

# Rabbit housing requirements

A pair of standard size rabbits will need a minimum space of: 10ft (3m) x 6ft (2m) x 3ft (1m) high

This space needs to be set up to allow your rabbits to:



Run

Dig/burrow

Jump

Hide

Forage/graze

Stretch up on their hind legs

Lay fully stretched out

Binky

This space might sound large but a rabbit can only complete 3 hops in 6ft and in the wild a rabbit can cover the distance of 30 football pitches in a day. There are several ways of achieving these requirements below are some examples:



The following websites have some great information on how to provide welfare friendly rabbit housing, how to build your own and where you can buy larger hutches:



- [www.rabbitwelfare.co.uk](http://www.rabbitwelfare.co.uk)
- [www.therabbithouse.com](http://www.therabbithouse.com)
- [www.ukrabbithutches.co.uk](http://www.ukrabbithutches.co.uk)



# Guinea Pig housing requirements

The minimum space a pair of guinea pigs can be shut in is 10ft (3m) x 6ft (2m)

This space needs to be set up to allow your guinea pigs to:



Run

Graze

Socialise

Hide

Although Guinea pigs are small animals they are very active so need plenty of space to run around.

They are grazing animals so access to grass is important to keep your Guinea pigs happy and healthy.

Guinea pigs are sociable animals so need to be kept in pairs or groups. They will also need plenty of areas to hide, at least 2 or 3 so they can move between them.

Below are the minimum sizes to accommodate a pair of guinea pigs, if you are want to keep more than two you will need to increase these sizes. Please note that a lot of guinea pigs will not use ramps so try and avoid two storey hutches.

**Hutch:** 5ft long (153 cm) by 2ft deep (61cm)

**Run:** 5ft long (150cm) by 4ft wide (122cm)

Please note that the hutch and run must be permanently attached.

Examples of ways to house guinea pigs:



Here are some companies that sell hutches and runs that meet our requirements and suitable runs are also available from amazon and eBay:



• [www.therabbithutchcompany.co.uk](http://www.therabbithutchcompany.co.uk)

• [www.homeandroost.co.uk](http://www.homeandroost.co.uk)

