

Guinea Pig Behavior Chart

Wheeking:

Excited vocalization - often used when they anticipate food or want attention.

Purring:

A vibrating sound. High pitch = happy and relaxed. Low pitch = annoyed or wary.

Teeth Chattering:

Rapid clicking - means 'back off!' A warning sign of irritation.

Chirping:

Rare, bird-like sound. Mysterious and usually during quiet moments.

Popcorning:

Joyful hopping and twisting, especially in young or happy piggies.

Mounting:

Dominance behavior, especially during introductions.

Nose-Offs:

Two pigs face each other with noses up - part of hierarchy building.

Licking/Grooming:

Bonding behavior. They may groom cage mates or even their human.

Hiding:

Natural prey instinct, but excessive hiding may indicate fear or illness.

Freezing:

Sudden stillness due to fear or alertness - often followed by flight.