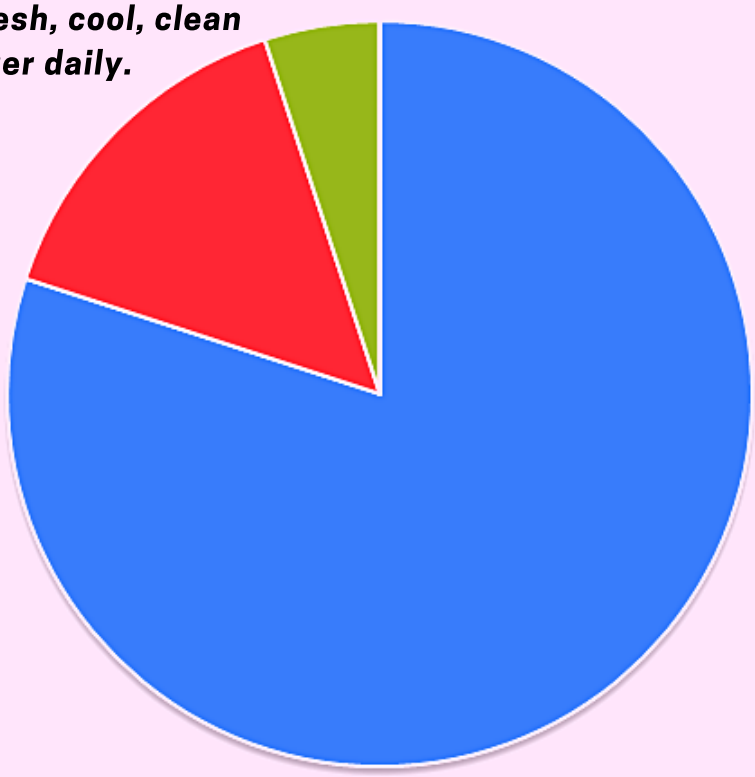
Feeding Tips

FOR NEWCOMERS

KATHRYN MCKAY (WILLOWMIST CAVIES)

Water is an essential nutrient. Cavies must have unlimited access to fresh, cool, clean drinking water daily.



Hay is the most important part of the cavy diet. Hay should always be soft and smell fresh. It should never be dusty.

Suitable hays commonly available in South East Queensland include grassy blends, lucerne, oaten, wheaten and barley.

HAY HAY & MORE HAY!

We recommend the use of Australian grown hay. We strongly support Australian producers and believe feeding fresh hay is more economical and better for cavies than imported product.

PELLETS

* Use pellets with stabilised Vitamin C.
* The longer pellets are stored the greater the deterioration of Vitamin C. Even stabilised Vitamin C will deteriorate over time. Be guided by the manufacturing date on the packet.
*Store pellets correctly. If pellets are too hot or exposed to sunlight Vitamin C can deteriorate, even stabilised Vitamin C. There are several suitable Australian-made pellets.
*While there is nothing wrong with using overseas brands and some vets recommend these brands, it is sometimes because they are unaware that there are locally produced products that are equal to overseas products.

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

There are many vegetables and fruits that cavies can eat. Fruit should be regarded as a treat, with a small piece of vitamin C rich vegetable added every day or two, providing they are receiving vitamin C enriched pellets.

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