

Shadow & Moonlight – Weekend / Holiday Guide

Food

Please feed Shadow and Moonlight once a day using the dried food provided. If you have them available, you can also feed them a small amount of melon, oranges and dark green, leafy vegetables like spinach, broccoli, kale and cabbage. They also like fresh herbs such as flat leaf parsley and coriander. Please do not feed them lettuce as this can cause diarrhoea.

Clean, fresh water must be available at all times and changed every day.

Cleaning

The guinea pigs' cage would have been cleaned out before coming to you for the weekend / holidays. Please could you remove any wet sawdust / poo so they don't sit in it! Please also ensure they have enough hay.

If you are looking after the guinea pigs over the school holidays, please clean them once / twice per week using the materials provided.

Health

Shadow and Moonlight are long-haired guinea pigs and like to be groomed to keep their fur from becoming matted. They have a run which has been supplied that they love to run about in and enjoy playing with the tube and their cosy bed. Please ensure they are supervised at all times when they are in the run. They also love to be cuddled!

They communicate vocally and different noises have different meanings. A cooing sound gives reassurance, while a squeak can be a warning – a sign that the guinea pig is frightened or anticipation that food is coming!

Most of us in school have pets of our own and we do appreciate that things happen. If anything should happen to them whilst in your care, please contact Mrs Hickie via email at t.hickie@cove-jun.hants.sch.uk and she will contact you as soon as possible.

Thank you for caring for our school pets. It is very much appreciated.

