



### **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 from.

- [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)**

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 2 you will need to increase these sizes. Please note that a lot of guinea pigs will not use ramps so try and avoid 2 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.**

Here are some examples of ways to house guinea pigs:





Below are some companies that sell hutches and runs that meet our requirements:

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

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

Suitable runs are also available from amazon and eBay

