

# IRONWOOD

Happy Holidays

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# PIG SANCTUARY



# Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

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Dear Supporter,

Another big year is coming to an end here at Ironwood and a big year it has been for sure. As most of you prepare for your winter and snow we prepare for our best time of year with sunny and hopefully cool days. This makes the holiday season a welcome time of year for us. We celebrate by welcoming many of our supporters to our yearly Open House and more and more visitors are coming each Saturday to meet the pigs and enjoy seeing the sanctuary. We are happy to have you visit.

With a sigh of relief, we welcome the fall when the intense heat of summer begins to recede and the wallows will soon dry up and flies will die off. This summer's heat dragged on to nearly the end of September and delayed our starting tours. Because of this extended heat, the aging population of pigs required the summer seasonal staff to walk the sanctuary and put cold towels on the pigs well into September. Each year I just know I won't survive, but then finally the mornings are cool and we can begin to pull in the sheets from shelters and put all those blankets you have donated into the shelters. The pigs begin to retreat to shelters instead of sleeping out then begin to double and even triple up in their shelters to enjoy the warmth of each other.

Looking back over 2019 we have welcomed almost 100 new residents with more to join us before year's end. But we have also said goodbye to 50 of our dear friends so far this year. The Sanctuary is now over 18 years old. Likewise many of our old pig friends are well into their late teens and so many have come to a peaceful end here with us this year. Saying goodbye has been a huge emotional drain even though I am thankful they came to us and were able to live their lives out here with all their needs met and with family and friends. I remember their arrival and what their stories are. They are part of my history and I was a part of theirs. Their time here is over, they will continue their journey and they have moved aside to make room for the many more out there that are desperately in need of a good home.

As we march toward the holidays ahead and year's end, we have heavy hearts for all those we have now left behind. But because of your wonderful support, our holidays will still be filled with cheer and happiness knowing that we can continue to provide a safe haven and home for all of those who remain with us and all of those yet to come through our gate.

All of us here at Ironwood would like to wish you a happy, safe and peaceful Holiday Season shared with family and friends, both two- and four-legged. We so appreciate your support that has allowed us to see generations of pigs live their lives out here with us in peace and without fear. Thank you so much for making this sanctuary possible.

Sincerely,



Mary Schanz  
President & CoFounder



K.B. and Mary

# Pigs Remembered

- Theo  
July 5, 2019
- Wilbur  
August 15, 2019
- Ashley  
July 8, 2019
- Sasha  
April 26, 2019
- Missy  
April 5, 2019
- Grandma  
September 29, 2019
- Randy  
April 19, 2019
- Sweetie Pie  
February 8, 2019
- Sally Jr.  
June 19, 2019
- Archie  
May 29, 2019
- Kohanna  
January 2, 2019
- Josh  
May 15, 2019
- Mary Helen  
August 27, 2019
- Matilda  
September 1, 2019
- Houdini  
January 18, 2019
- Ziggy  
September 29, 2019
- Buttercup  
February 17, 2019
- Angel  
July 20, 2019
- Charlie  
June 23, 2019
- Gwendolyn  
July 30, 2019
- Sassy  
May 10, 2019
- Victor  
July 18, 2019
- Bella  
July 11, 2019
- Betty Sue  
June 18, 2019
- Sammy  
July 3, 2019
- Oompa  
July 24, 2019
- Gumby  
June 20, 2019
- Collie  
July 4, 2019
- Weda  
February 17, 2019
- Lance  
June 21, 2019
- Antaris  
April 16, 2019
- Doris  
March 25, 2019
- Martin  
July 9, 2019
- Pepe  
May 17, 2019
- Heidi  
September 23, 2019
- Freddie  
April 26, 2019
- Linus  
July 24, 2019
- Delilah  
February 23, 2019
- Ziggy  
July 18, 2019
- Miss Piggy  
August 11, 2019
- San Tan  
February 4, 2019
- Sneezy  
February 7, 2019
- Sandy  
August 31, 2019
- Billy  
January 17, 2019
- Mabel  
August 31, 2019
- Clarice  
July 15, 2019
- Purdy  
May 12, 2019
- Carmela  
July 1, 2019
- Hopper  
March 6, 2019
- Tucker  
July 15, 2019



Collie July 4, 2019

In the last rays of summer  
 In the last days of pleasure  
 When life has run its course  
 Leaving us with only a few todays

We bask in the warmth and are  
 glad we have known life and know  
 it still

Tomorrow is never promised  
 But today the sun shines upon us  
 and we enjoy it

Thank you to Peggy Couey from Shepherd's Green Sanctuary for allowing me to reprint these words that I found so touching. It so reflects my feelings that I decided to do a small memorial to those who passed this year and to all who have come and gone at Ironwood over our many years. They are all remembered fondly and missed. Mary

# Because of You

**F**or more than eighteen years we have provided a permanent place of sanctuary to hundreds of pot-bellied pigs. With your help we have been able to give the pigs a home safe within the security of chain link fencing to protect them

from coyotes and dogs. The pigs have shelters of various sizes to accommodate groups of friends along with piles of blankets for comfort and warmth. There are pools and mud wallows under shade ramadas where pigs can stay cool on hot days. With your

generosity the pigs never lack food, hay or water. Medical care is available on site as well as in the veterinary clinic. The 600+ pigs living at Ironwood have YOU to thank for the life they have here.



**Because of you** – Lena, who arrived at 4 days old, has a permanent home to grow up in along with Mavis (mom), Douglas (dad) and five siblings, August, Alden, Mimosa, Whitney and Todd. The entire family came in June of this year from a dog shelter in southern Arizona. The males have all been neutered, Mavis is spayed and the baby girls will be when they are a bit older. Eventually the entire family will join a herd in one of the many fields.

**Because of you** – Hero, a resident of Ironwood since 2011, was able to receive dental care. One of his lower tusks was infected and had to be removed. Other teeth were pulled as well. Hero had to return to the vet clinic weekly for a while to have the packing changed in the cavity left by the tusk. Antibiotics and pain medication were available for him.



**Because of you** – Lily, a sweet, quiet elderly girl, can spend her senior years in a safe, comfortable environment with other pigs near her age. She arrived on her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, June 2, 2019 because her owners were separating and moving out of their home. Neither of them was able to take her with them. Here Lily will receive the personal one-on-one attention that older pigs need.

**Because of you** – Woody, a stray picked up in June of 2018, has found his niche out in Spike's Field with a herd of 13 pigs. After some much needed rest due to severe bruising on his feet from his time on the lam, Woody joined a small herd because of his shyness. Over time he gained confidence and got comfortable with the members of his herd although people still make him a bit nervous.







**Because of you** – Sanford, living here since the spring of 2017, has made his home in the Assisted Living Field Phase III along with his companions Bernadette and Pansy. The three pigs came to Ironwood when their owner was reaching the end of his struggle with cancer. It gave him peace to know his pigs would be safe and well cared for.

**Because of you** – Freya, almost three years old, was able to find refuge here in February. Her owner is in jail and no one was taking care of his animals, most of whom died of starvation and dehydration. Freya was lucky to have been found in time to be saved. These days she is happily living in Princess Field and has become good friends with Wilburt, Homer and Marge.



**Because of you** – Dory, a three year old living at the sanctuary for over two years, was able to have surgery in July by a specialist to repair a dislocated shoulder. Her recovery included physical therapy sessions with hot packs and manual manipulation of the joint. Dory has made amazing progress and shows no signs of ever having had a problem.

**Because of you** – Waylon, a resident since 2002, has spent nearly his entire life at Ironwood. He and Cinder, his long time friend, have “retired” to one of the special care areas where they spend their days hanging out with Richie and Napoleon. Waylon, Cinder and Richie are all over 19 years old and share the title of being the oldest residents.



All of this and more is possible through team work. Caregivers are trained to take care of the day to day needs through feeding, medicating and observing the pigs during their daily activities. The watering team spends hours each day cleaning and refilling pools, bowls and wallows to provide fresh water for the pigs while also reporting any abnormalities or problems they notice with the pigs. The maintenance staff provides a safe,

secure environment by constructing housing, troughs, shade ramadas, etc. It takes all of these people working together to provide a home where the 600+ pot bellied pigs can be well fed, sheltered, medicated and comforted over the years as they are nurtured through independent herd life, to retirement in assisted living and on to hospice care as needed.

**And none of this could be done without....YOU!** You are the asset

that makes this team possible. Your gifts enable Ironwood to continue to take in pigs that have been abandoned or abused in unspeakable ways. Your generosity feeds Stallone, Biscuits, Aspen, Zantina, Hercules and many, many others. Your support allows for spaying and neutering, dental work and the many other necessary medical procedures that crop up. Thank you for being a part of the Ironwood team.

...Donna

# Holiday Gifts

**Y**ou can support the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary while doing your holiday shopping or for other special occasions like birthdays, Valentine's, Mother's/Father's Day or anniversaries. The following make great gifts. The prices include shipping.

You may purchase these gifts using the enclosed envelope or go to Ironwood's web site and use PayPal or your credit card. *Please note that the T-shirts, hats and aprons are **ONLY** available online and need plenty of advance notice.*



Sponsor a Pig - \$30 monthly  
get a letter and pictures of an  
adorable pig



Jigsaw Puzzles - \$23  
252 piece puzzles of  
Ironwood pigs



2020 Ironwood Calendar \$15  
different pigs featured each  
month



Donations "In Honor Of"  
\$ at your discretion; get a certificate  
or card of acknowledgement



T-Shirts, Hats &  
Aprons  
with the Ironwood logo,  
are available **ONLY** at  
[www.ironwoodpigs.org](http://www.ironwoodpigs.org)  
on the Support Page or  
when visiting the  
sanctuary



# Open House



**I**ronwood's annual Open House is coming up soon. Invitations with a map and directions have been sent out. You can also check our web site for directions if you did not receive one.

Donations are much appreciated!! Check out this list for items that are ongoing needs. An \* denotes items we use and need the most.

- \*\***BLANKETS** (pigs love comforters!)
- \*Sheets
- \*Cranberry/Grape Juice (cran/grape combo only please)
- \*Canned Pumpkin
- \* Animal Crackers
- \*Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- Flaxseed Oil Capsules, 1000+ milligrams
- Children's Multivitamins (NO IRON)
- Prune Juice
- Fig Newton Cookies (or equivalent brand)
- Ranitidine 150mg Acid Reducer
- Benefiber (not flavored)
- Vitamin E Capsules, 400 IU
- Peanut Butter, CREAMY ONLY
- Vitamin B Complex (small tablets please)

These happy, smiling pigs are just a few of those anxious to meet and greet you at this year's Open House! Be ready to pet some pigs, eat some great food and have lots of fun!

Saturday November 9th  
from 11:00AM to 3:00PM





# Sponsor a S



Priscilla

I was raised as an “only child” and got really aggressive as I matured. My behavior is better now that I’ve been spayed and have lots of piggy friends, but I still have my moments!



Dave

I had a major medical problem, but my owner had no intention of taking me to a vet. Thankfully, he let me come here so I could get the surgery I needed to have a normal life.



Quincy

I was a stray found in a small town. I called Ironwood a safety. All sorts of could have happened there!



Donna

Batman

These pigs are just a few of those hoping for your love and support. For a monthly donation of \$30 you will receive pictures of your pig along with their background. New photos and an update will arrive later in the year to keep you connected to your piggy. Remember that a sponsorship makes a great holiday gift! What a fun way to support an Ironwood pig!

...Donna



I was bought to be the family pet, but then the kids didn't play with me and the dumb dog started the time. Ugh!



# Special Pig!



Leo



Rosalie

I found wandering loose  
n. I'm glad someone  
od and got me to  
ts of scary things  
pened to me out

I come from a big family that  
was an accident. My owner left  
my mom, dad and aunt at a  
friend's house then  
disappeared. Babies a  
few months later were  
an unwelcome surprise!

I came here with my mom, sister  
and two friends after our teenage  
owner gave up on breeding and  
selling pigs. Thank goodness  
one more breeder out of  
business! Whew!



Mr. Wiggles



Crocket



Popcorn

be the cute little  
en I grew up, the  
with me anymore and  
rted biting at me all

I was able to come to the sanctuary  
to keep my brother Dave company  
while he got some special medical  
attention. We got lucky and were  
able to stay here.

My two brothers and I had been  
running the streets for a while  
before being captured by a nice  
man who helped us get to the  
sanctuary. Can you believe my  
ribs used to show!

## Planned Giving

**A** planned gift is an investment in the future of your favorite charity or charities that ensures the means to continue that charity's mission into the future. Donors are encouraged to make a bequest in a Will or Living Trust to benefit the charity of their choosing.

Planned giving offers a wide variety of benefits to you as you plan to accomplish your charitable and financial goals. Benefits may include: personal satisfaction in providing for the continued mission of your favorite charity or charities, income tax savings, avoidance of capital gain tax or federal estate tax, reduction in the administrative costs of settling your estate, and a reminder to your heirs of your dedication to your favorite charity or charities.

Thank you for considering the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary in your estate plans. The Mary C Schanz Foundation is doing business as (dba) Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. For your Will please use both names (although it is okay if you've already used only the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary name), the post office address from the back cover and this tax identification number for the Foundation: 86-0999483. Your support makes it possible for us to give a loving home to the over 600 Pot-Bellied Pigs in our care and is very much appreciated.

## Smile.Amazon.com

The easiest way to provide for the pigs' current needs is to order from our **Amazon Wish List**. It is kept up to date with items required to care for the pigs properly. Most items on the list are things we need on an on-going basis, so even if it was listed over a year ago, it is still something we need and use daily. The list is checked frequently to guarantee that you are sending something that is currently needed.



Finn & Drummer

Please make all your purchases including your personal purchases on **smile.amazon.com** and designate the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary as your charity of choice. Log on to **smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0999483** using the same log-in information that you use for your amazon.com account. At the top of the page you will see "Supporting: Mary C Schanz Foundation". The Foundation is our parent

organization and is doing business as (dba) the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total purchases to Ironwood. And by signing up for Amazon Prime you also receive free shipping on many items which is particularly helpful when sending something heavy or large.

**All your packages and donations are a great help to the pigs and are much appreciated!  
Thank you!!**



# My Favorite Pig

**E**veryone who works at Ironwood has a favorite pig (or two or three). Meet Lisa, an animal care worker that has been here for 2.5 years. She provides the day to day care and helps with the many medical issues. She sort of giggled as she told me Stinkbug was her favorite. He has a bit of a reputation!

*When I first began working at Ironwood, Stinkbug was one of the first pigs I met. Everyone warned me to be careful whenever I fed in his field. I heard stories of him charging people all the time, but I had a feeling he was acting this way because he wasn't used to positive attention. I set out to prove Stinkbug was not really a grouch but just misunderstood. First, I gave him a treat and he made an adorable kissy face. Over several months, I learned how to make Stinkbug do that kissy face during the evening med run. Every time I gave him his sandwich I was able to pet him for exactly 5 seconds, but that was his limit! Then I learned he's the same as other pigs in his love for belly rubs. I started out from a distance using a rake then gradually got brave enough to give him one by hand while in his feeding pen. Now, if I talk nicely and pet his nose, he'll stick out his tongue then let me give him a real old fashioned belly rub. Today we are the best of buds. BUT if you're a newcomer, be cautious and give him time to get used to you!*

... Lisa



# Intake Issues

**S**o far during 2019 Ironwood has taken in 99 pigs, many of them with mild to serious medical issues and others with behavioral or physical problems. Each individual pig is assessed as they arrive and some things are immediately obvious. K.B. had been attacked by the neighbor's dogs and both ears had been completely ripped off. His owners did get medical help for him but were unable to keep him safe from the dogs who continued to jump the fence. K.B.



Bart & Curtis



checked out and put on antibiotics. Another sweet pig requiring an immediate trip to the vet was Bart. All four of his feet

were a mess. The hooves were long and twisted and the bottoms of his feet looked like cauliflower, all cracked and bleeding. He spent

several weeks living in a sheet covered pen with his feet wrapped in



Waddles

been trimmed are a common sight with newcomers. Iris and Onyx, a mother/daughter pair that came in August, had severely long hooves. They are



K. B.

required another trip to our vet for a final cleansing and check of his wounds. He is doing fine now but may need more surgical attention later if the inner ear becomes blocked.

Petey, whose story is told in "Pigs From Puerto Rico" in the May 2019 Newsletter, arrived as a tiny baby with an infection of his surgical site from being neutered. It was obvious that the little guy was running a fever and didn't feel good at all. Petey made an emergency visit to the vet to get

bandages. Bart is doing better but still has tender feet and needs the odd pad growths trimmed down every 3-4 weeks. Archie, a stray found during May, arrived with a front foot bloody and painful. The vet found that his inner toe



also prime examples of obesity, a problem of high frequency this year. Wilma, Charlie Brown, Planet, Pixie, Porky and Sunflower are all part of a group we call the "Fluffy



Pigs". These plump piggies are all on diets, but it takes a long time for the weight to drop off.



Iris

Many of them will most likely end up with joint problems sooner than most pigs due to the extra stress and strain all that weight puts on their legs and shoulders.

Frylock, released to the sanctuary along with his 2 sons, had been living in very poor conditions...



Frylock

small space, no shade or shelter. We noticed that he pulled up a lot on his front legs when walking. When he went to the vet clinic for neutering, Frylock got x-rays and was diagnosed with severe dysplasia in both front legs. He will need pain management for the rest of his life. Speaking of neutering...there have been 32 boars come in that had to be neutered ASAP. Getting the males altered is a high priority that ends up taking surgery slots for resident pigs on the waiting list for things like dentals or spays. And on the subject of

spays, 34 of the incoming pigs for the year were unaltered females. Our waiting list for spays has climbed to 44 girls. One day in September, we received 6 new pigs from 3 different homes and none of them were altered. The sisters, Daisy and Ila, and



Ila & Daisy

Petrulla were added to the spay list. Petrulla has the added problem of a large soft tumor near her rectum that will need to be dealt with. Weston and Wesley were bumped to the top of the surgery list for neutering while Truman had to wait. This little guy came with a broken femur that required orthopedic surgery. Truman's body had to concentrate



Petrulla

on the healing leg before he could be neutered. Then he turned out to be cryptorchid and needed abdominal surgery for neutering. Poor thing!

Fortunately, not every pig comes

in with issues requiring immediate attention from



Truman

either our staff or the vet clinic. There are aggression problems that simply take time to resolve. Maisie, Hercules, Pepper, Hammurabi and Missy just need to learn how to behave with people as well as within a herd.

Others such as Lily and Hazel are



Weston

Wesley

elderly and needed to settle into one of the special care areas for a quiet environment with little competition. A few like Flynn, Buster, Pinky and Isabelly arrived perfectly healthy, already neutered or spayed and ready to join a herd in one of the many fields at Ironwood. But no matter what the situation or condition is, thanks to your support we can provide whatever is necessary to give these pigs a good life and take care of their needs. ...Donna

# Front & Back Cover



**T**ootie arrived at Ironwood at the end of the financial downturn. Many pigs were released to us during those years since there were many foreclosures and people had no place to take their pigs.

Tootie is growing old with us and is now about 12. She has become a lot more mellow in her senior years. However, it was not always like that. She was quite a terror when she first arrived. The previous owners said she was known to nibble on toes. Well, that was a huge understatement! Her people came for a while to visit with her. Dad especially was fond of her. But one time when he came, she gave him a good bite and I guess that was that. They never came back again.

Tootie was moved to Assisted Living Phase VI with a few other pigs so we could keep a close eye on her as we fed. However, there were many times when a staff



member ended up on top of a shelter looking to be rescued from that cute, little, hairy, gray girl who was trying to make sure we all knew our place with her.

In time, like most single aggressive pigs do, Tootie settled down. Now, at least most of the time, she enjoys all the belly rubs she can get but still has it in her to stick her tongue out at us. Just kidding! Her tongue just hangs out a little all the time like many others do. She likes us now.



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**I**n February of 2018 we took seven young boars from a man who had found himself with 12 pigs that he was not happy to have. A male and two females were left with him by a friend whose promise to return never happened.

He soon found himself with two litters of babies. As an outreach effort we offered to take all of his pigs to spay and neuter then return them.

We took the females first fearing more babies would soon be born. We also offered to help to build a larger yard. Knowing he did not want all of them back, we were able to adopt two of the females and kept the others with us. When we were ready, we took in the seven boys and had them neutered. But of course, once they were ready, he did not want them back nor would he return our calls.



So now Leo, Buttons, Mitchell, Velcro, Zipper, and daddy Wilson are here at Ironwood, growing up as a family

unit in the North Field. They like it here.

...Mary



Our Wish List

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

**\*\*Used Blankets are needed year round.\*\***

- Probiotic Capsules
- Utility Knives
- Cranberry Capsules
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- Animal Crackers
- Canned Pumpkin
- Stool Softeners
- Sheets
- Flaxseed Oil Capsules 1000+ mg
- Ranitidine Acid Reducer, 150mg
- Vitamin E Capsules, 400 IU
- Children's Multi-Vitamins, NO Iron
- Fiber Powder (Non-Flavored & Not Metamucil)
- Fig Newton Cookies (NOT Individually Wrapped)



Karma

GIFT CARDS

- Master Card
- Discover Card
- Fry's
- Home Depot
- Lowe's
- Office Max
- Office Depot
- Staples
- Walmart
- Amazon
- Walgreen's

## Four Donation Drop Offs

We are happy to have cooler weather when the pigs will need their blankets and comforters. They love nesting in them! There are four locations to drop off blankets and other material donations from our Wish List (no monetary donations can be accepted here).

**East Phoenix:** Carolyn's in East Mesa near Superstition Springs Mall. Call 480-981-8069.

**North Phoenix:** Danette's near the 101/Cave Creek Rd area. Call 602-376-1086.

**Northwest Tucson:** Ben and Mary's near N Oracle Rd and W Hardy Rd. Call 520-631-6015.

**East Tucson:** Sandra's in the Civano neighborhood. Call 804-840-5296.



Baby Oliver

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**Leo & Buttons**