

# Bad Rodent!

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### --- Introduction ---

This is a list of phrases Guinea Pig, Hamster, Mouse, Rat, Hedgehog and Chinchilla critter owners should get their naughty pets to write on a blackboard, like Bart Simpson, if they could get them to write.

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## Bad Guinea Pig!

Making you laugh since March, 1998 (I can't quite remember when I started this list!) Latest update: February 21, 2007.

### --- Annoying/Embarrassing Habits

1. I do not need to do such a great crescent that it causes my human to flip out and think I have died. If I must, I will respond to pellets/hay/food.
2. I only weigh 3 pounds. It should not take three humans to clip my nails.
3. I weigh 5 pounds. I will not be insulted when the humans call me Moose.
4. I will no longer climb out of my cage. I understand that I am not built for climbing up straight cage walls, even if there are girls on the other side.
5. I will not climb on top of my little house and jump out any more.
6. I will not freeze and pretend I'm invisible so my human will not pick me up.
7. I will not go to sleep with my head under the food dish as this makes my human think I have died.
8. I will not jump on top of my pigloo and make my human think I am trying to escape when I am only trying to get a better vantage point for the hay rack.
9. I will not jump over the barrier of three liter soda bottles that keep me out of the living room. This freaks out my humans.
10. I will not keep absolutely silent when my human is trying to demonstrate to others why I was named "McSqueak".
11. I will not poop in the food dish, then not eat the pellets because my poop is in the dish.
12. I will not rumble and rub my smelly scent gland on the floor of my cage just because it has just been cleaned. The idea here is to get rid of the stench.
13. I will not run away from humans trying to take my "picture" at a regional Guinea Pig Pignic. I'm just too cute!
14. I will not run away in the direction I am placed when I set foot on the carpet.
15. I will not run under the couch during floor time and make it impossible for my human to get me out. I will also not bite my human when she coaxes me out with some celery and then picks me up.
16. I will not sneak from my cage, into the girl's cage over and over.
17. I will not try to intimidate everyone who comes near my owner [Feyaro glares, squeaks and yells if anyone comes near me]. I weigh a pound and I cannot beat up anyone.
18. I will not turn my head when my human wants to take a picture of me.
19. I will not wheek and nudge my person to be picked up and then when she reaches for me, run away. I also will not do this several times in a row.

20. I will not wheek to be picked up, then run and hide in the cozy when the human comes near me, then run out and wheek at her again when she walks away.
21. I will quit pouting when my human separates me from the girls. I understand I can't get them all pregnant all the time.
22. We (the new babies) will not try to escape by having one sister run up the human's shirt sleeve while the other one is peeing on her shirt.
23. We will not "moon" our human when she is trying to take a group picture.

### --- Bodily Functions ---

1. Brushing is a good thing. So is trimming my coat when it gets too long. Mom doesn't pull, and mats hurt and pull. Also, I could get blocked if I ingest that much fur.
2. I do not need to start peeing and pooping immediately after my human puts me back in my freshly cleaned cage. I can allow her at least ten minutes to enjoy her accomplishment before I start making my home smell like me again.
3. I will learn to warn my human by wiggling my behind before peeing on his lap.
4. I will let my human give me an occasional bath, especially since I know I like the towel rub afterwards.
5. I will not do the "wild thing" in front of the third grader who is watching me for the weekend.
6. I will not run under my human's bed and pee.
7. I will not pee on house guests, especially when I am purring and encouraging them to pet me.
8. I will not pee on my human without warning her that I want to get back into my cage. (She does this by taking my skin in her teeth but not breaking the skin.)
9. I will not pee on the computer desk.
10. I will not pee on the video tapes in the entertainment center. Ever.
11. I will not save up a week's worth of pee just so I can let go on my human's T-shirt when she's giving me a cuddle which I adore.
12. I will not sit in my dish like a chair and then pee in it.
13. I will not sneeze and throw a fit when my human sprays air fresher in the room. I know that this is just to cover up my familiar guinea pig odor.
14. I will not try to hump the rat, rabbit, corncob...
15. I will not use my hidey cardboard box as a bathroom, then lie in it all day.
16. I will quit trying to get all the girls pregnant. I understand that I am an Abby and they are Peruvians. My human does not want to see what a mix would look like.
17. Just because I am bigger than the small rabbit doesn't mean I should sit on him and pee.
18. Just because it is paper, and it is on the floor, does not mean that it is to be peed on.
19. The dustpan really doesn't make a very good hiding place, and it also is NOT a litter tray. I will cease peeing in it.
20. We will stop mating our brothers. Our human is sick and tired of it, as are we, since she has to re check our sex again and again and we don't like being flipped upside down. Also, when she flips us, she figures she may as well clean our pouches.

### --- Destroying ---

1. Books that are outside my cage are not chew toys.
2. I can wear my harness. I can I can. I did not need to break it the second time it was put on me.
3. I will enjoy a shoebox house while waiting for my igloo one and not eat it.
4. I will not chew on my human's textbooks.
5. I will not chew on the molding along the wall. My human's dad is going to have a fit when he finds out.
6. I will not chew on: shoelaces, rubber sneaker soles, jeans hems, paperback book covers, the color sections of the Sunday newspaper, the latest issue of Time, any issues of science fiction magazines, my human slave's graduate school homework papers, handmade quilts, rabbit poops, paper towels, other guinea pigs' fur.
7. I will not chew up the carpet while I am having floor time.
8. I will not eat the buttons off the TV remote, no matter how soft and chewy they are.
9. I will not eat the rubber wheels off the human child's remote control car.
10. I will not eat things (couch, pillows, books, homework, clothing, etc.) that belong to my human's roommate. This does not make me very popular.
11. I will not eat: the vacuum cleaner hose, my human's books, my human's shoes, the carpet, the plate my foot is placed upon, my cardboard house, the dog's toys...
12. I will not try to kill the Ipod by chewing on the ear buds.
13. Lucky bamboo is not lucky any more after a pig chews on it.
14. Veggies offered in cages are food. Plants on the floor or within a climbing pig reach are not food.

### --- Food/Water ---

1. All of the food in my dish is good. I do not have to pick through it and only eat what I like, refusing to touch the rest.
2. Guinea Pigs shouldn't LOVE hot peppers and sulk if not offered some when the humans eat them. Furthermore, when offered hot peppers, we will not eat them like there is no tomorrow, then demand more.
3. I can have less than 5 mini-carrots a day.

4. I can leave my hidey hole long enough to eat calmly. I do not need to drag my food dish back with me, or drag my hidey hole to the water dish.
5. I do not need to eat any and all plastic that is within 6 inches of my cage. Nor shall I pass this on to my children. It really makes my human worry.
6. I do not need to sample all of my human's food. No one is trying to poison her.
7. I do not need to worry about the other pig stealing my apples: all he'll eat is carrots anyhow.
8. I do not need to worry about the other pig stealing my carrots: he doesn't like them anyhow.
9. I have my cage to myself. There is no reason for me to inhale my veggies.
10. I look silly trying to hop as fast as the chinchillas.
11. I will continue to let my human know when I'm out of water by jostling the bottle. I will not stop jostling the bottle just because she hasn't answered within five seconds. If I do not jostle the bottle, I might spend a day thirsty, since my water is only checked once a day.
12. I will not all of a sudden decide that greens are good, and I need lots of them, when I have hated them for a good 4 months.
13. I will not attack the parsley and carrots that my human gives me when we are at home and then barely nibble at them at regional picnic parsley/carrot eating contests.
14. I will not barber the rabbits' whiskers.
15. I will not be embarrassed just because my human made me dress up as an eggplant for Halloween. It's not her fault that I hog the food, so I'm fat and look like an eggplant. I did win a prize for the cutest costume.
16. I will not beg for a sixth mini-carrot in one morning.
17. I will not bite the cat's nose - even if it is in my house!
18. I will not chew my way through the plastic wrap of the loaf of bread lying next to my cage and start noshing on the slices inside. Both bread and plastic make me poop funny!
19. I will not cry just to get a treat when I have a perfectly full bowl of pellets.
20. I will not eat the chinchillas', cockatiels', hedgehogs', or rabbits' food.
21. I will not eat the hay out of the next compartment when I have plenty sitting right there in mine.
22. I will not go totally ballistic if the really good hay is not put in my cage first. I will get mine eventually.
23. I will not hang half my body over the edge of the cage to try to get the veggies faster. My human is washing as fast as he can.
24. I will not nab the remaining bit of carrot from my human's hand, run away, bite the piece I have in my mouth, and drop the rest. If I forget and do this anyway, I will not run to my human wheeking madly for more.
25. I will not push my food bowl around so that it spreads pellets everywhere in the cage, and then demand a refill.
26. I will not put my backside to my young cagemate so that she won't be able to get to her veggies because I am greedy.
27. I will not refuse to budge off the top of my food bowl, causing the male human to decide I must have food and therefore leaving me to go without food until the female human reaches into the cage and forcibly lifts me.
28. I will not request to live on green peppers and spinach and reject almost everything else.
29. I will not squeal like it is the Last Supper every single time my humans open the iguana cage. (But that's where they came up with the 'pig' part of guinea pig...)
30. I will not sulk when my human doesn't pick pineapple off her pizza or pick tomatoes out of pasta. I don't like warm foods.
31. I will not take the place of my food dish when my humans are filling up my bowl with fresh pellets and veggies. This just makes it harder for them to place the bowl back in Just The Right Place.
32. I will not throw my carrot out of my cage door when my human goes to get me lettuce and leaves my door open because I don't want it.
33. I will not tip my food dish so that I don't have to raise my head one millimetre to eat. This is sheer laziness and part of the reason that I am the size of a building stone instead of a brick!
34. I will not tip the food dish and eat from the bottom of it. The pellets on the bottom are the same as on the top.
35. I will not trick my male human into feeding me after my female human already has!
36. I will not try to drink out of my human's pop can. Pop is not good for me. I will also refrain from licking my human's mouth after she drinks pop.
37. I will not turn my nose up at perfectly good rabbit pellets just because my human has run out of the el cheapo lucerne and grain mix.
38. I will realize that if I keep hiding my food in my bedding to make it look as if I have none, it will only result in my human feeding me less often when she finds out. K:Plant:
39. After escaping from the Cat Suite, I will not stop and chew on my human's carefully rooted and cared for pineapple plant. I will especially not do so until all the leaves are gone.
40. Lettuce, apples, and other fresh veggies are good for me. I can eat more than pellets and carrots.
41. My human likes to eat parsley too. I will not beg from her when she is eating her parsley. I will eat my own parsley that she just gave me.
42. My human will feed me. There is no need to panic when the other two humans go to bed and my human hasn't fed me yet. I will not beg from my human after her father has already given me veggies. She is not blind and can see me eating what I just got.
43. My water bottle is not for bathing.
44. Pigs are ground dwellers. We should refrain from trying to haul our fat 3 pound butts up ANYTHING to reach the plants the

humans put out of our reach.

45. Standing up on my hind legs, no matter how cute it is, will not get me a treat every time my humans walk into the room. (It works 98 percent of the time however.)
46. We don't like cantaloupe. When our rabbit neighbors get some, we will not scream because our human didn't offer us any. She did give us some tasty apple instead.
47. We don't like cookies, so we don't have to have spasms because my human gave the rats and bunny some and not us.
48. We will not act like we will die if we don't get a carrot one night, then act like carrots are toxic next!

### **--- Hampering ---**

1. I do not need to climb on my human's shoulder to talk to the person on the phone. I will also not try to eat the cell phone antennae.
2. I will not use my adorable piggy cuteness to make my human late for work.
3. I will stop following the idea "If something is going out, nothing can go in" when my human tries to clean my pouch area.
4. It is not helpful to stand on my human's right hand when she is typing.
5. When my human is kind enough to take me on a car ride, I will not popcorn between her knees, lick cigarette ashes, jump suddenly up to her shoulder, or run off and get my head stuck under the flip down divider.

### **--- Human-Related ---**

1. I am not my human's parent. I will stop trying to alter her or her boyfriend's appearance by chewing off their long hair, nibbling through the very expensive laces of their boots, peeing/pooing on their favorite clothes, putting holes in fishnet, or eating necklaces. Most importantly, the piercings are there for a reason. I will not attempt to remove the jewelry in these holes.
2. I do not need to attack the pizza guy, even if he has the cinnasticks I love.
3. I do not need to lie on my human's chest all the time and make content squeaking noises. Although this is cute and adorable, her chest is not a shelf and she sometimes has things to do.
4. I know the difference between licking and nibbling when it comes to my human's fingers. She does not like to be nibbled so I will refrain from doing so.
5. I promise not to lie comfortably in my human's arms, cuddling into her sweatshirt, then without warning dart up the inside of her sleeve. This only results in my reaching a dead end at your armpit, digging in with my uncut nails and needing to be removed rump-end first back down the sleeve, causing my hair to stand on end. Despite popular belief this is not fun for me or my owner!
6. I will be a well-behaved piggie for guests-not bite, pee and poop on them.
7. I will not be insulted when my human calls me "the rodent" or "the fat rat". Both terms are accurate.
8. I will not become angry and try to remove my human's boyfriend's hand from her thigh. He brings me parsley. I should be nice.
9. I will not bite all male humans that come within my reach. I will especially not bite the 200+, 6'7 former firefighter that loves guinea pigs on the nipple and cause him to make an exception on his loving of guinea pigs.
10. I will not bite my human when she hands me lettuce. She's giving me a treat!
11. I will not bite my human's nose after licking it for five minutes.
12. I will not bite the human in a sensitive area just because her shirt smells like a piece of food.
13. I will not hide in my piggloo just because my human's boyfriend is the only person in the apartment. He is allowed to be there when she is not home, I do not need to hide from him and scream my head off if he leaves my sight since I think he must be doing something bad.
14. I will not hide the Visa card under the bed just because my human left it next to the phone. She knows it was me because it was in my hidey-hole and it has my bite marks on it.
15. I will not nibble on human hair; I am too nearsighted to be a good barber.
16. I will not nip through two layers of clothes and leave a black and blue mark the size of a quarter just to convince my human that I am in charge; he already knows that.
17. I will not pretend I have missed out on the food and need some more when I have really I got more than my fair share.
18. I will not stare at my human when she is watching TV/on the computer. It creeps her out that I stare unmoving for hours and only move when she is in a different part of the room [He does this every night! The corner of his cage he is resting in depends on what part of the room I am in.]
19. I will not stare fixedly at my human for hours. This makes her paranoid.
20. I will not try to climb into my human's mouth after he has finished a large glass of orange juice, just because I like the smell. He worries about my mind when I do this!
21. My human's sister's long red curly hair isn't the best hiding place, especially when I'm on her shoulders, and need to have my claws trimmed.
22. Teeth are sharp. My (female) human's nipples are sensitive. They do not mix.
23. There's no need to snap at my human's little one. He never meant to drop me, honest.
24. We (the baby guinea pigs) will not confuse our human as to how we got onto our dad's side of the cage even though the divider goes almost to the floor of our cage. (The story behind this is that the babies were sliding under the divider that their dad pushed to an angle and it provided just enough space for the babies to squeeze under without hurting themselves.)

### --- Mess Making ---

1. I will not "pop corn" (bounce around the cage like corn being popped) so much that all the Carefresh bounces out of the cage and all over the cat.
2. I will not destroy my cage just because my nails got clipped and I'm mad at the world.
3. I will not dig all the pellets out of my dish just to get to the corn and other treats mixed in with them.
4. I will not dump out my food dish so I can put my head in the dish and fall asleep.
5. I will not figure out how to knock my water bottle off its hooks to douse my cage.
6. I will not kick out the bedding onto the newly cleaned floor when I run up the ramp.
7. I will not pull on my water bottle until it falls off the hooks.
8. I will not step in my own poops, then rest quietly until the poops have hardened around my toes and have to be removed with tiny pliers.
9. I will not throw my dish upside down because mom cut up greens, trying to get me to like them.
10. I will not tip my food bowl over and over, ruining the beautiful veggies my human spent slicing and after my human finishes cleaning I will try not to tip the bowl over once again.
11. I will not use the food dish as a pellet launcher by standing on the edge.
12. I will stop throwing my dish 15 minutes after my human fills it.
13. I will stop throwing my poos at the bunny when he sits next to my cage.
14. I will try not to kick the bedding out of my cage when I popcorn in my cage.
15. Mayonnaise, Pepsi, ketchup, and other such items are not to be saved for later in my fur.
16. Paper towels are for cleaning cages, not for eating. I will not shred the entire remaining roll of paper towels while my human is cleaning my cage.
17. The water bottle is not a toy. I will stop clicking the ball for fun until I have emptied the entire bottle onto the bedding in the cage. I will also not follow said playing by then shrieking piteously because I have no drinking water.
18. We do not need to throw our poop halfway down the hall.

### --- Night ---

1. I will not clang the water bottle against the cage to get 3 a.m. snacks.
2. I will not do the mysterious guinea pig chirp in the middle of the night just so the human gets up and brings me back to bed with her. I will then not pee on her as soon as she gets back into bed with me.
3. I will not wake up the person who sleeps in my room by wheeking for lettuce at 3 a.m.
4. I will not wheek loudly at 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday just because the human isn't getting up at weekday hours.
5. Lusty chuckles at 3 a.m. are not amusing, especially because we are both guys.
6. We are fed at 9:30, not 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30, etc. We are smart critters and can learn this.
7. When Oscar (the sugar glider) comes out at night I will stop wheeking at him and scarring him back into his house.

### --- Noise ---

1. I do not need to act as an alarm system so my human knows the pizza guy/UPS guy/apartment manager is at the door.
2. I do not need to cry out just because I hear someone in the other room and want another carrot.
3. I will not bang my water bottle against my cage, no matter how bored I am.
4. I will not cry EVERY time my human rustles a plastic bag. It might not even be food.
5. I will not cry every time my human goes to the kitchen. She will give me treat regardless.
6. I will not get in noise competitions with the printer.
7. I will not scream like I'm being tortured by the alpha pig when all I want is to take over the pigloo in which she is sleeping, and for once not get head-butted.
8. I will not shriek and cry when the human picks me up. She only wants to cuddle me.
9. I will not start wheeking at the top of my lungs every time a car with its high-beams on goes past my window.
10. I will not start wheeking/shrieking contests with the cockatiel.
11. I will not start whining at 7.30 every morning when I know my human's alarm goes off at 7.45. The same goes double for weekends when my human has to work the closing shift so she sleeps until 10.
12. I will not wheek at the top of my lungs every time someone anywhere in the house rattles a plastic bag, piece of paper, newspaper, piece of tin foil, or a paper bag. This does not mean I am about to be fed.
13. I will not wheek at the top of my lungs when my human is doing dishes because I know when water is running means fresh clean veggies.
14. I will not wheek during the best parts of the movies.
15. I will not wheek loudly for NO reason and scare my human's mother when we are quietly watching TV.
16. I will stop purring at my human when she gives me a bath. Nor will I purr at the hair dryer, when I think all other pigs are evil.
17. My toenails and hair do not have nerve endings in them. I do not need to act like my human is performing major surgery without anesthesia when she is only trimming my toenails or trimming my long hair so I can see where I'm going.
18. The water being turned on is NOT always a signal for veggies being washed for pig food. We can stop wheeping when the water

- is running. Furthermore, not every plastic bag in the house holds pig food, we can stop wheeping when a plastic bag is rustled.
19. We are little guinea pigs. Our human shouldn't have to burrito us and practically sit on us to trim claws. She seldom trims them too short and when she does, we get a treat. Also, we will not shriek the entire time she trims our claws, it gives her a headache.
  20. We do NOT need to chew on the wires on our cage.
  21. We don't need to throw a tantrum when our human ran out of salad at midnight, and it was well below freezing outside.
  22. We will not get in piggy shrieking contests.
  23. We will not wheek at the 12 pound cat and get him to flee into the basement.
  24. We will refrain from loud wheeping contests when it's dark outside.
  25. We will stop shrieking if someone opens a door.
  26. When my humans are making whoopee, I will not become excited or panicked and start wheeking. They are not going to include me, and they are not going to get up and find some veggies to pacify me. I should pretend to sleep.

### --- Not All There ---

1. I can come out of my cage. I don't need to run in circles so my human can't pick me up. I do know that I like to be cuddled, and she can't cuddle me in my cage.
2. I can move on my own. I don't have to be carried.
3. I know that I am not Super-Pig. Jumping from the couch down to the floor will not result in a safe, soft landing. I cannot fly by doing this and may actually get hurt. (Although I swear if I had a little purple satin cape with a bright yellow "SP" on it for Super-Pig I could get soar around the room! Then I would find where the carrots are kept!)
4. I will appreciate my floor time while my human cleans the cage, and not immediately try to get back in.
5. I will not act so terrified by thunderstorms that my human has to sleep on the couch with me and then complain for days that she doesn't \*always\* sleep on the couch with me.
6. I will not chew my human's electrical cables. Electric shocks hurt.
7. I will not get fed any faster by repeatedly throwing myself against the front of the cage.
8. I will not get so excited about my carrots that I jump up and take a bite of the plastic bag and scare my human half to death!
9. I will not panic when my human is picking me up or when she is putting me back in my cage. She has never dropped me and she loves me enough to be very careful with me.
10. I will not shove my head into a toilet paper tube and then run around in hysterics, including running away from the human who could get my head unstuck if only I would let her. (The hedgeie and the dwarf buns are also guilty of this one...)
11. I will not sit in my litter box for hours on end.
12. I will not snuggle up to my human, demanding attention, and then growl at her when she pets me.
13. I will not throw a fit if I dump over my pellets and then am hungry and don't have any pellets to eat.
14. I will stop using my food dish as a toilet.
15. I will realize and accept that as an Abyssinian guinea pig, I have rosettes. When my human shows me off to her friends and I shyly try to waddle away, and they laugh, it is not her fault. She did not put the two rosettes next to each other on my butt. I will also learn that putting my front legs up on something high and wheeking at the top of my voice will not make the laughter cease. I have a sort of Mohawk. This only makes me seem like a deranged cockatiel. I will not get angry at my human for this. She wants to show me off because she loves me and thinks I'm cute.
16. Light will not hurt me. I don't ALWAYS have to be under something.
17. The Excedrin bottle is NOT the same as the papaya tab bottle. We will leave any bottles alone.
18. There is more to life than sitting in a tube all day.
19. We will not sound the panic pig alert when Mom dries her hair with the blow dryer, then purr and fall asleep when she dries us with the blow dryer.
20. When I have floor time, I will get some exercise, darn it! I will not sit in a furry lump in one place until my human starts pushing me around to force me to move. I will have a heart attack someday if I don't do some running around!
21. When my human tries to pick me up, I will not panic and run into the wall of the hutch. I can hurt myself by doing this.

### --- Other Critters ---

1. Cat tail "feathers" are not nesting material; I don't need to take it all. (Long haired cats have long hair on their tails, and it hangs into cages that the cats sleep in/on. It's kinda like a plume, and Danny is very proud of his tail "feathers".)
2. During run time, we will not lie nice and quiet to get the dog to come visit us, then turn and yell in his face, so he runs to the basement.
3. Even though I am just a guinea pig, I weigh as much as a Netherlands Dwarf rabbit. I will stop taking advantage of that fact, and stop stealing the foster bunnies' food, hay, treats, and toys.
4. I am a cute little guinea pig, and look to be incapable of terrorizing animals 3 to 10 times my size. I will act like I look and stop terrorizing rabbits and cats.
5. I do not need to bite the kitty, even if he lets me.
6. I look silly when I try to follow the rabbit around on the floor. I will not squeak just because the rabbit is faster and I can't keep up with her. (She is a quite big rabbit and when she just takes one little jump he has to run very fast, poor little thing. He is only 6 weeks old though, so maybe he will become faster when he grows up.)

7. I will no longer pull the other pig's hair. He does not like it and it makes him pout even more.
8. I will cease giving everyone haircuts. Peruvians are supposed to have long hair.
9. I will not attempt to eat the turtle. It makes him hide for hours. I will also apologize to him for eating his plastic flower when he comes out.
10. I will not bully my cagemates and rumblestrut as if I'm the queen of the cage.
11. I will not dive bomb under my mother's belly when I am scared. After all, I am almost 3 and about 1 pound bigger than my mother is.
12. I will not drop peanuts on the floor so that the dog will come over to eat them, and then target-poop on the dog's head.
13. I will not escape and get every female within a 10 mile radius pregnant...with triplets.
14. I will not head-butt the other guinea pigs in the cage. They already know that I am the alpha pig.
15. I will not hump my cagemate for we are both girls and she really doesn't like it.
16. I will not jump all over the other guinea pigs in the cage just because I'm having PMS or a territorial fit.
17. I will not lie to my human about being a girl, when I'm really a boy, and going to be living with another girl piggy.
18. I will not nibble the dog's toes.
19. I will not pull hair from the dog's tail while she is trying to sleep.
20. I will not pull on my brothers' hair to get them away from the veggies so I can try to hog them all.
21. I will not run and hide when the gray cat sits by my cage for hours, waiting for me to reappear. After all, she loves watching "pig TV" and isn't it rated PiG?
22. I will not run into the hedgehog's cage and start testing her spines for edibility - it will annoy both me and the hedge.
23. I will not run under the bed, declare it my new bachelor pad, and tell females that "there is a head of lettuce under here with me...honest".
24. I will not start fights with my housemate and then blame it on her when my human comes to see what is going on.
25. I will not steal treats from my housemate's mouth. I have my own and its exactly the same as hers.
26. I will not taunt the other guinea pigs when they are in the corral and my human is cuddling me. I will not squirm out of her arms, then run around the corral wheeking and challenging all the other guinea pigs.
27. I will stop biting at and scaring the baby kitten, even if she does stick her paws in my cage. I'm bigger than she is.
28. If the ferret bites me, I should bite her back. I do this when the cats try to bite me, and she's much smaller than the cats.
29. If the kitten is giving us the evil eye, we will not keep trying to make friends with her. It makes my human worry about our mental health.
30. In my next life, I (a hamster) will NOT chew my way out of the habitrail and chase the cat's tail and bite it until she loses all patience and pounces on me. (She had gotten out before and she would chase the cat! If the cat stopped, she would bite her foot or tail. I guess one night the cat had enough, because we had leftovers in front of the door in the morning. Yummy! And I couldn't punish the cat.)
31. Just because I am new at this 'father' deal, does not give me the right to become cannibalistic and eat a few of my children before anyone notices. This will not relieve me of my 'fatherly' duties.
32. Just because the bunny is sitting on our cage does not mean we need to bite it in the butt.
33. No matter what I think, I am not the queen of the universe. I will not try to bite every other guinea pig within striking distance. I will not bite the human because she has been holding another guinea pig either.
34. Pigs are ground dwellers. We will STOP beating up the cats who are all bigger than us, and making them get off their cat perch so we can lord over everyone on it.
35. The kitten is not trying to kill us, she just wants to play with our parrot toys.
36. We (the new babies) will not jump on the PVC tube and then try to jump on top of the adult guinea pig's back.
37. We will stop trying to get out and play with the kitties. The human isn't sure that they will play nice and mom pig does NOT like the kitties at all!

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## Bad Hamster!

As with the other two lists, this describes things that hamster owners would have their pets write on the blackboard 100 times...

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1. A woman's cleavage is not a good burrowing place. (My hammy Sniff attempts to first test mountaineering skills and then

promptly burrows into breasts. This is more so with newer female visitors who get thrilled that a creature so cute is "accepting" them, by climbing upon their body. Little do they know what happens once Sniff gets to the top where the opening is...

2. Attempting to stuff too many peanuts is bad for me.
3. Forefingers are not edible, and certainly not peanuts.
4. I (a gerbil) will not escape, then chew on my human's Final Fantasy VII CD.
5. I shall not be sweet, gentle and passive at the pet store when being purchased, and then turn into 'El Diablo' when I get home to my new cage.
6. I shall not disregard the especially purchased hamster lookout nest in favor of sleeping in my dried pee-n-poop encrusted habitrail tube.
7. I shall not obsessively chew on the wire bars of my Habitrail for hours at a time, each & every chew resulting in a 'ching' sound resonating throughout the room and a resultingly unattractive bald spot on the top of my nose.
8. I will definitely not chew any nipples that may be present, either through clothing or not.
9. I will not attempt to chew the hand that feeds me.
10. I will not attempt to climb into my human's pocket to start a race to discover freedom.
11. I will not attempt to gang up with my cage mate in trying to open the lid of my cage.
12. I will not attempt to lick my human's hand and sniff at it, and then attempt to hump it, after he has just held my mate.
13. I will not attempt to mate/sniff/bite any suspicious smelling object.
14. I will not bicker intermittently with my cage mate throughout the night. (these are Dwarves, by the way)
15. I will not bite the teenage boy human who *allowed* me to run up his pants leg when he suddenly realizes that I'm getting awfully close to some important parts that he someday hopes to be able to use. Biting him like I did will cause him to scream like a girl and be the laughingstock of the homeroom for the rest of the week.
16. I will not chew at the bars of my cage and create a hole.
17. I will not chew brother dogs' noses, etc.,
18. I will not climb my cage and jump on my hammy cagemate.
19. I will not climb the sides of the birdcage I call home. I also will not get my leg stuck and then not squeak for help, even though I squeak at every thing else when upset.
20. I will not go into my hamster house that my human has lovingly made for me, claw at the bedding inside and refuse to come out even when my favourite food is bought into the cage. I will also not refuse to go in when it is bedtime, and I know I love the smell of sawdust.
21. I will not ignore the special wood chew toy, even if it is smeared with peanut butter.
22. I will not lovingly provide my owner with a fresh turd each and every time he plays with me.
23. I will not smack the new boy in my cage just because he wants a turn on the wheel too. I do not need to sleep in the wheel to protect my territory, and I should just let him have his way with me and then he will be leaving.
24. I will share my cucumber portions with the fellow hammy in my cage, not start a wrestlemania match. After all, he shares.
25. I will sniff patiently at any fingers that human children are bound to push into cages in an attempt to know me better. I will not nip them or pretend I want to.
26. It is not wise to streak around at speeds that could make a Ferrari seem slow.
27. When my human attempts to introduce another to me, I will not try to jump off the table.

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## **Bad Mouse/Rat**

As with the other two lists, this describes things that mouse or rat owners would have their pets write on the blackboard 100 times...  
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### **--- Annoying Habits ---**

1. Being annoying will not be continued.
2. Chewing the cage bars and cage pan are each a big NO.
3. I do not have a personal e-mail account. If I e-mail vile threats to the province of Alberta, Victor Pest Control, and whoever makes those lab block things, my human will get a call from her ISP.
4. I will not climb out of the cage to explore the top of the guinea pig cage, even though I am still small enough to get through the bars.
5. I will not go sofa-splunking.
6. I will not hide in the registers and give my human a panic attack when she can't find me.
7. If we are on our human's shoulder when she reaches for a drink in the fridge, we should not leap in the fridge to lick the butter.
8. Plastic bags are not toys or cage liner and should not be dragged into the cage.
9. We shall not climb in the recliner. It's dangerous.



### --- Bodily Functions ---

1. I do not need to pee on the magazine my human is reading, even if it is 'yellow journalism.'
2. I will not hide my droppings in the couch.
3. I will not mount my male friend in front of guests. I can keep my homosexuality discreet.
4. When my human is working on any sort of artwork, I do not need to "help" her by "painting" it with my pee.

### --- Destroying ---

1. 'Antique' does not mean 'we no longer care if you chew it to shreds'.
2. A phone book is a toy. It should last more than 8 hours. We do not get one daily.
3. Chewing books that Our Human is reading is not acceptable. Chewing the bookshelf is no more acceptable.
4. Chewing the antique dresser will only annoy the humans.
5. Chewing the coffee table is also not acceptable.
6. I do not need to shred sensitive legal documents to earn my keep.
7. I will not chew holes in the sheet rock, just because it tastes good.
8. I will not chew on the computer mouse's cord because my human won't pay attention to me.
9. One opening per pillowcase is perfectly adequate.
10. There will be NO chewing on books that the human does not own.
11. We shall never again chew holes in an umbrella.
12. We shall not chew shoelaces.
13. We shall not remove the hems of the curtains.
14. We will not chew up every piece of fleece.

### --- Food/Water ---

1. Dish soap is a deterrent, not a flavor additive.
2. Duct tape is not a nutritional supplement.
3. Frozen peas are edible.
4. I do not need to throw an entire glass bottle of Tazoberry juice across the room. My human has already given me a lovely drink from the cap.
5. I get more than enough feed. I do not need to go all gaga if my human doesn't give me extra treats every day.
6. Ice cream is a treat, not a required part of a rat diet.
7. If carrot baby food is yummy, raw carrots are not toxic and should not be thrown out of the cage.
8. If we get pasta with tomato sauce, we should not try to bathe in the sauce. It only dyes our hair weird colors.
9. Lab blocks are food, not construction material.
10. Menthol based pain reliever cream is not a food. We should not try to lick it off our human the entire time we are out of our cat or steal the tube. Our human needs it, we don't.
11. Once we have gotten a lovely treat of human food, we should not demand it every time we see the human with food.
12. One half of a cracker is plenty. We don't need the full box.
13. Rats do not drink alcoholic beverages. I do not need to store grape bits until they ferment.
14. Rats do not truly NEED cotton candy.
15. Rats should not steal the plastic zippy bag of lab blocks and gorge. Rats can't puke if we get upset tummies.
16. The cheese I am fed does not need to be aged another three weeks.
17. There will be no further attempts to pry food out of our human's mouth.
18. There will NEVER again be a rat sitting in our human's bowl of cereal while our human is still eating. She gave us our own.
19. Uncooked pasta is edible.
20. We can eat corn, peas, green beans and strawberries that are purchased somewhere other than the Farmer's Market.
21. We get a tiny corner of the chocolate bar, not all of it.
22. We like olive oil. Pee tail is not attractive. Our human can put olive oil on our tails.
23. We love grapes. We should not refuse green grapes. We also should not require our human to peel our grapes first.
24. We shall not as a group plot, steal and gobble a sleeve of Thin Mint cookies.
25. We will not stash treats. We will promptly eat them like good rats.

### --- Hampering ---

1. Hamper: While the linoleum is coming up, we do not need to chew on it to help.

### --- Human-Related ---

1. A finger at the cage bars is not a treat and I will not chomp on it.
2. Biting grandpa if he touches before washing his hands after smoking is not really accepted... well, sort of isn't...
3. Foofing at my human when she takes the chocolate bar back is NOT appropriate at any point. EVER.
4. Foofing up if my human touches us with other rat stink on her hands just makes her laugh.

5. I will not desperately attack my human's tennis shoes for attention, then bite her hand when she tries to scratch my beady head.
6. I will not give my human a manicure, pedicure, ear cleaning, nose cleaning, or dental exam.
7. I will not groom my roommate until her fur comes out and then squeak the 'Mr. Clean' jingle.
8. I will not pretend to be a good rat and hide on my human while we go to the store and then secretly chew holes in her shirt for her to discover later.
9. I will practice the art of dentistry on other rats, and not my human.
10. If our human does not share her beer, we are not to foof at her.
11. Our human is not trying to drown us. Scratching her hands when it's bath time is rude.
12. Our human likes the polish on her nails. We do not need to groom it off.
13. Pulling hair/earrings/necklaces/glasses/watches/iv catheters is mean.
14. Scars are permanent. We should not try to remove them from our human.
15. We will not (stare at the human; chew on our cage; squeak; box each other; "foof" up; throw litter, poop, uneaten food or stashed items at the human or cats) until the human shares her food.

### --- Mess Making ---

1. As Our Human gives us all the empty toilet paper rolls, we should not dig in the bathroom trash to try to find more.
2. As we are messy, we should not chew bristles off the broom.
3. If it's fun to shred paper on the couch, we should not ignore it on the floor if it's given to us.
4. The newspaper that lines my shelf does not need to be shredded to bits and thrown out the cage bars.

### --- Miscellaneous ---

1. Misc: As we have poor vision, we should not foof if we don't get to have shows we like on.
2. Misc: Four hours a day out of our cage is plenty.
3. Misc: I am not a close, personal friend of Willard.
4. Misc: Trips out in public are treats for good rats, not to be expected by bad rats.
5. Misc: We are very bad if our human can write a list of 100 things when we've only lived with her for 3 months.
6. Misc: We should not be so naughty that our human threatens to rename us Mayhem and Chaos.

### --- Misuse/Misappropriation of Items ---

1. DVDs are to be left on the shelf. If we must stash on that shelf, there is plenty of room behind them.
2. I will not use the printer as my house.
3. If we must steal full pop cans, it's VERY rude to steal only full cans while we blatantly ignore the empty cans next to them.
4. If we MUST steal pill bottles, we should not chew them open. Medications may be toxic and we are not lab rats.
5. If we must steal pop cans, we should NEVER steal cans that have pop left in them.
6. If we must steal the other ones stashed treats, we will not keep restealing them for an hour.
7. It is mean to steal the cat's toys. He is scared of us.
8. My human lovingly handcrafted this cozy hammock for me so I must not pee in it, poo in it, or chew six holes in it.
9. Once we stash treats, we will not steal the treats our sister has stashed in her spot.
10. Our human doesn't care if the cat pays us to do so, we are not to steal and stash his brush where our human can't find it.
11. Our human will give us the paper towel rolls with some left. We should not steal brand new rolls.
12. Our human will give us the straw after she is done with it. We do not need to steal it from the glass.
13. The cell phone is not ours.
14. The rule is not if we touch it, we should stash it or chew it.
15. The rule is not, nor will ever be, if it sparkles, it's ours.
16. We do not have driver's licenses. We can not see out the windshield. We can not reach the pedals. We can not shift gears. As such, we should not steal car keys from purses and stash them in our spots.
17. We don't wear flip-flops. We should stop stealing our human's.
18. We have no need for remotes.
19. We shall NEVER again steal sharp knives. We may get hurt.
20. We shall never steal our human's pill bottles again. She needs them.
21. We shall not climb curtains.
22. We shall not steal all the pens we can find.
23. We should not steal all band aids we can find.
24. We should not steal our human's nail files, hide them, then chew her nails so she needs one.
25. We should not steal pop cans.
26. We should not steal toilet paper from the roll.

### --- Noise ---

1. It is not acceptable to squeak and fuss while we are in the basement during a tornado warning. Our human knows we are only doing it to scare the cat. (If I catch him and he's down with us, rat fight. If I don't catch him, the rats are quiet)

2. It is not accepted to start Death Cage Matches at 2 am. Especially if we don't mean it and only want attention.
3. Squeaking like dying rats during a bath is uncalled for.
4. We should not push our wooden chew blocks off the shelf and onto the ramp, making a ton of noise at 2 am.

### --- Not All There ---

1. I shall not try to injure myself on a daily basis. I live with 10 other rats who are not injury prone and I'm hairless so the owies show.
2. If we are hot, we should lie near our ice bottle. We should not snuggle together in our fleece cube. Our human is not turning the a/c below 76.
3. My human's running out of banana chip treats is no reason to attempt to commit suicide by diving off the top shelf of the computer desk into her glass of pop. I will then not scream pathetically when she has to give me a bath. I have only myself to blame.
4. Razors are not rat toys.

### --- Other Critters ---

1. I can not still boss my babies around once they are 4 months old and I'm spayed.
2. I do not live in a democracy, therefore, my rat friends and I do not comprise a 'voting bloc'.
3. I do not want to meet the dachshund.
4. I shall not try to remove my sister's harness in public.
5. I will learn to take turns on the wheel instead of getting into hissy fights with other rats.
6. I will not bite the dog's nose.
7. I will not sleep on the cat.
8. I will not try to run off to the boy-rats' cage at every possible chance.
9. If I can play on non-neutral grounds with other rats, I can live in the same cage. Starting real rat wars is not called for.
10. If I choose to mother children, I will understand that eight is the most I should bear, and that eleven and higher is simply an unacceptable number.
11. It is not nice to harass the cat who is petrified of us.
12. Squirting the cats with our water bottle is not nice, even if it's funny.
13. The cardboard scratcher is the cats'. We should refrain from sitting on it and scaring the cats away.
14. There is no such thing as an acceptable 'mating alternative'.
15. We have lived with other rats. We do not have to share our cage. Other rats CAN be in the same house as us.
16. We shall not bite the cats.

### --- Vets ---

1. Abnormal medical issues are not funny or acceptable. If a vet says "I don't know", we shouldn't have those problems!
2. I will not squeak in bloody terror when my human is trying to give me medicine, and I will not spit it out afterwards.
3. I will not suddenly pop out of my (male) human's pocket at the vet's office, terrifying the receptionist until she leaves in tears and then quits the next day. (Between all of this family, I wonder how we keep ANY vet.)
4. I will not whiz on Mike the vet tech, even though everybody else does it.
5. When boarding at the vets, we will refrain from purring and snuggling with one tech, then attacking the kennel assistant. It is the kennel assistant who feeds us and cleans our cage, if we won't let her reach into our cage, we will go hungry and not get clean beds.

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## Bad Chinchilla

As with the other two lists, this describes things that chinchilla owners would have their pets write on the blackboard 100 times...

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1. As a small rodent, I do not have a future as a voyeur, no matter how cute I am. It makes the human's girlfriend very uncomfortable that I always come to the front of the cage and stare whenever she kisses him. I can't breed, so he shouldn't be able to, either.
  2. I will no longer hide under my human's bed, even if it is the perfect hiding place. I also will not squeak in the middle of the night keeping her up all night when she can't catch me.
  3. I will not accept a treat, shove it in my cheek when my human turns away, and squeak for another one as if the first one had dropped through the cage floor.
  4. I will not act like I want to play with the dog, and then attack him when he comes near.
  5. I will not act sweet to coax my human's visiting friend near, and then pee on him or her.
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6. I will not eat only the seed heads in my hay and toss every single stem out of the cage and onto my human's floor.
7. I will not play pooper-shooter; it is not a contest to see which of us can fling our poop the farthest from the cage.
8. I will quit squeezing out of my cage. I am supposed to be too big to fit between the bars as I did as a baby, even if I don't believe it and still get out all the time.
9. We will refrain from leaping higher than the rabbits in front of them. It annoys them.

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## **Bad Hedgehog**

As with the other two lists, this describes things that hedgehog owners would have their pets write on the blackboard 100 times...

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1. I am a hedgehog, not a vacuum cleaner. There is no need to inhale my worms.
2. I will not hiss and curl into a ball when my human picks me up and tries to kiss me. She is only doing it because she loves me.
3. I will try not to froth as much over mud or broccoli. The green and brown froth makes my human a little queasy and makes me need a bath.
4. Just because my human smells like food does not mean that she is edible. I should not bite her.
5. My human brings me worms and other treats because she loves me. I should not hiss at her.
6. My humans clip my toenails to keep me healthy. I should not bite them for it.
7. My human's hair is pretty and smells nice, but it's not really edible.
8. When running around with a toilet paper tube on my head, I will not spend five minutes trying to extricate my head only to look around for a fraction of a second and then put my head right back in. That really makes my human question my sanity.

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