

# HAY, HEALTH & HERBIVORES

Quality hay is one of the most essential parts of your rabbit and guinea pig's diet. It is required for the maintenance of their overall health – but most notably their digestive system and teeth.

## WHY IS QUALITY HAY SO IMPORTANT?

### DAILY FEEDING GUIDE



**UNLIMITED**

Fresh water



**75%**

High quality hay



**20%**

Origins Pellets



**5%**

Treats & Vegetables

## Digestive Function

The digestive system of rabbits and guinea pigs have adapted to a herbivorous diet high in fibre. High-quality indigestible fibre helps the digestive system to keep moving. Lack of fibre can cause the slowing of the digestive tract, leading to GI stasis.

## HIGH-FIBRE FESCUE

**SUITABLE FOR ADULT RABBITS & GUINEA PIGS**

- Naturally lower in protein.
- High in fibre.
- Provides suitable roughage for optimum dental health and digestive wellbeing.

## Essential Nutrition

Hay is the most important component of your rabbit or guinea pig's diet! It is important to understand the different types of hay to ensure you are providing your small animal with the correct hay for their individual nutritional requirements.

## HIGH-PROTEIN LUCERNE

**SUITABLE FOR GROWING & BREEDING RABBITS & GUINEA PIGS**

- Higher in protein and calcium.
- Suitable for young & growing animals.
- Suitable for pregnant or lactating mothers.
- Suitable for animals with a medical requirement for higher protein.

## Dental Growth

Both guinea pigs and rabbits have continuously growing teeth. The process of eating hay helps to grind down their teeth preventing overgrowth and disease.

## What is straw & what is it used for?

Straw is the stalk from grain crops. It is yellow in colour, and the stalks are hollow. Straw is great for insulating and is used for bedding substrate to keep our furry friends warm on cold winter nights. Straw is not recommended as a feed source as it has a lower nutritional value than hay, but it's safe if your pet does nibble on it!