

Fun Facts: Chinchilla

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Chinchillas need a dry habitat and need dust baths several times weekly; in fact, a dust bath is necessary to keep a chinchilla's fur soft

A chinchilla needs a multiple level habitat

A chinchilla sounds like a chirp or peep. Chinchillas also cackle, and emit a sound "kee-kee-kee"

Always place your chinchilla's cage in a corner or with at least one side to the wall

A chinchilla has approximately 90 hairs per hair follicle; humans have 1-2 hairs per follicle

When a chinchilla is grooming himself, he is happy and relaxed