly. It is the best tool for monitoring your guinea pigs' health. They are prey animals and can hide their symptoms. You can buy a digital kitchen scale for around \$30 at Target or Wal-Mart.



Can you foster a homeless guinea pig? We are always in need of foster homes so we can save more guinea pigs from the shelters.

Letter to the Piggie



Dear Mr. Otis Pig:

My human only feeds me a small fistful of hay once a day. It's also usually dusty, wilted and brown instead of fresh, long-strand green grass hay. I don't eat much of it so my human probably thinks I don't like hay. Help!

~ Anonymous guinea pig

Wheek!

We will let your human know that hay should be free-fed. Hay is important to our digestive tracts, keeps us busy foraging and to keep our teeth in check. Your

Wheek!

human may be buying the tiny bags of expensive (and dusty) hay at the pet store. It isn't exactly farm fresh usually since it sits in storage for months before it is even shipped to stores for sale.

Recommended hay sources:

Centinela Feed <http://www.centinelafeed.com>

Kleenmama Hay <http://www.kmshayloft.com/>

Or your local feed store.

OCCH also sells fresh orchard and timothy hay at our

Supply Day Fundraisers. The next one is in late February!

Get your fresh hay at our supply days!

The hay is cheaper than what you'll find in most pet stores and freshly bagged. We have other goodies for your pet guinea pigs too.



Happy Customer!!!

Some of the Guinea Pigs in Shelters we were able to rescue this year thanks to people like you:

Scotty (before he was rescued from the Baldwin Park Shelter)



Scotty (after)



Donation Wish List

We are able to run the rescue thanks to generous support of our volunteers and community.

Like many other rescues, it has been a rough year with an increase in returns due to the economy and a decrease in adoption inquiries.

We have also had many ill guinea pigs that required expensive medical care.



As always we are in need of adopters and foster homes but also the items listed below:

- Plain guinea pig pellets
- Hay
- C&C cage materials
- Fleece & towels
- Bedding i.e. shavings or Carefresh
- Water bottles
- Food dishes
- Carriers
- Gift cards to Kruse Feed or Centinela Feed
- Volunteering your time



Please contact us if you can help.

Can you help us save more? Monetary donations can be sent through PayPal or sent to our mailing address. Every dollar helps. Donations are tax-deductible



Meet Baxter

Baxter is a sweet little Texel mix boy who was left outside the Irvine Animal Shelter.

Baxter was lethargic and not feeling well. He could barely eat or drink.



He had a bad case of scurvy and was missing most of his hair.

He recovered with some TLC and is now available for adoption.

(his shelter intake photo)



Meet Sophia

Sophia is a pretty silver agouti and white sow, about 7 months old. She was left outside the South LA Animal Shelter along with Theo and their three babies.

are any, before she finds her forever home.

Please keep her in mind if you are looking for a pretty young sow in late February.

Since Sophia was not separated from Dad and her sons, she may be pregnant again. We hope not but we are keeping an eye on her and giving her a safe place to have her very last set of babies, if there



(her 'before' photo)

Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge...

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special

friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. The animals are happy and content.

- *Author unknown*

In remembrance of those we have lost this year.



Guinea Pigs who now have their wings

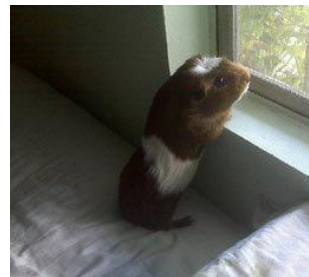
Alfredo



Itchy



Dallas



Phillip



Madison



Just some of the special guinea pigs we have lost this year. They never truly found an adoptive home but they found a forever home in our rescue and hearts

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New Programs

New Ways to Help:

Amazon Wish List:

<http://amzn.com/w/K68ZS283V83L>

Donate needed items directly to the rescue by shopping from our Wish List.

Shop at Ralph's Supermarkets?

Help the guinea pigs for free!

Every time you use your Ralph's Club Card, Ralph's will send a percentage of your grocery bill to OCCH

Simply go here to register <http://www.ralphs.com/myralphs/Pages/default.aspx>



About Our Organization

Orange County Cavy Haven was founded in 2003 as a rescue for homeless and neglected guinea pigs.

Orange County Cavy Haven is a non-profit

organization dedicated to re-homing guinea pigs in Southern California. We rescue abandoned guinea pigs from shelters in Orange and Los Angeles counties.

Our guinea pigs are rehabilitated, socialized, and fostered by volunteers until they are ready to be adopted.



Thank you for helping us guinea pigs this year!

