

Editor's Note:

Hi there, it's Peggy Wimberly doing the newsletter this month in order to allow Dannah time with her new baby, Madisyn, born March 6th. Congratulations Dannah!! Look for their story on pages 6 & 7.

I've done the newsletter for the last 10+ years but have many other volunteer positions to fulfill, not only with SCAMPP but with other organizations, as well as running my own website & desktop publishing business. SCAMPP Member, Colleen Hinds, took over for a few months in 2008 and Dannah Lamb took over in Oct. 2009. Thank you to both of these ladies for stepping up and giving me a break for awhile.



Happy Spring!



Drawing by Shannon Ivins



President Report

Hello everyone, Another month has passed and what a month it has been. March started out with our monthly meeting at Flo's Farmhouse Restaurant, where food and fun was had by all that attended. At the meeting, the main focus was on the Orange County Pet Expo, which is one of SCAMPP's biggest events and will be held at the Orange County Fairgrounds on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; April 16-18. It's a great opportunity to educate the public about Potbellied Pigs.

March had also brought us the 18th Annual Walk With the Animals event. It was fun to see everybody with their pets making a lap around the lake. I personally give applause to Jo Davis for making the long trek around the lake with Mr. Peabody. I can only



One of the piglets at the SCAMPP Booth during the Walk With The Animals Event

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imagine trying to walk a pig for such a long distance, not to mention the curiosity and questions she must have got from other event goers. Good job Jo! Another highlight of the event was that the SCAMPP booth was lucky enough to have piglets, which was a great attention-getter and helped to get the message to the public that yes they're cute when they are little, but they do grow up (and are still cute). All and all I'd like to thank all the members who were able to bring their pigs to the event and help make SCAMPP more of a presence there.

Just a reminder, there is only a short time left before the DVD raffle. Be sure to purchase your tickets before it's too late. Final tickets will be available at the April SCAMPP Meeting, April 10th, at which time the winner will be drawn.
 ~ Chad Russ, President



The Pet Expo is coming up April 16-17-18 at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa.

We need items to sell at the SCAMPP Booth. Please contact Peggy at peggy@scampp.com or 951-685-0467 if you can donate items.

Or you can bring items to the April 10th SCAMPP Meeting.



March 1st (National Pig Day), Jr and I were off to visit a beautiful Senior Center at Wildwood Canyon Villa in Yucaipa. Pat Mancilla, the activity director, greeted us and took us in to meet the residents. Peggy Wimberly met me there and gave out SCAMPP literature and talked to the Seniors while I walked Jr around the activity room and visited with each of them. They asked a bunch of questions and seemed eager to learn about pigs. I really enjoyed the experience and hope to go back sometime soon.



Pat trying to get Jr to flop for a belly rub.....



Thank you to Pat for inviting us!



Introducing Pigs 101

~ By Marlies Reno
(www.pigharmony.com)



I talk about this from time to time and anyone that knows me, knows that I hate, hate, hate new pig introductions. They can be so brutal; yet it is an essential element of maintaining multiple pigs and also necessary when trying to bond them so that they can be adopted out as a pair, which, if it's an option, is preferred (since the ARE herd animals).

In my humble opinion, the two worst things about working rescue are saying **HELLO** and saying **GOOD-BYE** (the "hello" as in introducing a new pig to the herd). Even if it's just a herd of ONE!

I'm sure Amy (black piggy) will wind up alpha pig. And to think when she first came to PigHarmony, she was so frail I didn't ever think I'd be able to introduce her to any of the others. Amy came to me mal-nourished and Vitamin D & K deficient due to the fact that she was kept indoors 24/7 with no natural sunlight to bask in. Amy is a little over 3 years old (about 65 pounds) and Trumpet (white piggy) is only a year old. They are the same size right now.

This was Round 3 (3rd day of trying to introduce) and it lasted about 2 minutes. Keep in mind that when I say "2 minutes," my minutes are like basketball minutes. They drag on forever because I keep insisting on a time out. I know I shouldn't and I'm supposed to just let them duke it out...but Tsunami Mommy Marlies tends to get a little over protective at the slightest bit of blood shed.

Needless to say, I had to go buy a new rake to be prepared for Round 4. This was just from sticking it in between them and trying to pry them apart (never, ever hit them with it to break up a fight. Sometimes water from a hose works too).

Trumpet got the brunt of the injuries in this round. He ran off with scratches on his side, bites on his ears, around his cheeks and a bloody lip. He would not let me clean the boo-boos on his lip, so I cut up some apple cubes and tossed them in his piggy pool to "bob" around for, so the clean, cool water cleaned up the wound and helped stop the bleeding.

More to come as we work out the kinks in our on-going effort to achieve **PigHarmony...**

The Broken Rake



Trumpet and Amy
Duke it out



Alpha Pig - Amy

I would like to thank everyone from SCAMPP who participated at the "Walk with the Animals" at Fairmount Park on March 20th. As a very recent member of SCAMPP, my daughter Jessica and I really had a good time listening to everyone's pig stories and I appreciate everyone being so friendly to us and our piglets. Peggy, thank you so much for the use of your exercise pen. It was wonderful to have so many people be able to touch the babies to help socialize them. Dexter and Mr. Peabody... we thought you were beautiful! We learned so much and are excited about our future piggy adventures. I also appreciate everyone keeping their ears open for anyone wishing to give one of our wee ones a forever home. Again, thanks everyone!

*Regards,
Marilyn Hirvela*

18th Annual Walk With the Animals At Fairmount Park, Riverside, CA

~ By Peggy Wimberly

As far back as I can remember, and I've been a member for 19 years, SCAMPP has participated in the Annual Walk With the Animals sponsored by the Riverside Humane Society Pet Adoption Center. This year was no exception.

I've been in charge of the SCAMPP Booth for the last few years and try to get as many members and pigs to participate as possible. I was pleased this year as over a dozen members with family and friends came to support our booth. Along with the members, were SEVEN pigs for people to touch and ask questions, which gave us a chance to support our Mission Statement of "educating the public about proper care of potbellied pigs."

Jo brought her rescued pig, Mr. Peabody. Recent members, Karen & Robin, brought their rescued piggy, Dexter. And our brand new member, Marilyn, brought 5 babies (available for adoption) born unintentionally to her two rescued potbellied piggies.

Now, the reason it's called "Walk with The Animals" is because there is a beautiful lake, which is two miles around. Participants obtain pledges to "walk" their animals around the lake. I just read on the Riverside Humane Society's website that \$53,000 was raised by walkers for homeless animals, which by far breaks previous years' fundraising efforts! Jo was brave enough to walk Mr. Peabody around the lake, the entire two miles. Congratulations, Jo!!

Besides the Pledge Walk, there was a pancake breakfast, K-9 demonstrations, various pet contests & exhibits, prize drawings, pet boutiques, bake sales, and many animal-related booths raising funds for their organizations. The weather was very nice, not too hot nor too cold. It is estimated that over 1,400 people were in attendance and a record number of exhibitors on hand.

After the "Walk," SCAMPP had our annual "Pignic in the Park." A few members stayed to enjoy a nice lunch and refreshments. Next year, join us if you can.

SCAMPP Members and SCAMPP Pigs



Five babies



Dexter



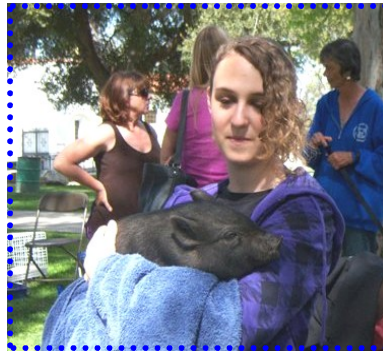
Mr. Peabody

18th Annual Walk With the Animals At Fairmount Park, Riverside, CA

~ Photos

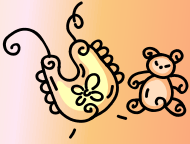


Thank you to
Bobbie Cain
for donating
Booth items
for the
Walk With the
Animals.
We
appreciate
you,
Bobbie !!!



There are too many photos to put them all here.
If you want to see more, contact Peggy.





The Newest and Smallest SCAMPP Member

~ By Dannah Lamb

Saturday March 6th, 2010, Doug and I woke up early and got ready for the day. We had an appointment to visit the Labor and Delivery section of St. Mary's Medical Center. We arrived at 8:30 am and took the tour and got to meet the staff, after that we headed over to Wal-Mart and picked up the last baby items needed (ie: Diaper Genie, some extra diapers and such) then headed home.

Once home, Doug started getting ready for work, he mentioned while getting ready that he didn't want to go to work that day and rather spend time with us.... I jokingly said "who knows, maybe Madisyn will decide to come today" and we both laughed like yeah right since my contractions had stopped for 2 days and I didn't even feel like anything was going to happen anytime soon anymore.

So while Daddy got ready for work, I played with our 14-month-old daughter Colette. While I was playing, I got a strange sensation in my pelvis and something told me to take a picture of my belly so I grabbed the camera and took a few shots, as I looked at the pictures I thought to myself "I think I just dropped" hmmm.

I kissed Daddy good-bye for work and finished playing with Colette and lay her down for a nap. I sat at the computer for a bit to play some games and to write a few e-mails when I felt some fairly strong (but not at all painful) contractions.... I thought to myself "YEAH RIGHT" and just ignored them because I was tired of thinking "THIS IS IT" So after about an hour of those contractions, they started getting stronger and I noticed they were coming 5-minutes apart....then I realized "Oh my, this is it!!!" I got on the phone and called Doug and told him that this was it and he needed to come home right away! I got Colette together and packed her bag for Grandmas and waited for Doug to arrive. He came home and we left right away, dropped off Colette and started on the hour long drive to St. Mary's in Apple Valley.

We arrived at the hospital around 4:30-5pm and I was starting to feel fairly uncomfortable, The Labor and Delivery nurse looked at me and said "yep we are going to have a labor!" Apparently there had been a few false alarms and nothing exciting going on there for awhile.... They set me up in a room and checked me, I was dilated to 4cm and was about 75% effaced. My Doctor was out of town so his fill-in decided to admit me. They monitored my contractions and the baby's heart rate for about 30 min when all of a sudden, Madisyn's heart rate dropped down to nearly nothing... The nursing staff flew into the room and moved me on my side and started rubbing my belly while the other got me oxygen. Just as quickly as it dropped, it went back up... The Doctor came in and checked me again and I was 5cm dilated now and he told me he wanted to break my water and put an internal monitor on Madisyn so he can rule out any type of real concern about her heart rate, I agreed and they broke my water.... Right after they broke my water, they asked if I would like any type of pain management. I informed them that I want and prefer to give birth naturally and didn't want anything (my nurses were also midwives and were thrilled to hear this). Continued on next page

Madisyn Gayle Lamb

The Newest and Smallest SCAMPP Member ~ Continued

My Doug stayed by my side and coached me through the entire labor, which I will admit was the most intense pain I have ever felt in my entire life... During transition I would tell Doug that I couldn't do this anymore, or I would ask him to help me and he would just hold me and tell me what a great job I was doing and that it was almost over. All of a sudden I felt the undeniable urge to push... and yelled out "I need to push, please, I need to push", When all at once my midwives and Doctor came flying into the room and got me set up. I pushed twice and her head came out. That's when the Doctor noticed that her cord was wrapped around her neck TWICE! They looked at me and said I needed to give it all I had and get this baby out NOW.... But I was yelling that I couldn't (she had wide shoulders and I was having a very hard time getting past that point). That's when my midwife nurse looked at me and with a serious but concerned face said "honey you need to get control and find it in you to push her out." I realized at that moment, that this was serious and gave it all I had. They rushed her over to the baby warmer and checked her out. That's when the Doctor told me about her cord and her broad shoulders, even though she was born 18 days early!!! He told me that I had done a great job and congratulated the both of us. The nurse told me how proud she was of me and that hardly anyone goes all natural anymore. Madisyn Gayle Lamb was born March 6th, 2010 at 9:49pm weighing 5lbs and 12oz, 19in long. The total labor was 6 hours long and I thank my hubby and best friend Doug for helping me get through it all.



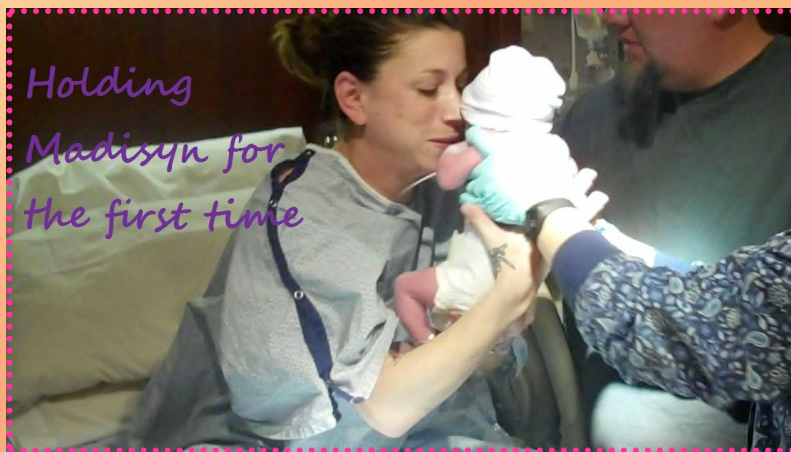
Getting me through my labor



Doug coaching me in labor



our first embrace



Holding Madisyn for the first time



Colette & Madisyn

Congratulations

In all honesty, this is perhaps the most memorable New Year's Eve I have ever had. I meet a new friend, helped that friend through a difficult time in their life, took a nice drive with that friend and received a warm feeling of friendship to begin my New Year.

~ By Andrew



The Saga of SugarPlum

~ By Andrew

Some of you may have thought that pig rescues stop for a moment on New Year's Eve or slows down during the holidays. Guess what? It doesn't stop and perhaps never will stop and with that said, here is where the saga of SugarPlum begins on New Year's Eve.

Some of you in our pig circles may remember a few months back when a plea for help came to many of you in different areas from a woman in a RV regarding her pig named SugarPlum. SugarPlum was an unsprayed female, overweight, aggressive, improperly cared for pig which had not been trained in basic pig manners or habits. The plea came forward for help in a desperate need to find a permanent or foster home for SugarPlum. Many of you responded to her, being respectful, informative and with true sincerity for SugarPlum. Your efforts fell on deaf ears when dealing with the woman, who herself

might have needed more psychological help than the immediate needs of SugarPlum combined.

The person handling the current request for help went to several rescue operations and ended up inquiring at PigHarmony, who in turn forwarded the woman directly to me. When I first asked and was told the name SugarPlum, her current location in an RV park out in the middle of nowhere near the Salton Sea, I must admit I was set back for a moment. I remembered previous stories which immediately flashed through my mind and I thought to myself, "it's New Year's Eve, what am I doing?" But after digesting the facts that SugarPlum was in poor care, being abused and in an area where illegal things might be happening around her, I thought it best to leave work early, pack up the essentials and head to the Salton Sea to do a rescue for a pig in dire straights.

I don't recommend driving on any freeways on New Year's Eve, but after 161 miles, wandering down dark desert roads, I finally came upon the Shores RV park, which was run-down and filled with RVs older than I am. After a few conversations with some of the tenants as I wandered through the park, I was able to find the manager who said he would show me where SugarPlum was last seen hiding out in her make-shift house from those in the park that abuse her. Did I forget to mention that on all pig rescues I carry an essential item to aide with pig crating; it's called "Cheetos in a bag," - works every time and SugarPlum was no exception. After clearing a path to the crate and of course a loving nudge from behind, she was crated, loaded and blanketed securely for her warm and memorable trip out of hell's kitchen.

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The Saga of SugarPlum ~ Continued

Once on a familiar freeway heading back to civilization from the desert, I then gave a call to Renee at MASH who was patiently waiting and making the necessary arrangements for SugarPlum's arrival, which now looked to be close to midnight. At exactly midnight, still a few miles from MASH, I decided to once again pull over to check on SugarPlum and wish her a Happy New Year. Believe it or not, she actually stood up, snorted a few times and then sat back down. I don't think it was "Happy New Year" she was snorting to me, but perhaps some sort of pig "four-lettered words." We arrived at MASH after midnight and got SugarPlum safely uncrated, familiar with her new surroundings and noticeably happier since leaving her previous location. Renee had a pen prepared with a pig house filled with hay and a blanket, food ready and we got fresh water to SugarPlum.

After finally finding SugarPlum at the RV park, self introductions, crating her up, transporting her, and talking with her in the dead of night, somehow through it all, SugarPlum with her intelligence and common pig sense realized that I was a person not out to hurt her in any way. With her realizing I was a friend, Sugarplum gave me thanks in the easiest way she knew how, she gave me the opportunity to give her a belly rub before sending me on my way.

In all honesty, this is perhaps the most memorable New Year's Eve I have ever had. I meet a new friend, helped that friend through a difficult time in their life, took a nice drive with that friend and received a warm feeling of friendship to begin my New Year.

I truly can't remember having a more meaningful New Year's Eve before.





Lily is in the Wedding

SCAMPP Member, Jared Keefe, got married Jan.9, 2010. Proud Pigma (Grandma Jacque Keefe) of Lily the pig, submits the story of Lily's attendance.

Having your pet potbelly in your wedding is not an unusual to see for potbelly pig owners. Owners love their potbellies so much they want them to be part of their special day. Lily's opportunity would be no different. She did her best and she was there!

First of all, Lily would travel to Glamis, CA in a rented motor home. Shhhhhh! I wonder what they would say if they knew a pig was in their motor home. Ha ha. She traveled well. No accidents and free roam within the back area, however, she and the old dog did seem to stay much closer than most times. I guess a moving house is a hard concept for them.

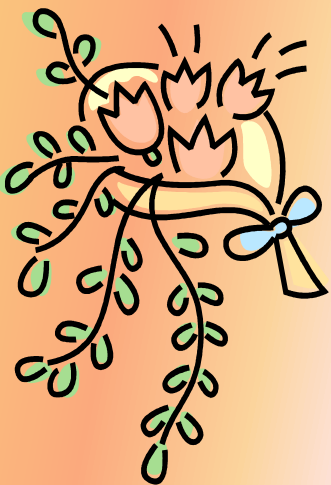
After a four-hour ride, she was thrilled to get out and stretch her legs and relieve her bladder.....but what was this surface she was walking on? Oh no, sand! The dog ramp was installed in the door, and the dog and pig could go up and down with their free will. Each of them had a harness on so we could control them when other dogs came around to meet them. Friday was a get acquainted day. You get acquainted to the sand and to all of the other campers. Are you surprised to hear that Lily caused quite a commotion for others because her presence was somewhat unique?

Let's make this perfectly clear - I did not groom her for this special event. After all, it was the desert that we were in and she would get dirty soon. Lily is a very feminine four-year-old pig. She is dainty in her looks but not in her size. She wears a beautiful pink harness and Pigma had a special tutu made to wear to the wedding.

Saturday came and it was time for the wedding. Lily took her morning nap and afternoon nap. It would soon be time for the wedding. Many people were arriving for the wedding and she was causing quite a fuss. We wandered over to the wedding. She was not very interested in going for a walk but she went anyways. She can certainly understand how a movie star must feel because she was the most photographed girl out there.

Thank heavens nothing was traditional about this wedding ceremony. Lily and Gunner went to the seats to sit next to Pigma and Pigpa. All the way up to ceremony she wandered around in the immediate area. The children loved her and enjoyed having their picture taken with her. The bridesmaids came and tried to make her walk down the aisle but no-go. Lily wasn't interested in that. When it came time for the ceremony, she sat next to Pigma. Pigma knew that putting a blanket over her would make her rest and so she did. The bride and groom were happy to have her there.

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Lily is in the Wedding ~ *Continued*

At the end of the ceremony, I handed off Lily to a good friend and she walked and talked to Lily as they returned to the motor home. It was almost time for feeding. Lily warmed the hearts of many. She has gained a new god-mother and she now has a new little brother, Zach, 4 years old. Reaching out to this world with a pig is what human kindness is all about. What a special and unique wedding it was.

Congratulations Jared & Stephanie



Crazy About This Pig ~ *By Pigma Jacque Keefe*



Never in my mind did I think I would end up caring for any pig in our life, let alone the greatest little pig around. Lily warms the heart of both my husband and me. We cannot thank our son, Jared, enough for asking us to care for her.

There is much talk on the television about people who have exotic pets. She is about as extreme as I care to have. She is an indoor/outdoor pig. She can come and go whenever she wants. I love watching her walk and occasionally she will take care of the itch one place or another. She has a love/hate relationship with the dog and they have both learned their boundaries. At times you will see them cuddled next to each other.

She seems to know exactly how to get us to do what she wants. She is absolutely adorable when she is all cuddled up at night in her beautiful pink blanket that I made her, lying next to our bed. She coos just like the boys when they were infants. I guess that is why my heart feels the warmth of this pigs' love.

I would just like to say to anyone who is considering a potbelly pig for a pet. They are investments in time and money just like any other pet is. If you have done your homework and you are ready to take on the task I hope it will bring the best enjoyment in your life as Lily as in ours!

Pet Loss and Emergency Preparedness



UPDATE

Check out the SCAMPP website for changes, especially to the "Piggy Info" and "Teacup Piggy" pages.

Our "INFO PACKET" is available for download on the "Piggy Info" page. This is a great resource to give to new or prospective piggy parents.

How long do potbellied pigs live? Keep in mind that the potbellied pig has only been in this country since 1985. We are still learning a lot about these unique little animals. Scientific estimates on their longevity range from 12 to 20 plus years. The truth of the matter is that nobody can be certain. Given the hardy nature of these pigs and with regular competent veterinary care, good diet and a healthy and a stress-free environment, we believe that these pigs can routinely live 20 years or more. This is a serious consideration for anyone contemplating a potbellied pig as a pet. It is, quite literally, a lifelong commitment given the obvious longevity of these animals.

There is an ongoing trend with regard to people suffering the loss of a pet. It is nothing new. Somewhere along the line, many of us have experienced this reaction from people who don't understand the pain that comes with the loss of an animal companion. The trend I'm speaking of is the "it's just a animal" (*pig in our case*) and/or the "get over it" mentality which has caused countless people unnecessary pain as they try to cope with their loss.

For most of us losing a pet is life-altering. Our pets are family members who have been by our side through thick and thin, often being there for us long after

our fellow humans have walked away. How can the loss not alter our lives? Pet grief is not a short-term situation for most animal lovers. It is very difficult to adjust to the physical breaking of this bond when our pets pass away and we don't just "get over it" and move on. It's a process and a painful one at best. We are individuals and the way we handle our grief is individual as well.

Should the decision be made not to remain with the pet during euthanasia? Please remember this is a personal choice and whether or not you agree, the decision belongs solely to the pet owner. The decision to euthanize is hard enough without being criticized for what someone else thinks "should" have been done. Whether or not to remain with a pet during euthanasia is not a reflection of the love that is felt by those left behind.

Marcie of California Potbellied Pig Association has written an excellent article entitled "Are you Prepared?" and it is on her website at cppa4pigs.org should you wish to read it in its entirety. Here are some excerpts from the article:

"Are YOU prepared?!" If you can answer "yes" to these questions, then you are one of the few. Even in writing this article, I honestly can't say 100% "yes"

to these questions. Are you prepared for an emergency or worse... the end of your pig's life? Are you ready if your pig gets sick, has to be put down or dies at home? Do you know where vet care is available in your area? Will they work on potbellied pigs? Transportation is the first thing you need to think about. Do you have a vehicle to transport this large crate? Are you prepared to drag a screaming pig that can't walk into a crate? Do you have the equipment you'll need or the ability to borrow it? An exercise pen is helpful - go to www.jefferspet.com and search exercise pens; sorting panels also work well - go to www.qcsupply.com and search item #50019. If there is just one of you at home at the time of the emergency, can you call on someone else to help at midnight? Do you have a crate large enough to get your pig into? How are you going to get the pig AND crate into your vehicle? Together they can weigh a lot, nearly 200lbs or more (a hydraulic lift table from Harbor Freight works great; go to www.harborfreight.com and search Hydraulic Table). Do you have a 24-hour emergency vet who will treat your pig or euthanize your pig if need be? Have you checked with them first? What will you or the clinic do with the body? Do you want the ashes back?

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Pet Loss and Emergency Preparedness

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Have you made contact with a cremation company that can handle pigs? Do you have a mobile vet who will come to your house to euthanize your pig? Will they take the body for you? Can you and will you have a necropsy done? PLEASE DO! It is so important to learn as much as we can about these wonderful animals we live with. Find out if your vet can and will do a necropsy? Then please share the results with www.duchessfund.org. Do you have the finances for all of this? If you need a mobile vet, please check the SCAMPP vet List on the SCAMPP website.

Also are you prepared for natural disasters? Do you have a plan for your pets if your home is destroyed or damaged? Can you transport your pets to safety? Marcie says they have a small camper trailer in their side yard full of emergency supplies, including pet food. They have the capacity to live in it or haul it full of their pets to safety if needed. Realize that any steps you take to be better prepared for emergencies with your pets and even your family will make it much easier when emergencies occur.

Petunia & Sammy, You Will Be Missed



Petunia didn't mind the snow in Texas



Petunia loved to sunbathe too!



Sammy - January 2007



Sammy's favorite spot in the garage!

If anyone has a pet loss they'd like mentioned, or want to submit a tribute, please send to Peggy or Dannah.

As our long-time members get older ☺, so do their pigs. We've had several of our charter members' pigs pass away. We send **Sandy Klix** our condolences on the loss of her pig, **Petunia**. Sandy has been a member for many years. When she moved to Texas in 2004, she took her two pigs, Bumper and Petunia, with her. Bumper passed away two years ago, and Petunia passed away in February.

We also send condolences to long-time members, **Tony & Chris** (who print our newsletters for us!) on the loss of their pig, **Sammy**, on March 1st.

Whether we wake up one day, and/or come home and find our beloved pig has died from unknown reasons - or whether we have to make the choice to have our beloved pig put to sleep due to health issues, it is a great heartbreak and loss of a family member who will never be forgotten.

The Adventures of the B-BOYS!

Episode X: The Return, Part 2 ~ By "Slim"

continued from last month's issue...

Authors Note:

This story is based on real life situations. The names have been changed to protect the innocent but the breeding is still going on out there. Despite the humor this is a very real problem. Please get involved! Check your local Craig's List postings (CL doesn't allow the sale of ANY pets) and flag them as prohibited (be sure to pass the listings on to your friends as it takes multiple flagging's to remove the posting). Volunteer to become a foster home. If only 10% of our readers did this, we could save many more dozens of abandoned pigs. For more information on fostering visit pigharmony.com and vegaspigpets.org. For more information on "teacup" pigs visit teacuppig.info



...."I tell you she's at it again! Every time I think that she is gone for good, she pops back into my life. You know if this wasn't a family orientated publication, I'd tell you exactly how I feel about her!"

Two weeks had passed since Super Pig had rescued Snorty and Slim from their tropical paradise. The B-Boys knew only too well who Super Pig kept ranting about. She is known by many names and lives in many locations. She is well known in the pig world as evil incarnate. There has never been a greedier individual. She will do anything to make a fast buck. She sells Amway, health beverages with dubious claims, "teacup" pigs and automotive repair (where she charges \$1000 to replace a fuel pump). She routinely lies to her customers in order to get them to spend even more.

Her real name isn't important; to us she is **The Backyard Breeder!** (Boo,

hiss) The Breeder was back to her old game. Selling "teacup" pigs that she claimed would only grow to about 45 to 50 pounds. "I tell you it's all a pack of lies! Why aren't the two of you doing your special project?" "We're tired after the journey home. You know it might be a good thing if you hired a crew to work on the Snorts-N-Hugs."

"Yeah, I guess you guys did work pretty hard. I tell you what, how about I take you out for a night on the town. I know a few ladies we could call." "Gee thanks, Super Pig, but the ladies you know are... well...they're...OK, they're pigs!" "Your point is?" "On top of my head. You figure the rest out."

The next month saw the boys hard at work. Slim went back to the Lazy B to work in the communication center. His task was to find out as much information about the Breeder as he could. Snorty jumped into the Porcine Pigup to do some leg work on breeding locations. This was a first for the Boys as they usually worked together on projects, but this task was so immense that a division of labor was required. Slim sat at his roll-top desk for days on end, without sleep and eating mostly Ultimate Cheeseburgers. He found that the Breeder had many locations throughout the

southland. Snorty paid a visit to each and every location. He found deplorable conditions and had Animal Control inspect them. Snorty was shocked to find out that the laws governing animal living conditions do not apply to breeders of pets only to farmers who raise food animals. Snorty thought that this didn't make any sense. Why should animals raised to be killed be given a better "life" than those being raised for long term care? Much to his dismay, he found no one who could answer this question.

Back at the Lazy B, Slim was making inquiries from County, State and Federal agencies. He didn't make much progress getting the laws changed but he did succeed in getting quite a few to visit the Breeders' many locales. Once the IRS got involved checking sales records against reported income, the Breeder quickly disappeared. This left many uncared for pigs roaming around. Snorty did his best at picking them up and transporting them to foster homes until forever homes could be found but as space is limited, only a small percentage were saved. In the meantime, several new breeders started popping up selling their pigs on Craig's List, newspapers and in the Pennysaver. It looks like this battle is far from over.



Welcome to the Herd ~ *By Dannah Lamb*

As many of you may have heard (or read on pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter), Doug and I have welcomed the arrival of our newest daughter Madisyn Lamb. She was born March 6th, 2010; eighteen days early from the estimated due date, but to our excitement, she was perfect and given a clean bill of health and we were sent home from the hospital less than 24 hours after her birth.

Doug and I have already experienced introducing a baby to our beloved pig, Clover, just over a year ago with Colette, our now 15-month old daughter. That meeting went extremely well, so well in fact, that we always jokingly said that Colette was Clover's baby because she was so protective and motherly toward Colette. That was 15 months and 3 pigs ago. We currently have 4 potbelly pig children now instead of just one, so I was very apprehensive on how they would all react to the newest arrival to our herd.

Instead of introducing everyone right off, I would place items in the living room that had the "new baby" smell on them, or spend time with the pigs right after holding the baby. I didn't know if this plan would work at all, but I did notice that all 4 pigs were very curious of the new smells and the sounds they heard coming from my bedroom. So finally after a week of the strange smells and sounds, I decided it was time to introduce our herd to their new human sister.

I was worried and cautious as I brought tiny Madisyn into the living room area. Instantly the pigs knew that I was holding the mysterious 'lil person in my arms. I sat down on the floor and one by one they came over to me to meet their baby. First up was Clover, she knew right away what this was and started sniffing and gently nudging at Madisyn... It was so sweet, and I regret not having a camera handy to capture that moment. Buddy was the next piggy to come say hello. He too sniffed at her and then laid his head on my lap and laid there with Maddy and I. Winston and Beluga watch with a safe distance, they are more reserved and go with the "if it doesn't bother me, I won't bother it" attitude, which I am perfectly fine with.

All and all the meeting of the Herd went well but one word of advice to everyone, no matter how well the introduction of a small child goes with your pet pig **NEVER** leave them alone or unattended together.





New Pig-Friendly Children's Picture Book!

Granny Gomez & Jigsaw
 by Deborah Underwood
 illustrated by Scott Magoon
 Disney-Hyperion, 2010 ♦ \$16.99
 ISBN: 978-0786852161

How do you live with a pet pig in your house? Easy! Granny Gomez's baby pig Jigsaw is the perfect roommate. He eats watermelon and watches cooking shows—he even helps her do puzzles (by scooting the pieces back to her if she drops them). But soon Jigsaw is too big to get up Granny's stairs (pigs are bad with stairs). Granny builds Jigsaw a fabulous barn, but once Jigsaw moves in, they have another problem...they miss each other like crazy! Surely Granny and Jigsaw can find a solution, if they just put the pieces together...

"With folksy charm and witty details, this amusing story will make for read-aloud fun, providing a warm portrayal of pets as beloved companions, however little or big."
 - *Booklist*

"Jigsaw's floppy ears and lopsided grin are irresistible, as is Granny's spunk, in humorous contrast with her conventional, demure appearance (including a tidy gray bun)—further proof that friends can come in all kinds of packages."
 - *Publishers Weekly*

"Underwood's sweet tale of loneliness and companionship is brought to pudgy, smiling life by Magoon's watercolor-and-ink illustrations."
 - *Kirkus Reviews*



Deborah was inspired to write this book by Babe, a pig that lived at Farm Sanctuary in Orland, CA for many happy years. She was so impressed by the close friendships that pigs form that she wanted to write the story of a friendship between pig and his person.

Available now at local bookstores or <http://astore.amazon.com/deborahunderw-20>

For more information, please visit www.DeborahUnderwoodBooks.com

A Note From An Old Friend

Dear Peggy,

I am still here in Oregon and work a few days at Bandon Vet Hospital and a few days a week for another practice that is about 20-30 miles East from here in Myrtle Point. We very rarely see pigs here and I miss some of the fun and interesting things we used to do. Karen Milojevich (ex-SCAMPP member) is near Salem and sees a vet up there that treats more pot bellied pigs. Karen's pigs are getting old and she's lost quite a few of them.

We do get the SCAMPP newsletter regularly and all the people in the clinic here enjoy it. The vet I work for likes pigs and before his father died, he had a pet pig for many years. His kids did pig projects in FFA and he seems to get attached to them, although in the end they do end up in the freezer.

I am always amazed to see how SCAMPP members have changed and I hardly know anyone there except a few of the old faithful. I hope everyone is doing well. It is sure nice to see that there is new blood and young people who love the pigs.

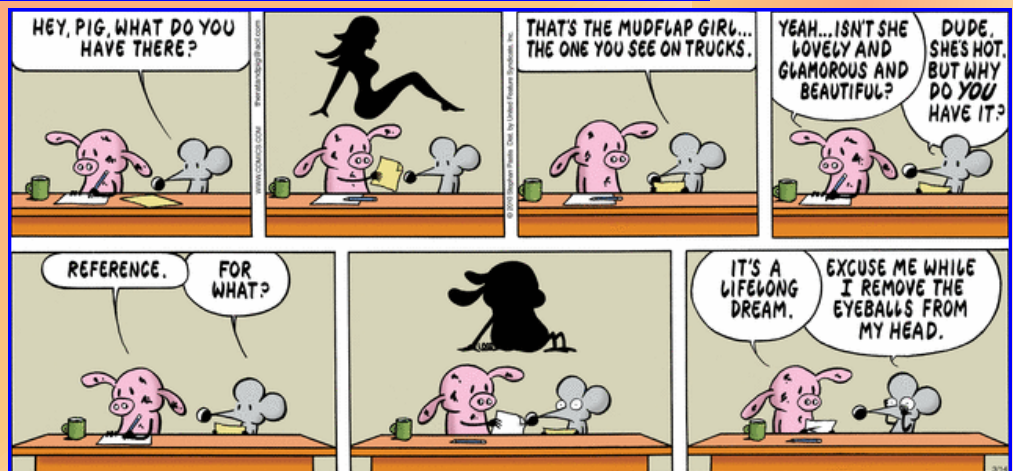
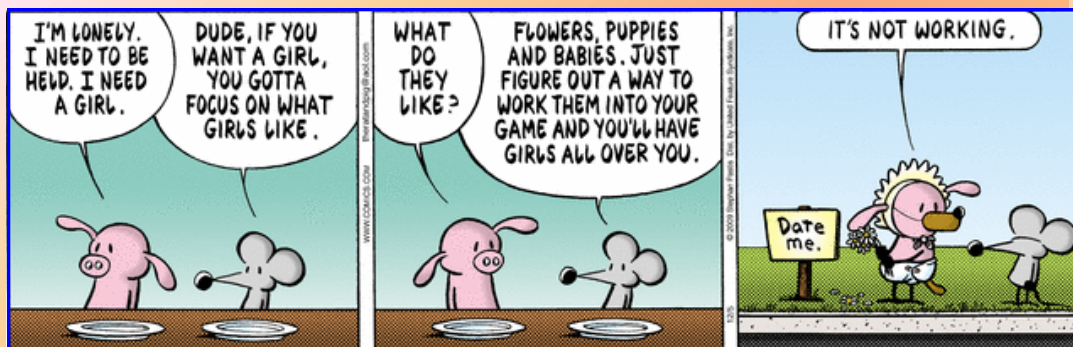
Since there is not any pig stuff I can write about, I did not know what might be of interest. It is very beautiful (but wet) here, so if anyone wants to visit, they're welcome.

Always yours,
Dr. Ron Vered

Editor's Note: Dr. Vered was mobile vet to many of our SCAMPP Members (and other pig owners) for many years. I'd used him for 15 years until he moved away to Oregon a few summers ago. Those of us who were his clients, sure miss his mobile medical service (he did medical treatments, surgeries, and hoof & tusk trimming). I appreciate that Dr. Vered is still available for advice. I always appreciate his quick response whenever I E-Mail him, whether it's for medical advice or just to say hi and let him know he is thought of often. Recently I E-Mailed him to see if he'd give us a update article for the newsletter. I received the letter to the left. Thanks, Dr. Vered!!!



Comic Section



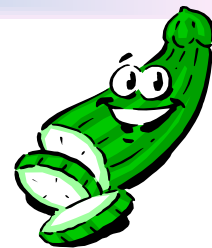
The Body of SCAMPP

Some members go over and above to help pigs and further SCAMPP in many areas. One area is the rescue area. These members are to be highly commended. There is also the "event area," which puts SCAMPP in the public lime-light at public events (part of the education portion). I have been trying to help in that area, since I cannot do the rescue area. It takes many members working together in these many different areas in order for SCAMPP to function. Much like the human body in which you need the heart, you need the liver, you need the kidneys, you need the brain, hands, legs, feet, etc., therefore every part (or member) needs to function together for well-being. It's always been my passion to promote SCAMPP via the newsletters and to help make SCAMPP look the best at public events in order to draw in membership. For others, it's the area of rescue, supplying needs to shelters, rescues and foster homes (be it feed/supplies or assistance in the fields of medical/spaying/neutering/hof trimming), and for others it is the area of administration, publishing/printing the newsletter, providing items for our raffles and booth, working at the booth, and/or donating funds. For all of you who work in these many different areas for SCAMPP, I send a GIANT THANK YOU!!!!!! SCAMPP is a club for all of its members, as well as for the pigs that need our help. I believe a well-functioning club should be about members helping members, and being a sincere representation of our Mission Statement in every aspect. If you do not know what SCAMPP's MISSION STATEMENT is, take a look at the back cover of each newsletter.

~ By Peggy Wimberly
(P.S.—Comments welcomed)

Who Would Have Thunk?

Disclaimer: Don't know if this works, but it is worth a try.



1. Cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day, just one cucumber contains Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B5, Vitamin B6, Folic Acid, Vitamin C, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium and Zinc.
2. Feeling tired in the afternoon, put down the caffeinated soda and pick up a cucumber. Cucumbers are a good source of B Vitamins and Carbohydrates that can provide that quick pick-me-up that can last for hours.
3. Tired of your bathroom mirror fogging up after a shower? Try rubbing a cucumber slice along the mirror, it will eliminate the fog and provide a soothing, spa-like fragrance.
4. Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few slices in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent undetectable to humans but drive garden pests crazy and make them flee the area. (WOW)
5. Looking for a fast and easy way to remove cellulite before going out or to the pool? Try rubbing a slice or two of cucumbers along your problem area for a few minutes, the phytochemicals in the cucumber cause the collagen in your skin to tighten, firming up the outer layer and reducing the visibility of cellulite. Works great on wrinkles too!!! (DOUBLE WOW)
6. Want to avoid a hangover or terrible headache? Eat a few cucumber slices before going to bed and wake up refreshed and headache free. Cucumbers contain enough sugar, B vitamins and electrolytes to replenish essential nutrients the body lost, keeping everything in equilibrium, avoiding both a hangover and headache!!
7. Looking to fight off that afternoon or evening snacking binge? Cucumbers have been used for centuries and often used by European trappers, traders and explores for quick meals to thwart off starvation.
8. Have an important meeting or job interview and you realize that you don't have enough time to polish your shoes? Rub a freshly cut cucumber over the shoe, its chemicals will provide a quick and durable shine that not only looks great but also repels water.
9. Out of WD 40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Take a cucumber sliced rub it along the problematic hinge, and voila, the squeak is gone!
10. Stressed out and don't have time for massage, facial or visit to the spa? Cut up an entire cucumber and place it in a boiling pot of water, the chemicals and nutrients from the cucumber will react with the boiling water and be released in the steam, creating a soothing, relaxing aroma that has been shown to reduce stress in new mothers and college students during final exams.
11. Just finish a business lunch and realize you don't have gum or mints? Take a slice of cucumber and press it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue for 30 seconds to eliminate bad breath, the phytochemicals will kill the bacteria in your mouth responsible for causing bad breath.
12. Looking for a 'green' way to clean your faucets, sinks or stainless steel? Take a slice of cucumber and rub it on the surface you want to clean, not only will it remove years of tarnish and bring back the shine, but is won't leave streaks and won't harm you fingers or fingernails while you clean.
13. Using a pen and made a mistake? Take the outside of the cucumber and slowly use it to erase the pen writing, also works great on crayons and markers that the kids have used to decorate the walls!!





Birthdays



Easter Greetings



Jasmine



Peanut



Myrtle



Successful Adoption!!! Tubbalove has found his new forever home.

Snort Valentine	April 2
Lena Schmitt	April 10
Oliver Schmitt	April 10
Siggy Karlsson	April 13
Louie Doiron	April 13
Karen Garcia	April 15
Patty Mae Morse	April 16
Mary Lou Vered	April 17
Charlotte Lamb	April 19
Darlene DuVall	April 20
Kaspar Milligan	April 21
Madlyn Rose Pierce	April 21
Gus Pierce	April 21
Mimi Misener	April 23
Nigel Misener	April 23
Jane Wolin	April 25
Little Bit Richards	April 29
Andreas Dimacopoulos	April 30
Winston Lamb	April 30



SCAMPP Member, Tom in Florida, loves to attach a video camera to Marlie (one of his 4 pigs). Tom has E-Mailed several videos of their trips to the park. It's very interesting to see from a "pig's eye view" what Marlie sees as she roams about. If you're not on the SCAMPP Group E-Mail list and want to see the videos, let me know ~ Peggy

New Members



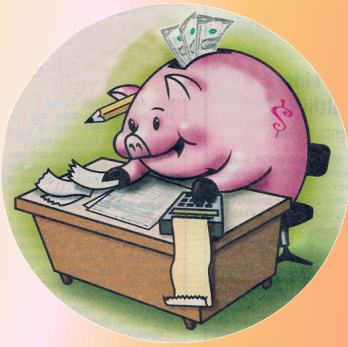
Marilyn Hirvela
Deborah Fairchild

We welcome articles from our Members and our Readers. If you would like to submit an article, please send it to Peggy or Dannah. Letters to the Editor are also welcome.



If we do not have your birthday or your pigs' birthday listed, we do not have it; please let us know.

Announcements



Due to her heavy workload, Laura Sayre has resigned as Treasurer. Peggy Wimberly is currently handling SCAMPP's Treasurer Position.

Check out the SCAMPP web-site for changes, especially to the "Piggy Info" and "Teacup Piggy" pages. Our "INFO PACKET" is available for download on the "Piggy Info" page. This is a great resource to give to new or prospective piggy parents.

Ads, Upcoming Events

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April 16 -18, 2010, Fri., Sat. & Sun.

OC Fair & Event Center
88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Hours: 10AM to 6PM Fri. • 10AM to 7PM Sat.
10AM to 6PM Sun.

Show Prices:
General Admission - \$12.00
Seniors 60 & over - \$10.00
Children 6-12 - \$6.00
5 yrs and Under - FREE

More info:
<http://petexpoc.com>

SCAMPP will be at the Costa Mesa Pet Expo, April 16-17-18, 2010. We will have two booths, one in the large-animal/livestock area on the grass, and one in the adoption area. Come meet some of our members and see some of our pigs!! Call any officer for more info.



In conjunction with the San Bernardino Farmer's Market, there will be a **"Critter Carnival" on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, from 6-8pm at Perris Hill Park, 1001 E. Highland Ave, in San Bernardino.** SCAMPP will set up our booth, take some pigs, and educate the public on potbellied pigs as pets. Delicious Food, Fresh Fruit, Healthy

Vegetables, Nuts, Breads, Baked Goods, Snacks, Pottery, Plants, Arts, Crafts, Pony Rides and much more! For more info: Contact Peggy. At 951-685-0467 or E-Mail peggy@scampp.com

Meeting Information

NEXT MEETING - SAT. , APRIL 10, 2010

SCAMPP meetings are held the second Saturday of each month, unless we have a special event that Saturday. We currently meet at: **Flo's Farmhouse Cafe, 5620 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, CA. Dinner and "Piggy Talk" begins about 5:00pm and the Meeting begins at 5:55pm.** Location can be changed from time-to-time. To verify dates and locations, please feel free to contact any board member or officer, or check our website. We share information on the proper care of potbellied pigs and keep you posted on all upcoming potbellied pig events. We have a lot of fun at our meetings, in addition to covering some very important business regarding our organization. Come join the fun and learn what SCAMPP is up to. Kids and guests are welcome to attend, and membership is not required.

The Pet Expo is April 16-17-18 at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa. We need items to sell at the SCAMPP Booth. Please contact Peggy at peggy@scampp.com or 951-685-0467 if you can donate items. **Or you can bring items to the April 10th SCAMPP Meeting.**

Got A Pig?

Newcomers who own a pig will receive a bag of piggy treats for attending their first SCAMPP Meeting with us!

-Be There!

DVD/CD PLAYER RAFFLE

The April 10th SCAMPP Meeting is your last chance to buy tickets for the "DVD/CD Player" raffle. Winner will be drawn at the Meeting.

SCAMPP Store



SCAMPP T-Shirts

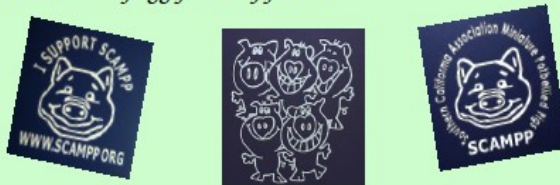
Size S, M, L, & XL are \$12
Size XXL & XXXL are \$15
Pick-up (at the meetings or by arrangement) or add \$3 if mailed. Contact Peggy. At 951-685-0467 or E-Mail peggy@scampp.com

**2 for \$5
or \$3 ea.**

**TOTE BAGS & HOODIES
WITH THE SCAMPP LOGO
ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.
PLEASE CONTACT PEGGY
FOR PRICES.**

SCAMPP DECALS:

White on clear background. Can be used on car windows, furniture, book covers, binders, almost anything. Two for \$5.00 or \$3.00 each as a fundraiser for SCAMPP. All decals are 7" x 7". Contact Peggy @ 951-685-0467, e-mail peggy@scampp.com



Adoption Corner



If you are interested in any of these pigs, see: www.pigharmony.com or call Marlies at 661-269-2656



HARRY is a very sweet boy and wants belly rubs all the time. He is about 50 pounds (as of 12/09) and looks as though he may have some Kune-Kune judging from his color, stature and very friendly disposition. If you would like information on adopting HARRY, please complete the application at www.pigharmony.com and you will be contacted once it is received. HARRY is up-to-date with routine shots and is neutered.



OINKIS was rescued from the North Central Animal Shelter. She is a super friendly little girl in need of a forever home. If you would like information on adopting her, please complete the application at www.pigharmony.com and you will be contacted once it is received. OINKIS is currently in foster care in Norco, CA and is up-to-date with routine shots and is spayed.



WILBUR is neutered. He is a really sweet, friendly, handsome piggy in need of a forever home. His former owner raised him from a piglet and when they moved to a new home, they left him behind. WILBUR wandered over to the neighbor's and found a safe place to sleep where he could have the company of other animals. The neighbors cannot keep him, as they also have many animals they need to find homes for. If you have room in your heart and home for this delightful boy, please complete the adoption application at www.pigharmony.com and you will be contacted once it is received.



BELLA is just under 2 years old (as of 1/10). She is an outdoor pig that is very sweet with a really good disposition. She gets along well with other animals. She is currently in foster care in Bakersfield. If you would like more information about adopting this pretty young girl, please complete the adoption application at www.pigharmony.com and you will be contacted once it is received.



Meet **JABBA!** JABBA was wandering the streets of San Bernardino when he was picked up by Animal Control. He is super sweet, appreciative and he has a million dollar smile. His tongue hangs out most of the time, possibly due to an old injury. His tusks will be trimmed back prior to adoption. He's probably about 4-6 years old. He's a big boy, but pretty close to your typical sized micro-mini, teacup, miniature potbellied pig. His needs are simple and his demands are few. He loves belly rubs and meal time. If you have it in your heart to adopt this gentleman, please complete the application at www.pigharmony.com and you will be contacted once it is received. JABBA is in foster care in Running Springs, CA. JABBA is up-to-date with routine shots and is neutered.

Adoption Corner ~ continued



PIGLETS (3 F / 2 M) - These piglets were born 2/5/10. This is a case of a well-intended beginner pig owner to two rescued pigs. The father of the piglets has been neutered and the mother will soon be spayed. All piglets will be spayed/neutered prior to adoption and an adoption fee to cover the cost of vetting will apply. No phone calls will be returned until an adoption application has been COMPLETED. This can be accessed at www.pigharmony.com and you will be contacted as soon as it is received. Home visits will also be conducted prior to adoption.



HECKLE & JECKLE were strays, abandoned and roaming the high desert before they were captured by Animal Control in December, 2009. Since then, they have been rescued from the shelter, have been neutered, vaccinated and dewormed. They are warming up to people very nicely. They will take treats gently from your hands and learning to accept tummy rubs. These two boys are easy-keepers with lots of personality. They need a forever home to call their own. They do not have to stay together, but we would like that for them if possible. They are currently located in RUNNING SPRINGS, CA. If you can help HECKLE & JECKLE, please complete the adoption application at www.pigharmony.com and you will be contacted as soon as it is received.



TRUMPET was born approx. 3/09. He was a Mother's Day gift purchased from a breeder in Lucerne Valley and when it didn't work out, the breeder refused to take the piglet back. TRUMPET would do best with someone that is home a lot and can offer lots of consistent companionship. He will bond quickly with patience and understanding. He is a little standoffish with strangers and would do best in a quiet environment where he would be allowed indoors and outdoors freely. He loves to be covered with blankets fresh out of the dryer on cool days. We call him TRUMPET because he sounds like he's tooting his horn when things don't go his way. He knows how to sit and is learning the "high-five." TRUMPET is up-to-date with routine shots, house trained and is neutered. If you would like more information about TRUMPET, please complete the adoption application at www.pigharmony.com and you will be contacted as soon as it is received.



Mr. S and Mrs. B live together and are about 3-4 years old. They are not siblings. They are on the small side - approx. 80 pounds. Yes, these are what full grown teacup pigs become. While Mr. S is very friendly and laid back, Mrs. B is a little on the timid side. Possibly with some patience and TLC, she will warm up in her new forever home. Since pigs are herd animals and these two are bonded, we would prefer to place them together. If you are interested in adopting them, please complete the adoption application at www.pigharmony.com and you will be contacted as soon as it is received. Mr. S & Mrs. B are spayed/neutered.



VegasPigPets is a Federal 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. If you are interested in any of the special pigpets, please see our website at www.vegaspigpets.org and fill out our contact form or contact Crystal @ (702) 813-4543.



TANK, originally named tank the Terror, was turned into a Vegas shelter, aggressive and un-neutered. We have neutered him, worked with him, harness and leash trained him, and now he is the sweetest little guy. He is 8 months old, about 45 lbs, and is ready for a home that will give him lots of attention. If interested, please contact Crystal at info@vegaspigpets.org

Please see more pigs that need homes at www.petfinder.com or www.adoptapet.com. We can find a way to get any pig to a good home! If you are interested in any pig needing a home, please contact either Marlies or Crystal at contact info on these pages.



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ADOPTION COMMITTEE:

We encourage adopting & rescuing (as opposed to breeding) in order to provide loving homes for the many homeless pigs already in shelters, sanctuaries & foster care. Please contact one of the following:

Colleen Hinds - 909 337-0627
Marlies Reno - 661-269-2656

DISCLAIMER:

SCAMPP is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. We are an organization with members who are interested in educating the general public on matters of potbellied pigs and we financially support various local and state rescues as funds permit. The opinions expressed by people in particular articles are not the express opinion of SCAMPP officers or SCAMPP Board of Directors, but are offered to educate, amuse, and stimulate a variety of ideas regarding the care, health, promotion and training of potbellied pigs. We welcome your opinions about the newsletter and encourage you to submit your articles and anecdotes.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The primary objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be: To provide advocacy, action, and necessary support towards attaining the best quality of life for pigs as pets; to supply education about the pig and pigs as pets to current pig owners, prospective pig owners, the general public, civic partners, and community partners; to give back to the needs of the community through services provided by SCAMPP and collaborations with SCAMPP, with the interest of the breed incorporated into these endeavors; and to continuously enhance the association to meet these objectives and purposes.

Join SCAMPP or Renew your Membership New? or Renewal? Date _____

Name: _____ Your Birthday (year not necessary) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Do you have potbellied pig(s)? If so, how many? _____ Age(s)? _____

Pigs Names and birthdates _____

Yearly Membership Fees:

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