

Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

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Dear Supporter,

October 2016

Thanks to you and your generosity throughout the year we are able to provide a safe, nurturing home and medical care to around 560 pigs. Here are some gift ideas to use for the holidays, birthdays or other special occasions to help support the sanctuary as well as spread the word about the plight of pot bellied pigs.



month has adorable pictures of the pigs that are sure to bring a smile! We can ship a calendar directly to whomever you are sending it to as a gift but don't forget to pick one up for yourself! Calendars are \$22 each which includes shipping. These will also be available at our annual Open House in November.

The Sponsor Program is a great way to connect with a particular pig (or pigs!) throughout the year. A \$30 monthly donation, payable in various ways and amounts, allows you to

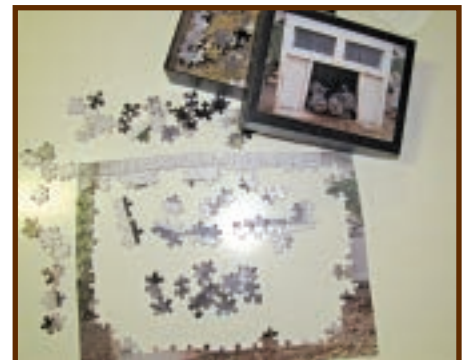


“adopt” a pig from afar for a friend or family member. They will receive a letter of introduction about their pig along with photos and a certificate announcing the gift occasion. Updates and new photos arrive later in the year. We also have certificates or cards for one time donations made in honor of someone. Just let us know the name and occasion.

A fantastic way to spread the word with daily reminders is with the Ironwood 2017 Calendar. Each



Back by popular demand are the Ironwood Pig Puzzles! These nifty 252 piece jigsaw puzzles are made from actual photographs of our pigs. Pig puzzles will make great gifts!



These gift ideas are just another way to support the pigs of Ironwood. Thank you for all that you do for them!!

Sincerely,

Donna Thomason
Sponsor Coordinator

PS: The four gift ideas above can be purchased on our web site using PayPal, by email with a credit card or by using the envelopes that come in the newsletters. Remember to indicate who the gift is for, what the occasion is and where you want it mailed. Thank you!

Noah

Noah is one of the "Peoria Pigs," a large group of pigs rescued from an abuse/neglect case in Peoria, AZ that were featured in the Ironwood Update of October 2015. He has lived with us for 8½ years and is around 9½ years old.



Noah & Friends

For eight years Noah was perfectly healthy with no problems until late May of 2016. One morning he would not eat breakfast and was just standing in the middle of the field while the other pigs were eating from the troughs. A pig ignoring food is never a good sign. We brought Noah in to one of the holding pens for observation. Having him isolated, we were able to determine that his stool was packed full of hay. This causes constipation and discomfort which we assumed was why he

was not eating. We began giving Noah mineral oil and diluted juice to get things moving through his system.

Three days later Noah's condition worsened and he was in obvious severe pain. We rushed him in to the vet clinic that morning. They did a barium test and found that he had food impacted in his intestines that was not moving. Noah was given motility medication and put on IV fluids. He remained at the clinic for three days and nights then was sent back to the sanctuary. The vet said that the food had begun to move slightly and that we should continue the fluids and medication. It took many days and several enemas but Noah eventually got better. It was a very slow recovery process. He remained in one of the holding pens where we could monitor

him closely for nearly 3 weeks.

Noah was able to return to the Peoria Field and join his family and friends. They are a very close knit group and he was certainly happy to be back with the herd. There have been no further problems with Noah's health and he

is doing great!

---Donna

If you would like to help cover Noah's medical bills, please designate your donation in his name. The total cost for his tests, x-rays, medications and 3 day stay at the vet clinic was \$1,861.98. Noah and everyone here appreciate all your support! Thank you!



St. Matilda's Pigs

In Ironwood's 15+ years of existence we have taken pigs from three different Arizona sanctuaries that were closing their doors. One of those was St. Matilda's Rescue in Queen Creek. Due to personal reasons, the owners were no longer able to take care of the 58 pot bellied pigs along with 10 horses, hogs, goats and donkeys. We were asked to take the majority of the pigs and in July of 2004 we moved 46 of them into the Northwest Field, built specifically for them.



Mai Ly

As with any group that large, there were pigs that were friendly, people oriented pigs and some that preferred to be left alone with their piggy friends. No matter their personalities, it was a group that we came to love and nurture. Three of those pigs were adopted early on. Kandy is still with her adoptive mom, Princess was returned to us a few years later and Tai San passed away at the amazing age of 19. The past 12 years have seen a lot of changes in that group. Today there are only ten of them still with us at the sanctuary.



Prissy

Six from the original herd continue to live in the Northwest Field although they are definitely distinguishable as the seniors of the existing herd. Clarice, Honey, Mai Ly, Pepe', Prince Albert and Prissy are the herd elders. They remain good friends and spend most of their time together. We have added small groups of new arrivals here and there over the years, so there are now 20 other pigs of various ages living with them. Even with the last addition in the spring



Sean

of 2016 Prince Albert and Pepe' were still on the defensive to maintain their positions in the hierarchy despite being in their upper teens. Pepe' especially has always been a tough little guy.

During the past year four of the St. Matilda's pigs have moved to special care places due to declining health. Princess lives in one of our hospice homes called the Cat Shelter. Larry, Sean and Benny live next door to her in Camelot, another of the special care areas built for seniors that have developed physical difficulties.



Honey & Clarice

The pigs' exact ages are unknown since we received little to no background information on them, but they were all full grown adults when they arrived over 12 years ago which puts them at a minimum of 16 years of age. It has been a joy to know them and we miss those that have passed on. Thanks to your generosity we are able to provide a home for the remainder of this group for the rest of their lives.

---Donna

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