



How to Get your Piggys to Eat Vegetables

A variety of fresh vegetables, especially those rich in Vitamin C, are an essential part of your guinea pigs diet. They need about a cup of fresh vegetables **every day**. Many pet stores and hobby breeders don't feed their guinea pigs vegetables, therefore those piggys might not know what vegetables are and that they are edible, nutritious...and delicious!

Follow these steps to ensure your piggys is fed a healthy diet:

1. Offer one, thinly sliced leaf of romaine lettuce to start. Try putting the romaine on their hay so the chance of them eating it by accident is higher.
2. Leave the greens in their habitat for several hours. Give them some time to investigate the new food. Be patient.
3. If the romaine is unsuccessful, offer a few pieces of finely diced red bell pepper on top of their pellets.
4. Try one vegetable at a time, for several days before adding more variety. Piggys do have flavor preferences and of course their favorite foods.
5. For very stubborn piggys, try blending a variety of vegetables and syringe feeding your piggy a taste. Once they get over the frustration of the syringe, most piggys will be "that's tasty!" and will go for it!
6. For piggys that just don't want to eat fresh vegetables, the final step is to adopt a guinea pig that already eats vegetables, so he can teach the resistant piggy how.

Always remember to be persistent and patient. All guinea pigs will eventually eat fresh vegetables with time and patience.