

## Does My Guinea Pig Have Scurvy?

**Learn how to prevent your guinea pig from developing scurvy.**

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Guinea pigs are prone to developing scurvy because, unlike most other mammals, they can't produce Vitamin C in their bodies. If a guinea pig doesn't receive enough Vitamin C in its body, it will develop scurvy.

A guinea pig suffering from scurvy may have swollen, painful joints and chest; may not want to eat or move, and may be bleeding from the gums.

Feeding a guinea pig a commercial guinea pig pellet, made specifically for caviaries, can help to prevent scurvy. These pellets contain Vitamin C necessary for a guinea pig's diet. Feed guinea pigs vegetables that are dark green in color every day—these foods are also high in Vitamin C.