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Mia was eight years old, with warm light-brown skin and a small side braid in her wavy dark-brown hair. She had big brown eyes, round cheeks, and a tiny freckle on her nose. One sunny morning, she skipped into the animal rescue center wearing her mustard-yellow sweater and denim overalls. "I want to give a guinea pig a forever home," she told the kind volunteer. Her bright open smile showed she meant it.



The rescue center was full of soft squeaks and rustling straw. Mia peeked into a pen and saw two guinea pigs huddled together. One had glossy black-and-white patchy fur with a white blaze on its forehead. The other was golden-brown with a cream belly and fluffy cheek tufts. "They are best friends," said the volunteer. "They should stay together." Mia's heart did a happy flip. "Then I'll take both!" she said.



At home, Mia's family helped her set up a spacious cage in the corner of the living room. She filled it with soft bedding, a cozy fleece hideaway, and a cardboard tunnel. She added a wooden chew toy and a little ball to push around. "This will be your new home," she whispered. She placed the two guinea pigs gently inside. They sniffed the air and looked around with wide, curious eyes.



The guinea pigs were shy at first. Pip, the bold one with the white blaze, took a few steps, then dashed into the tunnel. Nutmeg, the golden-brown one, hid under the fleece and didn't come out. Mia sat quietly nearby, watching. "It's okay," she said softly. "Take your time." She knew that new places can feel scary, and she wanted them to feel safe.



Every day after school, Mia sat beside the cage and talked in a gentle voice. She offered fresh hay and a slice of cucumber. Pip peeked out first, his pink nose twitching. Nutmeg stayed behind, but her bright dark eyes watched from the shadows. "You're safe," Mia whispered. She kept her hands still and let them sniff her fingers. Slowly, Pip crept closer. Nutmeg watched her brave friend.



One afternoon, Pip sniffed Mia's hand and gave it a tiny lick. Mia giggled. "Hello, Pip!" she said. Nutmeg, seeing that Pip was safe, waddled out too. She sniffed Mia's sleeve and then sat beside Pip. Mia felt a warm glow inside. "You're both so brave," she said. She gave them each a small piece of parsley. They nibbled happily, and their little noses wiggled.



Mia learned that guinea pigs are social pets. They need companionship to feel happy and safe. The volunteer had told her, "A lonely guinea pig is a sad guinea pig." So Mia made sure Pip and Nutmeg were always together. They slept side by side in the fleece hideaway and shared their food. When one squeaked, the other answered. They were never lonely, and Mia loved watching their friendship grow.



Mia added more hiding places to their home. She put in a second tunnel and a little wooden house with two doors. She hung a chew toy from the side and placed a soft blanket in one corner. "A spacious home with lots of places to explore," she said. Pip ran through the tunnel and popped out the other side. Nutmeg followed close behind, her fluffy cheeks bouncing. They looked happy.



Soon the guinea pigs began to popcorn with joy. They jumped straight up and twisted in the air, their little legs kicking. Mia laughed out loud. "You're popcorning!" she cheered. Pip popcorned across the cage, and Nutmeg did a little hop. They raced through the tunnels and hid in the fleece, then peeked out again. Mia clapped her hands softly. Her heart felt full of sunshine.



One day, Mia brought a friend from school to meet the guinea pigs. "They're so cute!" said her friend. Mia showed how to sit quietly and let the guinea pigs come close. Pip sniffed her friend's hand first, then Nutmeg followed. "They trust you because you're calm," Mia explained. Her friend smiled. "You take great care of them." Mia beamed with pride. She loved sharing her pets.



Mia noticed that when Pip and Nutmeg were together, they were braver. If Nutmeg hid, Pip would nuzzle her until she came out. If Pip was scared, Nutmeg would snuggle close. Their friendship made them strong. Mia thought about her own friends and how they helped her feel brave too. She gave the guinea pigs a fresh apple slice and watched them share it. Companionship made everything better.



Mia decided to make their home even more fun. She built a little maze from cardboard boxes and placed treats inside. Pip led the way, sniffing every corner. Nutmeg followed, trusting her friend. They found the treats and squeaked with delight. "You're a great team," Mia said. She sat back and watched them explore. The cozy home was full of happy squeaks and popcorning every day.



Now Mia and her guinea pigs are the best of friends. Pip still leads little explorations, and Nutmeg still loves to cuddle. They greet Mia with happy squeaks when she comes home from school. She sits on the floor and they climb into her lap for gentle pets. "You'll never be lonely," she tells them. And they never are, because they have each other and Mia, too.



Mia learned that guinea pigs are social pets who need companionship. They need a friend to feel safe and happy. She also learned that patience and gentle care can turn shy little animals into trusting friends. Her spacious home with hiding places and toys keeps Pip and Nutmeg busy and cheerful. Every day, their happy squeaks fill the living room, and Mia's heart feels full of joy.



The two guinea pigs popcorn and squeak with delight as Mia fills their bowl with fresh veggies. She smiles, knowing she gave them a forever home filled with love. Pip and Nutmeg are never lonely, and neither is Mia. They share a cheerful friendship that grows stronger every day. The cozy home is full of happy sounds and warm cuddles, a perfect place for friends to be together.



And so, Mia and her rescue guinea pigs live happily together. She learned that companionship is a gift we give and receive. Whether you have two legs or four, everyone needs a friend. The little home with hiding places and tunnels is full of love, and Mia's heart is full too. She whispers goodnight to Pip and Nutmeg, and they squeak softly back, happy and safe.