

# 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.