



Here is when I first adopted him. He had loss patches of hair on his backside and he scratched open his wounds around his neck while they were healing. I repetitively applied neosporin at least once a day until it healed. When I took him to the vet to be fixed, the doctor told me applying coconut oil every day would help his hair grow back, which it definitely did.





Chip is much better now! He has healed completely, and his coat is silky and full. I used the tunnel he came with and covered it in fabric to easily lift the pigs in and out of the cage without frightening them.

Less than a month ago, I finally bought him a new friend, Blitz, who is a now four-month-old female. Due to his past with his brother, I knew dominance between a male and female wouldn't be a problem. Most guinea pig herds consist of only one or two males with many females. By neutering Chip, his hygiene is better and I can prevent unnecessary pregnancy with his new friend.

I haven't been able to get many pictures of Chip and Blitz together because she is much more active than him. However, she likes to follow him around during floor time. When they first met, Blitz was still quite scared being taken from her home, but Chip immediately comforted her and she wasn't so frightened after that. 😊

Chip is much happier having a friend! After I took him home and let him get adjusted, I could tell he was lonely. Guinea pigs are very social because they naturally live in herds in the wild. Since Blitz joined our family, Chip has been much more vocal and I heard noises from him I never heard before! I can tell he is much happier having a friend to communicate to. Although she is still a bit young for him and they don't completely relate yet.

I appreciate having my guinea pig friends and that HeartLand Humane Society helped to begin it all! I'm so very glad Chip is no longer bullied and has had full recovery since I first adopted him over six months ago.