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Happy Holidays



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Dear Supporter,

We are back with you again wishing you a very happy and healthy Holiday Season. I hope you enjoy this issue featuring many of our wonderful pigs that we feel have had the good fortune to come and live with us because we have had the good fortune to have your support.

Fifty-four new faces have come to join our family so far this year. We have taken them in and grown to love them. We learn their personalities and what their special needs are. They get spayed or neutered, some are started on much needed meds or taken for surgery, as Hercules was. More often than not they are put on a diet, especially when they look like Esmerelda featured here in 'Meet Our Pigs' on page 11. They are big or small and young or old, there are no qualifications to be met to have a lifetime home here at the sanctuary. A few of the young ones like Maxwell will be adopted, but most will stay with us here at Ironwood.

Soon they will make their way to one of our large fields, and there they will settle in and in time will make new friends. None of this will come easy, and occasionally one, like Cyrus, will have to be brought in and relocated to a field more in keeping with his or her personality. We watch carefully for signs of stress and the need to be moved or brought in to a pen for a period of time and released to a new, less active field.

It is so gratifying when we see old pigs that have lived alone all their lives, some for up to 16 years, come here and find a friend to buddy up with. Ernest and Kaylee, both well into their teens are now seen together in their shelter or lying side by side in the sun. Emily, who boarded with us for five summers and was never put out with others because she was a boarder, was released to us last year. Now 15 or 16, she quickly made fast friends with Sampson, another old pig who had lived alone all of his life. We were worried that Emily would be unhappy after living so many years with her family, but she is happy with her new family of four, especially Sampson. He came to us last year when his family lost their home. Even Grunt, one of our grumpy old guys who came to us when he was 16 plus, has emerged from his adjoining pen and integrated into the assisted living field. He still stays in a shelter by himself but is part of the field now and never returns to his old pen.

Happy Holidays,



Mary Schanz
President and Co-Founder



Kaylee & Ernest



Sampson & Emily

PS As we walk through the fields and see these new found friendships, we smile and often announce it to one another over our radios. These are the things that bring peace and happiness to our holidays. I hope you all have similar warm experiences that make your holidays worthwhile and peaceful and happy.

Happy Holidays!



Got any more egnog?



Happy Holidays everyone!

Where's my fruitcake?



I smell pumpkin pie!



Is that a sleigh up there?



Can I open my presents now?



Merry Christmas!



Fa la la la la, la la la la!

Maxwell's Tale

Awoven tale for sure of how many wonderful people became involved with this little piglet that resulted in him finding his way to this wonderful new home on July 26th of this year. A near tragedy ended in a story where “dreams do come true.”

Maxwell's odyssey started for us with a phone call to Ben and then an e-mail from Liz on June 18th, keeping in mind that June is one of the hottest months of the year in Phoenix. Liz is a police officer who was called out on this issue.



Liz e-mailed: “I spoke to Ben this morning about this little baby pig abandoned by a dumpster and left for dead in one of our residential alleys in Tempe. He was located by a citizen, standing outside a small cat carrier that contained a urine soaked towel. He had been taped inside the carrier but it seemed he had worked his way out of the carrier. He was traumatized and frantically drank two bowls of water that I gave him, then looked at me and wagged his tail in thanks.”



Pierre and Maxwell

Liz took him to Desert Cry Wildlife where Regina nursed him through the night. She said he had urine burns and a rash on his bottom area due to lying on a urine soaked towel after being stuffed into the cat carrier by his cruel owner. He was also banged up, as a result she thinks, from fighting his way out of the carrier before he was found in the alley by the citizen who called the police.

Liz transported him herself to Ironwood on June 19th. She wrote this e-mail to us later. “I think he really knows he was rescued and that he truly won the lottery the day he arrived at Ironwood. The expression on his face when we found him was one of desperation and hopelessness. He was so traumatized and thirsty. The look on his face was priceless when we opened the door to my car after we arrived at your place. He wasted no time in bee-lining over to the closest pig near his pen to say hi! You all saved his life!”

Everyone involved saved his life.

On a boiling hot June day a citizen in Tempe found this little boy standing by his carrier by a dumpster in an alley. This person cared enough to call the police and Police Officer Liz, who is an animal lover, took him to the proper person, Regina, to give him the care he needed to get him over this crisis. Liz then went on line and found our information and brought him safely to us. He was neutered shortly thereafter and soon found a wonderful home with Jerry. The only downside is that the perpetrator of this hideous crime will probably never be found or imprisoned.

Jerry had adopted George from us in Dec. of 2009 and had kept us updated on how he and George were doing but had never been



back to the sanctuary since then. He had made an appointment to visit the sanctuary and bring some donations on July 26th. When he saw Maxwell he knew he had to take him home.

Jerry e-mailed: “Thank you so



Jerry and Maxwell

very much for Maxwell. He is such a lovable, beautiful little pig. I can't believe anyone could abuse him. His story perfectly illustrates how important your work is. It is so wonderful to know you are providing home and care for pigs in distress and I am pleased to help you continue your compassionate commitment.

"Now that it's cooling down some, I can comfortably monitor



George and Maxwell. I was fearful letting them work things out by themselves before in the heat. I purchased another play ball so now they each have their own to roll. That seems to have improved the situation greatly, although George at times tries to 'corral' both balls. I love my pigs so much! George remains such a

A Good Home

I have told Maxwell's story here because the contrast is so dramatic. He is such a social lovable pig and he started to make new pig friends right away. He and Pierre took no time to start warming up to each other. How could he have been left there in the heat to perish? But Maxwell is not the only fellow who went home to a good home this year. Chaco, Wilemina, my favorite Lucille, Ricky, Little Joe and Socks all are now in homes where they have people who love them. Most pigs that we take in do very

mellow pig. Nothing bothers him, except maybe a bath! Maxwell is definitely an indoor pig. He sleeps all night with me and is well behaved."

Jerry is a psychic and he said he knew Maxwell was here and waiting for him. Maxwell and George will surely have a happy holiday this year.

---Mary



George and Maxwell

well living with us in a sanctuary setting. They have each other which I think is very important and all their needs are met, but there are those that come here that have imprinted on people and for those few we really would hope they would find a good human family. But good homes are hard to find. I have become more particular over the years. Very few of our pigs go out to homes anymore since I have learned over these 11 years that most people really don't know what the needs of pigs are. We recently took in two baby boars that the people bought on Craig's list. Their pen was small, trashed and they could easily escape. The people had a large unneutered male dog and when we arrived he was chasing them around the yard. My heart went in my throat as I thought here we are to rescue them and we may be minutes too late. He did not harm them but it was a matter of time. They are now safely with us. This is but one example of how pigs end up in the wrong home. They were a gift from the daughter-in-law to the lady who had them. It could have and no doubt would have had a tragic ending. So please during the holiday season think carefully before giving an animal of any kind, particularly a pig, as a holiday gift. Their lives are precious and they are not toys.

---Mary

Thomas & Joey

Thomas and Joey were brought to us due to their family needing to relocate. Thomas walked right onto the property like he owned the place. He was very curious and started exploring. Joey, on the other hand, wasn't quite as interested in being at a new place. He was shy and definitely had his guard up. He didn't want much to do with us but gradually started exploring with Thomas. It didn't take long to see that these two were inseparable. Joey would follow Thomas around as they entered our exercise yard. It seemed that Joey probably saw Thomas as a security blanket.



Thomas & Joey

Aside from the boys being unaltered, we also observed a lump over Thomas' left eye. It didn't seem to cause him any discomfort but definitely looked like it didn't belong. Their previous mom said she had noticed it but wasn't sure what it was. We would be sure to monitor this and get our vet to look at it when the boys were neutered.

After getting to spend some time with the boys, Thomas would allow us to give him belly rubs.



Joey, Taryn & Thomas

Joey was still a bit more standoffish. He would take treats from our hands but would keep his distance and walk away as soon as he had the treat. I would be sure to show Joey that Thomas enjoyed our attention and trusted us. Eventually Joey trusted us enough to let us pet his head while he took treats from our hand. I would try to spend extra time with these two, especially Joey. Joey would gradually let me touch him more and seemed to enjoy verbal attention. Aside from showing the boys love, they were also in need of having their tusks and hooves trimmed.

We knew that trimming them would be tricky as Joey was still a bit leery and the boys hate to be separated. The first time we attempted to trim them we let Thomas out of their pen and tried to trim Joey first. To say this was unsuccessful would be an

understatement! We'd never seen a pig act so wild in this situation. He frantically ran into fences, bending the hog panel. We immediately left him and let him be back with Thomas. We were careful from then on to make sure Joey's experiences were calm and tried to give him some extra attention to get him more used to us.

After consulting our veterinarian, we attempted to trim Joey one more time after giving him sedatives. Unfortunately it was a repeat of our first attempt. It was clear we were going to have to bring in the big guns. We arranged to have our veterinarian, Dr. Page come out to sedate Joey and neuter both boys. To my surprise, when Dr. Page arrived she asked me to give Joey his injection since I had been spending so much time with him. With a couple of crumbs from a treat Joey was calm enough to let me give him the injection. Soon



Joey

both boys were sedated and undergoing the procedures. Both neuters went smoothly and both boys also had their tusks and hooves trimmed.



Joey & Thomas

Thomas and Joey recovered well from their neuters and we had to decide which field we thought they would be most suitable for. Mary, Donna and I decided on our Northwest field. The first few days in their new field were rough as usual. There are the new pigs making themselves known and the veterans making sure that no one moves in on their space. There was the normal fighting but nothing too major. It didn't take long for the boys to establish themselves and relax. Soon enough Thomas and Joey found a house to call their own and learned their new morning routine. They both ran around so much during feeding that they weren't really eating much, so they both eat in feeding pens now. Joey enjoys this so much that he will show you where his feeding pen is.

Much to our surprise Thomas and Joey have switched roles since being out in a field. Thomas will

still allow us to give him attention, but he really doesn't search out for it. Joey, on the other hand, runs up when anyone enters the field, looking for attention. One evening when I was handing out medications I heard heavy breathing behind me. When I turned around I saw Joey sitting properly and looking up with a big smile. Of course I had to give him a pet and a treat.

As we watched the boys get used to their new field we noticed the lump over Thomas' eye getting larger. We had Dr. Page take a sample from it and she said that he would need it removed. We hate to take pigs out of a field they acclimate to so soon, but we did not want to wait as the lump grew. Thomas had to stay in our pens while he healed from his surgery. Joey was left to hold down their fort on his own. I would visit Joey in the evenings and tell him that Thomas was OK. Once Thomas was fully recovered and able to go back to the field he and Joey linked back up.



Joey & Taryn

The boys are still each other's best friend. They haven't really

mingled with the other pigs but no longer fight with them either. We are very pleased that Joey has relaxed and is enjoying his time with Thomas in a new place. Every night we can find them in the same shelter. When I peek inside Joey always takes notice and comes out to see what's going on. He then usually lets me pet him. During the day they both enjoy time in the wallows, sometimes together and sometimes apart.



Thomas

It was a rough road for the boys as they have settled at the sanctuary. Now that their surgeries are over and they are comfortable in their field, we are pleased that they have calmed down and are happy. It's been nice to see these two stick together in their new home.

--- Taryn



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Johnny

In the last newsletter, my sister June spilled the beans about me scaring the kids at our home. It was really just one of them and he made it so easy and I couldn't resist making him run and Would it help if I said I was sorry (sort of)?



Bam Bam

I came here with...you guessed it...Pebbles! Our owners lost their home, a story you've heard plenty of, I'm sure. I try to act tough like it doesn't matter, but I miss my family. Maybe I could be a part of your family now?



Rita

Can you believe it...a skinny really long hoove house though. The me (a lot!), trim called Ironwood for



Baby

If nobody picks me to sponsor, I might just break down and cry! In fact, I feel it coming on already. Somebody please choose me to be their baby girl!



Mr. Hooferton

I lived at a horrid petting zoo for years and was never even given a name. I didn't even like being petted until I came here! Now I have my freedom, a name and people who really care about me. Cool place to be!



I had a sponsor them. I tried hard posed nicely f understand what get another chan

Special Pig!

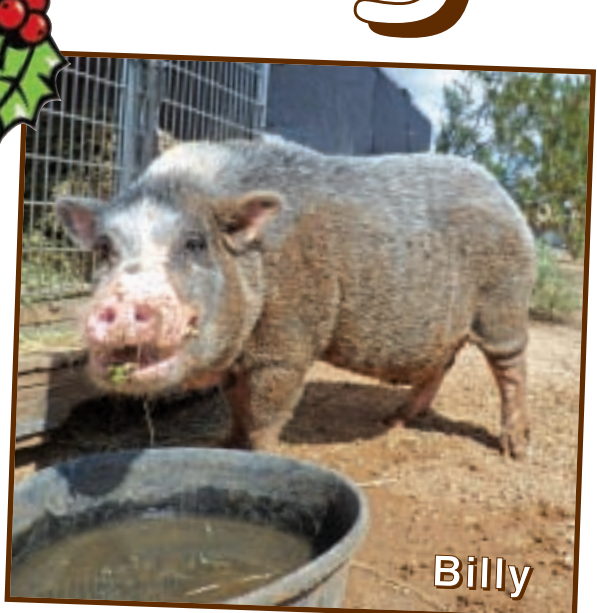


I was found in an homeless stray with no home! I picked the right person to take me in, fed me, and she cleaned my hoofies then she helped me.



Wilbur

When I came here I could barely walk (still lame but much better) and was very skinny (still thin but working on it). I am feeling stronger and think I'm ready to have a sponsor now. So.... anybody willing to take me in? Please?



Billy

Early this fall I was left in an overnight drop off pen at a local county animal shelter. Being around all those barking dogs...whoa! Sure was glad a shelter staff member brought me to Ironwood!



Millie

I was part of a family, but then I lost my family. I want to be a good girl, always happy and for pictures....I don't know what happened. Will I ever see my family?

JOIN OUR FAMILY OF SPONSORS

Help these pigs have the best holiday season ever by becoming their "parent" when you decide to sponsor one or more. A monthly donation of \$30 will provide your pig's care and their share of sanctuary expenses. In exchange you will receive photos and a letter about your pig as well as new pictures and an update on your pig twice yearly. Please join our family of sponsors here at Ironwood!



Donna

Tucker

--- Donna

Open House November 10th

We're all so excited to see who is coming to Open House this year! It's going to be on Saturday, November 10th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. You are all welcome to attend and don't hesitate to bring some friends along! We will have snacks and drinks available. There is no admission fee. You can have a tour of the Sanctuary, visit with pigs and relax around the Visitor Center. It is always a great time, so come on out and enjoy the day with us and the pigs!



You should receive an invitation with a map in the mail. If you don't, please call Ben at 520-631-6015 or email us at ironwoodpigs@yahoo.com for directions.

Last year we tried something new to keep us from getting overstocked with one particular item. It worked out great, so we're doing it again this year.

The only difference is we're putting peanut butter on each list because we use so much of it. Please bring **CREAMY ONLY**... it spreads so much quicker and easier. Everyone can bring blankets (we always use them up!), then if you would like to help out more, please choose from this list.

If your last name begins with the letters:

A-H

Peanut Butter, CREAMY
Mineral Oil
Fig Newton Cookies
Cranberry Capsules

I-P

Peanut Butter, CREAMY
Glucosamine/Chondroitin
Animal Crackers
Children's Multi-Vitamins, NO IRON

Q-Z

Peanut Butter, CREAMY
Flaxseed Capsules
Cranberry/Grape Juice
Ensure (VANILLA ONLY)

The above items are things we are in need of now as well as blankets, blankets, blankets! We love you all, appreciate your support and hope to see you at Ironwood's Open House. Mark it on your calendar!

Our Wish List

GIFT CARDS

Fry's
 Home Depot
 Lowes
 Office Max
 Office Depot
 Staples
 Petsmart
 Target
 Discover
 MasterCard

TOOL TIME

Lineman's Pliers
 Utility Knives
 Duct Tape
 25' Power Lock Tape
 Measure

BIG STUFF

Van, Cargo - Late Model
 Full Size, rear A/C
 Truck - Late Model 3/4 Ton
 Long Bed Pickup

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Postage Stamps (Forever, 45, 32, 20 cents)
 Used Blankets are always welcome
 Flaxseed Capsules
 Ensure or Equivalent - Vanilla Only
 (Liquid or Powder)
 Peanut Butter - Creamy Only
 Mineral Oil
 Antacid comparable to Zantac - No Tums
 Children's Multi-Vitamins - No Iron
 Digital Video Camera - Late Model

Meet Our Pigs

Tyke has been a pleasure since his first day at the sanctuary. He came to us recently when a neighbor had taken Tyke when his owner went to jail. Tyke was living in a very small pen without shelter, shade or water. I suppose he might feel like a king in his new environment. Tyke was still intact when he arrived, so we had him neutered shortly after his arrival. He's a young guy, about two years old. We aren't sure of what experiences he might have previously had, but we are sure that he's enjoying his current experiences. He was a bit shy



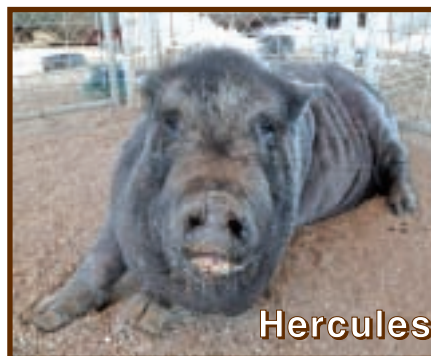
Tyke

when he first arrived. However, after showing Tyke some love it didn't take long for him to trust us and be comfortable around us. He now craves affection all day and I just can't tell him no. Tyke has a way of making eye contact with people that lures them in so he can get a belly rub. I have no problem stopping to pet Tyke. I love when he comes up running beside me and trots along next to me in the yard. I visit him at his bedtime and sit down with him while I talk to him. Lately he has been

hanging out with one of our other new pigs and seems to enjoy this time. Tyke seems to be able to make friends wherever he goes.

---Taryn

Hercules is one of our recent Apache Junction rescues. When you see Hercules from afar your eyes are drawn to his brilliant white stripe. As you get closer to Hercules you



Hercules

might be greeted with one of his amazing smiles. Even if Hercules is not smiling you can't help but notice his gentle eyes. Hercules loves watermelon and belly rubs and his smile is all the thank you we need.

---Deeanna

Esmerelda became Esmerelda when she arrived at Ironwood on September 16th. We felt her name was fitting. She used to be Porky and porky she is indeed. She is only 3 years old but seems much older due to her obesity. She lived with an older couple and they had her since she was a baby, but they have to move now and like so many others the move does not include their pig.

Considering her weight at age 3 it may just be lucky for her that they could not take her with them. She had a nice house and home and I believe they cared about her, but like so many other pig owners they don't understand that pigs should not be fat like this.

She is adjusting to her new life here at Ironwood. Her first few days here were not so easy. She refused to eat or drink and just as we were considering starting to give her subQ fluids she decided it was time for her to get a grip. We fed her by hand for a few days and then she began to feel more comfortable and started to get up and eat on her own. We are trying to introduce her to three others that...well, are more or less her size, so they can all go on a diet together as they become friends. As we try to scoot her out of her pen to join the others she likes to lay down for a belly rub. She is starting to accept her new family and feel comfortable with us.



Esmerelda

I shudder to think what kind of tuck she will need once that weight begins to come off and she is dragging along the ground. This is one of the unfortunate consequences of being so overweight.

---Mary

How Pigs Eat



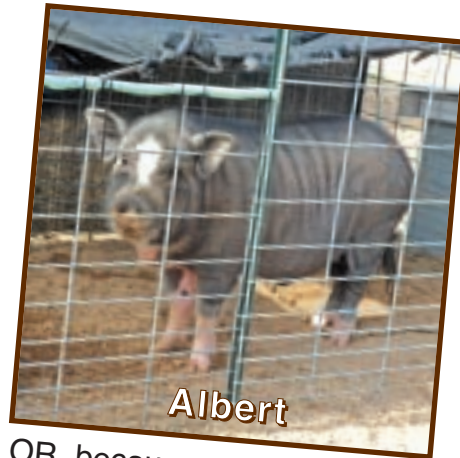
Sasha

Some of us stand in the trough for quicker consumption.



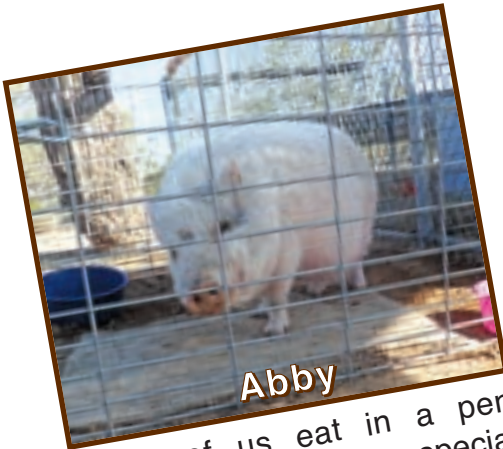
Happy, Josh and Doc

Some of us stand politely outside the trough so our friends can eat.



Albert

OR because we don't play well with others



Abby

Some of us eat in a pen because we have a special diet.....



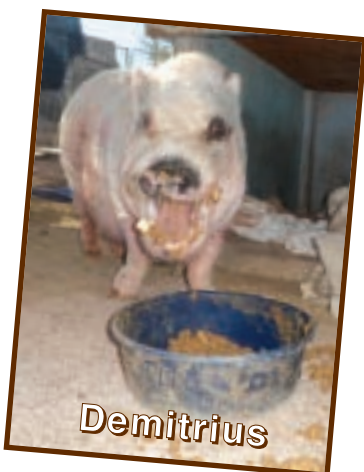
Chico

OR because we are simply CRAZY when it comes to food!



Tina's Field

Some of us share bowls as a group.



Demitrius



East Pigs

No Matter How It's Done, Pigs Love To Eat!

Calendar & Puzzles

Great Gift Ideas

Ironwood's 12 month Calendar is full of wonderful pictures of our pigs. Made of heavy stock, great quality and plenty of room for notes and important dates. The cost is \$28 which includes shipping.

Ironwood's Jigsaw Puzzle is 250 pieces, great quality and comes in a photo box. The cost is \$30 which includes shipping.

We also have a few Rudy Photobooks and our basic Photobook left for \$12 each which includes shipping.

Use the enclosed return envelope to order your gifts, Be sure to mention the one that you want.



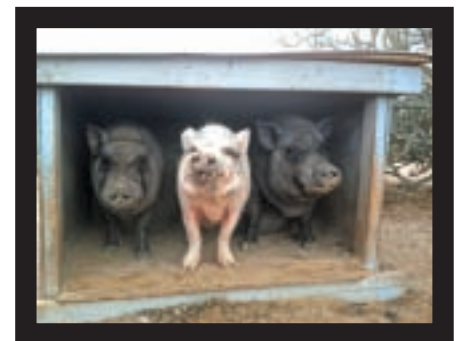
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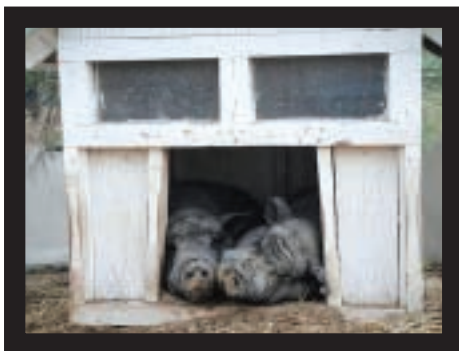
2013 Calendar



Photobook



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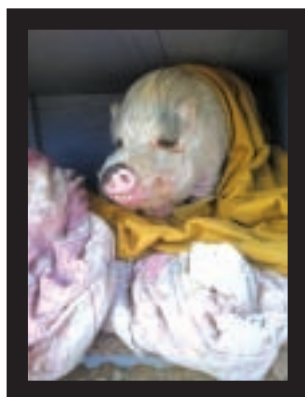
Puzzle - Louie & Huey



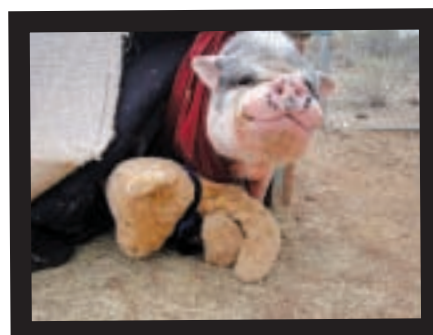
Puzzle - Peoria Shelter



Puzzle - Peoria



Puzzle - Bob



Puzzle - Boris



Puzzle - East Butts

Front & Back Cover



Joann has a long history with Ironwood and even longer history with me personally. During 1999 when Ben and I were volunteering at Pigs*A*Lot, now our Annex, Lynnette had gotten a call to rescue a stray pig not far from her place. The lady said she was taking care of her but could

not keep her so would we pick her up please. Lynnette said she had gotten a call to take a pig and had told the lady no. She felt Joann had been dumped near the sanctuary by the person calling in hopes that we would pick her up. Well, we will never know if that was true or not but Ben and Lynnette and I drove down to get her. She was making herself at home and had dug a few wallows for herself.

That was 13 years ago and Joann was a full grown pig at that time so she is well into her late teens at this time. Joann has always been a very friendly pig who loves people, no doubt a single pig in her past as she was never too fond of other pigs, but she has found her friends over time here at Ironwood. She is one of my favorite old girls and always welcomes a pet or belly rub. We brought her to Ironwood as soon as we opened since she had a large mammary tumor that needed to be removed. She has survived a spay and three cancer surgeries from recurrent mammary tumors. She still lives in our Main field and hangs out with Betsy and Lucky since Lucky lost her dear friend Pinkerton.

Hoof & Tusk Trimming

Pig owners in the Tucson, Phoenix and surrounding areas can contact Donna Thomason for pot-bellied pig tusk and hoof trimming. Donna is an experienced trimmer living on site at Ironwood. Donna provides house calls for pig and goat trims. Please call 520-780-8832 or e-mail hoofandtusk@yahoo.com to set up an appointment.



Roger Dodger & Allison

Roger Dodger was a baby in March of 2007. He arrived with several other strays from the Camp Verde area in AZ. The people who caught him named him Roger Dodger because it took them six days to catch him. He was running wild around a dumpster and I suppose getting any garbage that came his way. His other three companions had been caught and taken to a feed store to be sold. We had a volunteer go there to rescue them.

Allison was also a stray found in Tucson. We picked her up in January of 2006. She actually had moved in on some people who had a pig already, but Allison decided she wanted to take over and was being quite pushy with their pig. The owner's son called us and asked us to please pick her up or he would call Animal Control. At one time she must have had a nice home. She is very social and self confident and always comes over for a belly rub when we are in her field. Clearly pigs pick their friends and they are sometimes strange bedfellows. Allison is getting into her senior years and Roger Dodger is still a youngster. What a tender picture of the two together.

---Mary



MISSION STATEMENT

The **Ironwood Pig Sanctuary** is dedicated to eliminating the suffering of pot-bellied pigs by promoting spaying and neutering, assisting owners and other sanctuaries, and providing a permanent home in a safe, nurturing environment for those that are abandoned, abused, neglected, or unwanted.

* Ironwood Pig Sanctuary is accredited by the American Sanctuary Association.

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You can easily make your donation to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary go even further if you work for a matching gift company. Many employers will double and sometimes triple their employees' or retirees' charitable contributions.

Simply request a matching gift form from the personnel department of your employer, fill it out and mail it to us with your donation or use it for one of your past donations. Your gift, with your employer's match will go further toward taking care of the 600 pot-bellied pigs at the Sanctuary.

We have a sponsor who chose to pay her \$30 a month sponsor donation this year with a \$360 check for the entire year. She included a matching gift form from her employer and doubled her gift to \$720!!

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Thank you for caring.



Our Pigs Love Their Blankets!

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