

CHS KIDS NEWS



Spring 2026

A LOOK AT 2025



1,384
pets were
adopted from the
CT Humane Society
in 2025.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Reading to Pets

April 14 - Newington and Wilton
April 15 - Waterford

Registration Required: CThumane.org/ReadingToPets

GUINEA PIG NUTRIENTS: WHAT SHOULD GUINEA PIGS EAT?

Guinea pigs are herbivores, which means they only eat plants. The fiber found in the vegetation they eat helps them digest their food properly. Many of the foods guinea pigs eat also play an important role in keeping their teeth healthy. Unlike people, guinea pigs have teeth that grow throughout their whole lives, so they need to eat foods that help keep their teeth short.



1 Hay

Make sure they always have access to hay. The majority of their diet should consist of timothy, orchard grass or meadow hay.



2 Pellets

Some guinea pigs benefit from having pellets in their diet. Make sure you are getting pellets that are made specifically for guinea pigs.



3 Veggies

Dark leafy greens like cilantro, parsley, mustard greens, and romaine lettuce are an important part of a guinea pig's diet. Other vegetables, such as bell peppers, make great snacks because they are high in vitamin C. Vitamin C helps keep guinea pigs healthy and supports shiny skin and fur.



4 Special Treats

Carrots, strawberries, bananas, watermelon, and blueberries are just some of the many safe treats that a guinea pig can enjoy. However, these foods contain a lot of natural sugar, so they should only be given once or twice a week.



Don't forget guinea pigs need fresh, clean water every day!

ASK A QUESTION

Want to learn more about CT Humane Society? Do you have questions about shelter pets or how a shelter works?

Send your questions to: Outreach@CThumane.org



Amiri working on training with a volunteer.



PET SPOTLIGHT



Big Papa

He is still looking for a loving home, visit: CThumane.org/adopt

Big Papa the longest resident at CHS' Wilton location. He came in through another shelter because his foster family was worried about a cough that just wouldn't stop. CHS worked closely with the other shelter to provide Big Papa the care he needed to feel better. After a few months of receiving care from the CHS veterinary team it was decided that he would be transferred to CHS' care full time. Big Papa was a bit shy at first but once he warmed up he became the sweetest and most social CHS resident.



EARTH MONTH AND PETS



You and your pet can celebrate earth month this April by participating in activities to help better the planet.



1 Park Clean Up

While walking your pup, pick up trash. Do what you can to help keep parks clean for you, your pup and your community.

2 Pet Friendly Garden

Grow a vegetable garden that can be enjoyed by everyone in the family. You can also plant trees to provide lots of shade during sunny days.



3 Sustainable Products

Sustainable products are toys and items that have the smallest possible impact on our Earth because they're made from materials that can easily be regrown. Sustainable products are made to last a long time.



4 Reuse

Toys, bedding and towels that you no longer need can be donated to animal shelters, rescues and veterinary hospitals for a second life.



5 Recycle

Cardboard boxes and paper towel rolls can be used to make fun toys or hidey houses that your cat or small pets like rabbits and guinea pigs might like.

PUPPY BOWL



Did you catch the Puppy Bowl? CHS had two pups featured in this year's festivities. Congrats Nova and Maverick!

JOKE OF THE DAY

What did the dog say when he sat on sandpaper?



CHS ALUMNI

Loops

VOCABULARY

Alumni - former member of a group, or organization.

A CHS Alumni is a pet who was adopted from the CT Humane Society.

TRIVIA



True or False: Dogs can hear better than they can smell?

ACTIVITY

Math Mania

Directions: Dogs require a lot of different things to keep them happy. Circle all the items you will need to welcome home your new family member. Then, add up the prices of each item to see what the total cost will be.

				
\$5.50	\$10.50	\$35.15	\$80.00	\$13.75
				
\$5.75	\$7.25	\$20.50		
				
\$30.50	\$4.25			

Total Cost:
\$ _____

