

## Did you Know...?

**You can check & cut even a guinea pig's BACK TEETH without anaesthetic?**



Above special Buccal Pad Separators allow you to perform checks & procedures while the animal is fully conscious! They are used to open the guinea's mouth so back molars can be seen (if you look closely you will see them in the picture above)

**You can perform an X-RAY without a general anaesthetic?**



This picture shows a towel wrapped guinea. This technique is really useful to get medication & fluids into guineas. Medication can be better administered in measured doses by syringing it to a towel wrapped guinea pig, rather than giving it in the drinking water.

As you know guinea pigs, and other small rodents are difficult to anaesthetise. So this knowledge could really benefit the quality of small animal care at your practice

The CCT (Cambridge Cavy Trust) is a key contact for you & in liaising with them you could discover even more to help with rodent, diagnosis & treatment!

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All images are from the CCT's sister organisation; The British Association of Rodentologists (BAR) who run courses detailing the techniques above (& much more). This compliments the RCVS training for those vets who want to improve the quality of services they can provide for rodents in their practices. For more information or to sign up, please contact Gina Hayes 01925 480558 [gina@rodentology.org.uk](mailto:gina@rodentology.org.uk)

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Rodents are becoming increasingly popular as pets, so in becoming a rodent specialist vet, you will be at the forefront of this growing market. Please contact me at [susie@barmy4boars.co.uk](mailto:susie@barmy4boars.co.uk) if you do complete this rodent training, or liaise with the CCT or BAR. I will advertise the fact to the small animal community via my contacts & rodent web forums. You will of course be able to add it to your own advertising literature.

### **Other useful information on guinea pigs to have at your fingertips**

**Safe anaesthetic:** ISOFLURANE GAS

**Safe antibiotics:** Baytril, Septrin/Bactrim (NOTHING WITH PENICILLIN). Pro-biotics should always be given alongside the antibiotic.

**Pain relief:** Rimadyl, Metacam

**Diuretic:** Lasix / Frusemide