

# GUINEA PIGS offered better life

INJURED, neglected and found guinea pigs are being given a new lease on life through a group of dedicated people.

PIGNIC: Simone Collins, Melinda Roadley and Delaney Price with their guinea pigs.



In Support of the Australian Cavy Sanctuary, Melinda Roadley has established a guinea pig shelter in Geelong.

She said since setting up the shelter, there had been a huge demand to rescue guinea pigs.

"I am setting up more and more hutches, because things are getting big. Pet shop rescues have been good for me. In 95 per cent of cases, the guinea pigs have come from bad situations," Ms Roadley said.

Simone Collins from Ballarat has adopted about 27 guinea pigs, some she found dumped at charity bins and on road sides. She has had to care for them and get them back to good health.

"I like them. No one seems to care about them," Ms Collins said.

Ballarat's Delaney Price also supports the ACS and is passionate about the welfare of guinea pigs.

She said the organisation was trying to build communication between the RSPCA, which does not re-house guinea pigs.

To raise funds and awareness of ACS, a guinea pig picnic will be held at Maddingley Park, Bacchus Marsh, on October 12 at 1pm.

"There will be face painting, balloons and fun awards. People will be able to hold guinea pigs, have a chat and learn about the option of adopting," Ms Price said.

For more information call Melinda Roadley on 0433 373 759 or visit [www.austaralinacavysanctuary.com](http://www.austaralinacavysanctuary.com)