

## **Could you give two orphaned guinea pigs a home for Mother's Day?**

### **Tiny twosome thrown out with the rubbish**

London/Surrey –On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a member of the public arrived at The Mayhew Animal Home in London after they had gone to throw out their rubbish and found a small box by the bins; with faint squeaking coming from inside.

On opening the box, they found two baby guinea pigs huddling together, callously thrown out with the rubbish to die.

The resident of the block of flats in Ladbroke Grove brought the orphaned animals to The Mayhew so they could be seen by a vet immediately.

Mayhew vets have aged them at only two months and staff at the Home named the tiny twosome Addison and Montgomery.

The Mayhew contacted small pet rescue specialists Furry Friends in Coulsdon, Surrey, who arranged to come and collect the diminutive pair and place them in a guinea pig foster home until a permanent home can be found.

Mayhew CEO, Caroline Yates, said: *"It is sadly not uncommon for us to have members of the public bring in pets that they have found in bags and boxes thrown out with the bins. Happily, these two were found in time and brought immediately to us and their lives were saved. We would certainly encourage any guinea pig fans to contact Furry Friends and give this tiny twosome a home in time for mother's day"*

Guinea pig foster carer, Anna said: *"These two guineas were very nervous when they first came into foster, but it's not surprising after the ordeal they have been through. I have been working very closely with them and they have come out of their shell quickly and are a friendly pair. It is hard to believe how cruel someone can be to two defenseless animals."*

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**For the Editor**

**The Mayhew Animal Home** was established in 1886 for the benefit of “the lost and starving dogs and cats of London so that they should have sanctuary from the cold inhumanity they are being dealt outside”. Today, The Mayhew is one of the busiest animal sanctuaries in London, rescuing thousands of animals from cruelty and neglect each year. We provide shelter and care for cats, dogs, rabbits and when the need arises, for a wide variety of other animals.

The Mayhew Animal Home strives to tackle the companion animal welfare crisis from every possible angle. The organisation is pro-active, innovative and continually works to assist animals and their carers. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.