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#### Medical Article ~ by Dr. Ron Vered, DVM Arthritis Care for Pet Pigs

In the February 2014 issue of the newsletter, I answered a question about arthritis in potbellied pigs. Some members have asked if there have been new information about the treatment of the disease and wanted more information about the available medications and treatment options. Although there have not been any dramatic breakthrough in finding the cure for arthritis in the last three years, we do have some new drugs and treatment options. Although none of them have been developed for use in pigs, I will try and review some of the available medications and treatment for arthritis both from the human and animal medicine field as those are usually tried and used for pet pigs.

The treatment of the disease can be under the following main categories: (1) Diets, vitamins, and nutritional supplements.

- (2) Exercise, physical therapy, chiropractic, and massage therapy.
- (3) Surgery and stem cell treatment.
- (4) Drugs or medical treatment.

(5) Alternative medicine like acupuncture, homeopathy, cold laser, magnetic field therapy, and barometric chambers.

Since, short of complete joint replacement surgeries, both in human and veterinary medicine, a complete cure of arthritis is still not available, the main goal of treatment is usually to improve the mobility and quality of life of the patient. That is usually done by trying to find the most effective combination of treatment options that reduce the joint pain, inflammation, and slow the progression of the disease. The same applies to treating pet pigs with arthritis even though all these treatments were not tested or labeled for use in pigs.

Due to the limited scope of this article, I will try and concentrate on the drug aspect of arthritis treatment in pigs and touch on some of the interactions of medications with the other aspects of treatment.

The main groups of drugs we use for treating joint disease in pigs are:

Non Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NASID's): In this group we find drugs that come from:

(a) Human medicine such as aspirin, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, meloxicam (Metacam), Naproxen.
(b) Veterinary medications labeled for dogs and cats such as carprofen (Rimadyl), meloxicam

(Metacam), deacoxib (Deramaxx), firocoxib (Previcox), grapiprant (Galliprant), and robenacoxib (Onsior). (c) Veterinary drugs labeled for use in horses and cattle such as phenylbutazone, flunaxin, and

firocoxib (Previcox).

The most common problems in using NASID's are side effects like stomach and intestinal irritation and ulceration, vomiting, diarrhea, bleeding disorders (aspirin mostly), liver and kidney damage. In most cases with proper use, patient monitoring, and use of antacids and GI protectants, these issues can be prevented and controlled.

In my experience, each individual might respond differently to different NASID. Therefore; if one drug has not worked well after a reasonable try, it is worth to try another NASID. There is usually a wash out period between drugs to avoid their combined side effects and the length of that period depends on the half life of the drug.

The NASID drugs that have been my first choice for pet pigs have been aspirin, meloxicam (Metacam), and phenylbutazone. I try to avoid Ibuprofen, Tylenol, and Naproxen because they are known to cause toxicities in dogs, cats and a few other animals. Many vets like to use carprofen (Rimadyl) in pigs. I found it safe, but it did not seem to provide as good pain relief as some of the cheaper drugs. I would like to see more dose studies on firocoxib (Previcox) and deacoxib (Deramaxx) before recommending them for pigs as similar drugs labeled for horses are approved for those animals in doses much lower than the dog dose. Galliprant is a new drug for arthritis in dogs which I think should be tried in pigs. It has very high safety margins and is not intestinal ulcerative. Onsior is one of the only NASID's that is labeled for safe use in cats, a species that is very sensitive to NASID's toxicities, so I think that is should be a safe medication for pigs. It is also a fairly new drug and I have not used it enough in pigs to know how effective it is. ~ continued on next page ~

#### Medical Article ~ by Dr. Ron Vered, DVM Arthritis Care for Pet Pigs ~ continued

<u>Cortico-Steroids (CS)</u>: These are drugs similar to cortisone which is the hormone secreted in the body in response to stress and trauma. Various CS are available in human and veterinary medicine in injectable, oral, and topical forms. They vary in their potency and length of activity. CS are one of the most potent anti inflammatory drugs, but they have effects on many other body systems, so their use is associated with many side effects specially when used in high doses for prolonged periods. Prednisone, prednisolone, dexamethasone, flumethasone, and methylprednisolone are examples of some of the cortico-steroid drugs.

I usually recommend to use CS for pigs with arthritis when other medications, nutritional supplements, and other forms of treatment were tried and stopped working. Most forms of CS are cheap and with proper use and monitoring they are still one of the most effective drugs in helping animals with severe, chronic arthritis. I have used both oral and injectable CS for many years safely in pet pigs. CS drugs should never be combined with NASID's and when changing from one group of drugs to the

CS drugs should never be combined with NASID's and when changing from one group of drugs to the other a recommended wash out period should be applied. This, again, is done to avoid the combined side effect/toxicity that these medications can have.

Pain medications, local anesthetics, and neuroleptics: These are drugs that block pain receptors and response. Most pain medications we use are opioids and derivatives of them. Demarol, buprenorphine, oxymorphone, fentanyl, tramadol are some of those medications used in veterinary medicine. These drugs are usually injectable but some are available in oral and transdermal patch forms. Most of them are not indicated for arthritis and long term use because of their sedative effect, cost, and potential for addiction and abuse. They are controlled substances which makes prescribing them harder and restricted. Generally they should only be considered as a supplemental medication to an animal which is already on a NASID or a CS and needs extra pain management. The only drug that has been used as such more commonly in animals is Tramadol. It is available in a pill form and only recently was put on the control drug lists. It is not expensive and is not considered highly habit forming. However; recent studies in dogs showed that Tramadol has very little effects to reduce pain in canines. No information is available on its effectiveness in pigs. I have not found it to be a highly useful medication for pigs, but I find it safe to combine with NASID's and CS to try and provide extra pain relief when necessary.

Lidocaine and similar chemical derivatives have been used as injectable forms to block joint pain and are available for people in different external application forms. The injection forms are usually not practical for long term use in pigs, and I have not found topical and transdermal forms to work well for me. Maybe other doctors have better experience with those medications.

Gabapentin is a neuroleptic drug that has been used in people and animals for seizures, and nerve pain in diabetics and individuals with fibromyalgia. It comes in oral form and when used properly is fairly safe. It is a drug that has been used more commonly in veterinary medicine as a supplemental pain medication both after surgical procedures and in chronic conditions like arthritis and neurological pain. I have had good results when adding it to dogs on NASID's and feel that it would be of benefit to potbellied pigs with arthritis who are on a NASID or a CS and start showing sign of pain.

Many animals with joint issues are put on oral supplements such as Glucosamine, MSM, hayluronate, and vitamins. Those products are usually very safe and worth trying. However; there is very limited scientific support to show they work whether in pigs or other animals except for in forms which are injected into the joints in horses. I mention them here as they are probably safe to combine with most of the drugs that we reviewed earlier.

<u>Alternative Medicine</u>: The only forms which I had experience using in animals with chronic arthritis are acupuncture and cold laser. Most traditional acupuncturists do not see the need to combine it with Western medicine, but many of the veterinarians who have Chinese medicine training will add NASID's and pain medications to their patients. I find cold laser very helpful in treating animals both with acute and chronic joint problems. There is no contraindication to the use of NASID's and CS with cold laser with the exception that joints and areas injected with CS should not be treated with cold laser.

with the exception that joints and areas injected with CS should not be treated with cold laser. In summary, arthritis is a common and difficult disease to fully treat in general and even more so in pigs because of the limited information about medications, medical and surgical procedures for the species. The veterinarian and owner should always try and find the most effective and safe combination of nutrition, activity, therapy, medicine and surgery to keep the pig comfortable, functional with a good quality of life for is long as possible with all available means. I hope that this limited drug review will help achieve those goal for any pet pig suffering from arthritis. ~ by Dr. Ron T Vered, DVM

#### Medical Article by Dr. Ron Vered, DVM Conformation of Miniature Pet Pigs

The only question we had this month came from a member that was wondering why they have seen so many differences in conformation, shape, size, color, and facial features between different potbellied pigs that they have run into over the years. They were also wondering why many pet pigs that they have seen in petting zoos tend to have long noses, large ears and big feet but relatively small bodies.

The main reason that we do not see a consistent, uniform look among what we call potbellied pig is really because the true Vietnamese Potbellied Pig (VPBP) does not hardly exist anymore in the USA.

The original VPBP's were brought into the country in the early 1980's (some probably were in zoos before that) and they were all black pigs, with small upright ears and short snouts (noses), short legs and straight tails. Their average weight was 200-300 lbs. as adults. As these animals became more popular as pets and people started keeping them as house pets, more people got into breeding and selling VPBP's. As with other things, breeders tried to out-do each other and tried to create an animal that will have better selling points and attract more clients. Even though a 200-300 lbs. pig is considered small in comparison with a farm pig which can weight 600-1200 lbs., many people viewed the early pet pigs as too big to handle and to be house pets. So, the first goal of most breeders was to try and breed a smaller size VPBP. Unfortunately, they tried doing that largely by in-breeding their smaller stock (some of them runts), and by under-feeding growing animals. That approach had limited success and created many health issues that were not seen before very commonly in pigs. As mentioned before, VPBP's are black and very rarely might have a small white spot or a few white hairs, so the second goal of many breeders was to create pigs with more color. and some even wanted to see a whole white pig that will resemble more a small farm pig. However; because the black color genetics are so set in the original VPBP's, there was only limited success in breeding pigs with small patches of white color but they were still mostly black. ~~ continued on next page 🚽



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At that point, people started breeding VPBP's with other breeds of miniature pigs (and some people claim that also with farm pigs of different colors) to both reduce their size and introduce other colors like black and white, white, red, stripped and dotted pigs. No one really know what were all the breeds of pigs that were used but the speculation is that breeds like Royal White and even some types of wild pigs were used to create more colors and sizes. Of course that with those breeding practices, some of the other features from those other swine breeds ended being bred into the original VPBP's and changed their looks. We started seeing pigs with larger ears, longer snouts, longer and thinner legs, and even curly tails and no pot-bellies...

Basically most of the pet and miniature pigs that we see today are not VPBP's and should probably should not be called that. I am not sure if we can really define them as a breed, but they should probably be called the American Miniature Pigs, American Pet Pigs, or whatever other name the pig associations decide to come up with.

As far as the petting zoo pigs, their look is in part a result of poor breeding, and mostly those pigs look the way they look because they are grossly under fed both as piglets and as adults. Sadly, many petting zoo owners do that in an attempt to keep the animals small so they are more appealing to the customers and also to keep them hungry so they are more likely to interact with the people who come to the zoo and usually offer the animals food treats.

I know that this article did not highly touch on medical issues, but I think that the history and the genetic background of our pets is an important part of understanding medical aspects of their anatomy and nature. ~ by *T. Ron Vered*, *DVM* 



### Gomie, My Micro Pig ~ by permission of Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

I had wanted a mini pig for many years, but was not zoned for one. The information out there was so confusing. You had breeders claiming to produce mini pigs, but others saying it was a scam. I did not understand why you could have a small dog, but not a small pig. Unfortunately, I fell for it and my pig paid the price.

My first pig was a so called Micro pig. I had saved up \$1,500 for it and moved to a pig friendly community. I was on a very long waiting list so I was so excited when he finally arrived. I had done some reading to prepare myself, but that was not enough. The first night was a nightmare. I woke up the next day thinking- did I just make a big mistake? I was in over my head. Pigs are not like dogs, and shouldn't be compared as similar. It took several weeks, but then I was hooked! Hanging around pigs before you commit is the best thing you can do for yourself and your future pig. It takes a long time to build a trusting relationship and get them comfortable in different settings. This is a great example of why they are far from a dog. A dog gets excited over a harness or a collar, but a pig will scream its head off unless you give it something to eat while you quickly put it on. Not to mention teaching the pig to walk on a leash. You can easily snuggle with the average dog, but with a pig it is always on their terms, and that could mean never.

It took me a long time to figure out that small pigs only exist through restricting their food. The breeders call this their special feeding plan which consists of just enough pellets to get them by and no grazing or other food allowed. If you



Gomie is a sickly pig at 1 year old and 8#

don't follow the plan, the opposite occurs, your pig will grow and be very happy and healthy. I followed the strict plan for a year and my pig's health was deteriorating. He started to develop shoulder issues. He also needed two dentals before the age of a year and a half. He never wanted to run or play. He was too small to safely play outside so now one of his hoofs is a bit deformed from not getting the outside activity needed. Seeing other pigs run and play and act completely opposite, I realized I was starving him. I felt and still feel so naive for falling for the scam. When I



Gomie at 2 years and 23#. What a difference! He is eating like a pig and has tripled in size.

reached out to the breeder to inform her about his status, there were many excuses. When I told her I was going to feed him more, she said I was going to ruin her best smallest male pig. That was the red flag for me. When I showed her this picture (*Gomie at 1 year old*), she said he looked great. It was not the health that mattered it was only the size to keep more people buying. I now have two other pigs from the same line that were too big for their previous owners, and one is 60-lbs and the other is almost 100-lbs. However, the pigs that are that size are hidden from the social media sites. It would be great for potential buyers to see how big the pigs will get so they do not get dumped. They truly do form a strong bond with their family and it breaks their hearts to start over.

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### Gomie, My Micro Pig ~ continued ~ by permission of Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

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Since I stopped the feeding plan over a year ago my little man is growing fast and now runs and barks in the yard. For those who are confused about mini pigs, a mini pig is a term to describe a pig smaller than an 800-lb farm hog. A 60-lb pig is a small pig in comparison, but not as



100-lb Pebbles, adopted from Ironwood, with Gomie when he was at 8#

common. To achieve an extremely small pig, food is withheld during their growing years. This will only produce a small, unhealthy, short lived pig. If you want a pig, it is always safe to expect it to be at least a couple hundred pounds and then you won't be disappointed. Also be aware of the breeders breeding babies and claiming this is the adult size. Pigs can keep growing up to the first 3 years.

After my first Micro pig I decided to take in unwanted pigs that people no longer

wanted because they grew to be what they were supposed to be. In conclusion, here are a few facts surrounding mini pigs:

- 🕄 The term mini pig is anything smaller than a farm hog
- $rac{1}{3}$  To achieve a small pig healthy feeding amounts are withheld
- 🕄 Piglets can start breeding as young as 3 months of age
- 🕄 Pigs can grow up to 3 years of age
- 🖾 A mini pig can range from 60 200 plus lbs
- 🐼 Mini pigs can live up to 15 plus years
- Withholding food to achieve a small pig will lead to costly vet bills, or worse death
- Pigs are sensitive, intelligent and loving creatures that form strong bonds. ~ by Tina



Arnie at age 5 years and 60# has the same parents as Froto. His previous owners also did not follow the instructed feeding plan. Both Froto and Arnie are healthy.



Froto at age 3 is from the same breeder as Gomie. Same dad but different mother. His previous owner did not follow the feeding plan and gave him to Tina because he was not the size as promised and they couldn't accommodate a 100# pig.

#### Medical Article by Dr. Vered, DVM Tusk Care for Pet Pigs



Tusk of the pig in question

This month's veterinary question came from a member who one of her pigs is a neutered male and is about twenty years old. Over the years, he had his tasks trimmed several times and the owner was considering having the procedure done again. She noticed, though, that the tusks were getting some cracks along the tooth. They were wondering if that is common in older pigs and whether it will be dangerous to have the cracked tusks trimmed. The concern was that the tusks will shatter during the procedure and increase the risk of infections and jaw damage.

The main reasons that pet pigs' tusks are trimmed are on one hand, to reduce the risk of the tusks causing intentional or accidental injuries to people and other animals, and on the other to prevent injury to the pig himself from being caught or hooked on fences and brush. Also, some pigs have a mouth conformation in which the upper and lower tusks grow in an angle that causes them to lock on each other and makes it difficult and sometimes impossible for the pig to move its jaws or open the mouth. In

some animals, tusks can grow very long and point into the lip and muzzle skin and eventually cut and get imbedded into the pigs own flesh.

In the wild, pigs do not live as long as some of our pets and usually, boars in nature have good mouth conformation which allows the upper tusks to wear down and sharpen the lower tusks. Therefore; they generally do not run into the issues that some of our pet pigs do. So, it is really hard to know if it is natural for an old pig's tusks to start cracking.

I think that it is logical to assume that as pigs get old, the health of the tusk and the root from where it grows might start deteriorating. However; I think that the cracks caused in pet pigs tusks are usually a result of injuries to the tooth or improper prior trimming of those tusks. When tusks are trimmed, it is important to use proper instruments, good technique, and safe restraint of the pig.

The tusks should be cut a little above the gum line with surgical-orthopedic saw wire. It is important to cut the whole tusk in one piece and not to fragment it. Trimming or cutting with shearing type instruments should never be done as it breaks the tooth and causes uneven surfaces and cracks. Care should be given to not affecting other teeth, the gums, the tongue and skin around the mouth. Breaking the tusk below the gum line can cause problems to the root, infections and abscesses and may require extensive dental and surgical procedures to correct the problem.

In the case of the older pig in question, it is till safe to cut the tusks only if the cracked part is above the gum line and the surgical wire can be placed between it and the gum and the cut will create again an even tooth surface. That should eliminate the cracked area. If the cracked area extends below the gum line, I would wait for the tusk to grow further and cut it in a later time when it is safer.

In cases with older animals with gum disease and possible concerns of post procedure infection, I would recommend to start them on a course of antibiotics 2-3 days before any dental procedure and to continue the medication for a week or two after the dental visit. ~ by Dr. Ron T Vered, DVM

#### Medical Article by Dr. Vered, DVM Entropion of Pet Pigs



We had a question from a pet pig owner that took his pig to a veterinarian to check a problem that the animal had over a long time. The pig's eyes appeared red and irritated. They seemed to excessively tear and get red stain below the eyes. The discharges from the eyes were usually clear, but sometimes became yellowish -white. The pig seemed to squint with both eyes and sometimes ran into things in its way, so the owner was worried that the animal was going blind. When they treated the eyes with lubricating eye drops and an eye wash, the pig was better, but after a few days, the problems tended to recur.

The veterinarian examined the pig and did some tests. He then told the owner that the pig had conjunctivitis and corneal ulcers in both eyes. However; he ex-

plained that those were secondary to a condition called Entropion which caused the eye lids to rub on the eye surface, damage, irritate it and introduce dirt and bacterial infection to it. He also said that the eye infection and ulcerations can be treated with medications, but without surgical correction of the Entropion, things will only partially or temporarily get better and the eye issues will continue and may worsen.

The pet owner asked for more information about the disease, the causes and its treatment. Entropion is a condition where the eyelid is inverted and causes the eyelashes to touch the eye surface or the cornea. It can affect the upper, lower or both eye lids. It can occur in both eyes or in one, and sometimes, both eyes are not equally affected. It is usually caused by excessive skin folds above or below the eyelid. Sometimes the cause can be related to problems with the eyelid muscles or ligaments or can be secondary to skin damage and scaring.

Entropion can be inherited. Those problems usually show in a young age and are more common in certain species and breeds. We also see acquired Entropions. Those are common in most animals and usually result from conditions that cause infections, inflammation, pain and trauma to structures of the eye or around it.

Entropion has been diagnosed in dogs, cats, horses, sheep, cows, goats, rabbits, and pigs and can happen in any animal. In pigs, both forms of inherited and acquired disease happen. Although the general treatment is similar (a combination of medicine and surgery), there are some important differences between them. The inherited form is usually found in young pigs and the surgical correction is fairly simple as it only involves surgery to reposition the eyelids. It is done by reducing the excess skin folds around the eyelid and suturing the skin back in a manner that eliminates the eyelid and lash eversion. The acquired form is usually in adult pigs and in most cases results from excessive skin and fat folds developing around the eyes and forehead. Those folds push on the eyelids and cause the lash eversion and sometimes narrow the space available for the eye opening. Weight loss may help improve the condition, but in most cases, extensive plastic surgery to both remove and reduce the skin folds from around the eyes and the forehead is needed in addition to the repositioning surgery of the eyelids themselves.

Proper surgery is an effective treatment for both forms of the disease. If corneal ulcers, conjunctivitis, or skin infections around the eye are present at the time of surgery, they should be treated with appropriate medications. They will resolve quickly. Pigs that had the inherited form corrected, can still develop the acquired disease if allowed to get overweight. Like with any other pet, it is important to watch their feeding levels and not to allow them to get fat.

Entropion is one of the common eye problems in pet pigs. It is important to be aware of the condition and look for it, as often people see and treat the secondary problems that it causes, like infections and corneal ulcers as the primary issue, and do not understand why they do not resolve and keep recurring. As mentioned before, without correction of the eyelid eversion, the eye disease will remain and may get more severe leading to complications that can even result eventually in blindness.

To help illustrate the Entropion disease conditions, I have included before and after surgery pictures of both a young pig with inherited problem and an older pig with acquired disease. ~ by T. Ron Vered, DVM CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

#### Medical Article by Dr. Vered, DVM Entropion of Pet Pigs ~ continued



YOUNG PIG BEFORE SURGERY - NOTE EYES < ALMOST CLOSED FROM PAID É D'SCOMFORT.

SAME PIG AFTER SHRGEN, ON THE SAME DAY.





2-3 WEEKS AFTER SURFERY-NOTE OPEN EYES (AND SMILEP).

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#### Medical Article by Dr. Vered, DVM Entropion of Pet Pigs ~ continued





SAME PIG INNIDATELY AFTER SURGERY TO REMOVE SKIN FOLDS AND CORREct EYELDS EVERSION ENTORPION IN AN ADULT OVER WH. PIG WITH A LARGE FACIAL SKIN FOLD.





SAME PIG ABOUT 4-6 WEEKS POST-OPERATION AND SUTURE REMOVAL. NOTE THE FOREHEAD SHAPE, OPEN FYE (IAND SHILE).

## Walk With the Animals March 25, 2017 ~ Riverside, CA



**By Peggy W:** This was the 25th Annual Walk With The Animals event in Riverside. It is a pet adoption event hosted by the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center of Riverside. People can gather pledges as a fundraiser for the Pet Adoption Center and walk their animals around beautiful Lake Evans (a 1.3 mile walk). You do not need to register for the "walk," but people who register receive a themed T-Shirt, a goodie bag, free pancake breakfast; plus prizes for various levels of fundraisers. As far back as I can remember, SCAMPP has been involved every single year (I've been involved for over 26 years). The reason SCAMPP participates in these events is to encourage adoption, educate the public on the proper needs of pet pigs,

and promote pigs as pets, in addition to raising funds to help rescued piggies and to raise funds to support our organization financially so that we can continue to do what we do. The event included many vendor booths, pet demos, raffles and a lot of other activities. After the event, as SCAMPP has done in years past, SCAMPP held our potluck **PIGNIC IN THE PARK** and there was so much good food. If you weren't there, you missed a fun time. It was nice that a few of our faithful board members showed up to help (Ric, Curt, Peggy B., Peggy W., Chloe, Tanya & Jordyn). But even greater that we had two new pigs (Lexa and Pickles) and a few new volunteers that had never helped at a SCAMPP event before (Thai & Scott, Rita & Roy, Lauren and her family, and Jody). <u>THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!</u> We always need help, please consider joining us and helping out at future events.



### Walk With the Animals March 25, 2017 ~ Riverside, CA ~ continued

**By Tanya:** This was my first time at The Walk with the Animals event in Riverside. It was a great atmosphere and many animal lovers attended. My favorite part of the day was meeting our two new members Pickles and Lexa! They were so adorable and everyone loved visiting with them. We had a great turn out and the potluck was a blast. Can't wait for the next event.



Lauren and her family, proud owners of Lexa

By Lexa (piggy): My Mom brought me to my very first volunteer event and I had a blast! I got to meet lots of 4 legged furry things and a pig named Pickles. I enjoyed giving every passerby some insight on owning a pig and what to expect when they get one. A lot of people were shocked that I knew how to do more tricks than their furry thing could. I can't wait to attend another SCAMPP event! Thank you all for having me!



Lexa at her first SCAMPP event. We hope to see her at future events!



Jody and her pig Charlotte

**By Jody:** Finally we met in person after all these years! What a wonderful group of people coming together for piggies!! Loved discussing pig stories and meeting every-one:). Here is a picture of our spoiled baby girl!

**Éditor's Note:** I had been corresponding with Jody for a few years. She took in a piggy that I received a call on from someone who couldn't keep it. Even though we kept in touch often, she never became a SCAMPP Member until this month and this was the first event she came to help. Thanks Jody!



Some of the Volunteers who helped us

**Report from Mary S Roberts:** You all for sure walked your paws off .... The 25th Annual Walk with the Animals raised more than **\$51,000** and we cannot thank you enough! **Top Fundraisers:** Wendie M. who raised \$3,032, Sonnie T. who raised \$1,750, Christopher L. who raised \$1,150, "Paws for a Cause" who raised \$1,460, "Sunny with a Chance of Pibbles" who raised \$875, and "Cherry on Top OrangeCrest" who raised \$700. A great big thank you goes out to every walker who gathered pledges, told their friends to join in, came out

to support the event, or helped in any other way! Big "high-paws" also to the wonderful volunteers and sponsors who make it possible to put on such a huge event. Video: https://www.facebook.com/msrpac/videos/1485449071479141

### Herbivore Festival May 7, 2017 ~ Yucaipa, CA



Editor's Note: This was SCAMPP's fourth time to participate in The Herbivore Festival. Thank you to our SCAMPP Member Colleen who, from the beginning, organized and has been in charge of this huge event which includes hundreds of vendors. performers, instructors and food food food (yummmm). This event has been held in October and May each year. The very first event was October 2015, then May 2016, October 2016 and recently May 2017. It is tons of work for Colleen and she hasn't guite decided whether to do October of 2017 yet due to the

heavy workload involved. I did both the October events, but could not do the May events because it always falls on the only weekend that my husband and go out of town for a annual convention. I hate missing it because of what the event represents. So, THANKS to President Ric who took over taking the booth supplies and manning the SCAMPP booth. And THANKS to Lauren for bringing Lexa to be our star pig of the day. We can always use more volunteers and



pigs for these events. Continually check our website for upcoming events and see if any of the dates fit into your schedule.

By Lauren - Lexa got treats, treats and more treats from all the Herbivore Festival goers. Lexa had a blast. Actually she got so much attention that she just wanted to crawl under a blanket and hide from all the humans... I When we got home, she jumped straight into her bed and slept the rest of the day.

By Lexa (piggy) - I had so much fun at the Herbivore Festival. I got to meet a lot of nice humans who wouldn't eat me. My Mom brought me a sample from every vegan food booth they had. And the best part was all the kids coming to meet me at the SCAMPP tent to give me endless treats!



Everyone loved Lexa

### **Herbivore Festival** May 7, 2017 ~ Yucaipa, CA ~continued



SCAMPP Member Colleen and her husband Jason, who worked so hard putting on this event

By Colleen ~ The Herbivore Festival was delighted to have SCAMPP back with us again on Sunday May 7th at Crafton Hills College.

Thousands of people got to enjoy learning about potbelly pigs as well touch a real pig! This year's festival had five lecture rooms, fitness demos, live musical performances and about 200 vendors. The entire festival is vegan, cruelty-free and free admission. The purpose is to educate people about a plant-based lifestyle and give them the tools to change. Eating a plant-based diet is good for animals, the health of humans and our environment. It is a win-win! Each year in the United States alone, over 9.2 billion animals are killed for food. Over 115 million of them are pigs. And ... that is just in the US alone! We all love pigs so much, perhaps each of us can work to save them by removing them from our plates as well? If a person becomes a vegetarian or vegan, they will save between 200-400 animals per year! Not only will you save all those animals, but you will also decrease your own risk of heart disease, diabetes and cancer!

Yet again, SCAMPP really helped make a difference in the lives of millions of pigs by showing people what wonderfully intelligent

and special creatures they are. Once people realize that pigs are friends and not food, they secondguess ordering bacon. ③ So, thank you so much for helping promote understanding, compassion and

education! We love you and can't wait to have you back next year on May 6th! 😊 ~ by Colleen Hinds, PhD, Crafton Hills College, Faculty and Professional Development Coordinator, Department of Kinesiology and Health, Herbivore Festival Organizer





President Ric

Lexa poses for pictures

Sarah (Above) was a visitor to our SCAMPP Booth at the event. She loves pigs but can't have one due to living in an apartment. She later sent an E-Mail to SCAMPP stating that she would love to volunteer with SCAMPP. She took swimming pools to a local pig sanctuary (see pages 20-21).



### Western Days Festival May 13, 2017 ~ Anaheim, CA



By Peggy W.: The 21st Annual Anaheim Western Days community event on Saturday May 13th turned out pretty good. There were many great booths, entertainment, activities, a car show and great attendance. We could have used more SCAMPP volunteers for the SCAMPP Booth because it was only Ric and I to set-up, man the booth and tear-down. Our board member Audrey came with T.J. for a couple of hours during mid-morning. THANKS Ric, Audrey and T.J. for being there to help!! On a sad note, we didn't have any pigs for this event and everybody wanted to see the pigs,

since we've done this event for a few years now and have always had pigs there and many visitors remembered the pigs!

It was a long day because we had to be there from 8am to almost 5pm (I even missed an important memorial service that day). It was cool and windy. The wind wasn't very fun, our EZ-up almost blew away a few times and our table stuff & signage kept blowing over or off the tables. Lots of kids came to our booth and kept our Spin-The-Wheel game spinning almost all day long. Ric & I decided to give kids one free spin for a prize, but additional spins were 2 for \$1. Kids kept coming back with their dollar bills for more spins though. We made over \$125; most of which was one-dollar bills from the Spin-The-Wheel game.

If you can help at any of our events, even for just a couple or a few short hours, please contact me at peggy@scampp.com CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE



T. J., Audrey, Ric

Audrey, Ric, Peggy W.

#### Western Days Festival May 13, 2017 ~ Anaheim, CA ~ continued

**By Ryan Balius, WAND Co-Chair:** The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual WAND Western BBQ was a big success (WAND stands for The West Anaheim Neighborhood Development Council). The event took place on the ball field of Twila Reid Park. There were a variety of activities to keep kids and grownups entertained for hours. Several choral groups from the local schools took to the stage to entertain the audience along with local talent. There were a variety of fun shopping opportunities with more than twenty different vendors including favorites like LuLuRoe, Origami Owl, Thirty-One, Pampered Chef and more!

There were 39 Non-Profit groups, including SCAMPP, that shared important information and giveaways with community members. The police and fire departments were on hand along with local politicians eager to meet and greet their constituents. Everyone was eager to meet our four legged friends but unfortunately they were unable to attend the event.

There were also a wide variety of activities to keep the children entertained from pony rides, games, train rides, the Anaheim Bookmobile and the very popular Disney Jr. Chef program. Children were able to learn how to bake chocolate chip cookies with the help of a little Disney magic! There was also a second stage with great entertainment including live shows with a variety of critters. There were lizards, baboons, and other creatures on the stage.

Hungry guests had a wide variety of food options cooked fresh by local community groups including the Boy Scouts, Western Football boosters, and local Church groups. The BBQ smelled great and no one left hungry!



These two little girls were our best customers. They kept coming back to our booth and buying our piggy toys and piggy knick-knacks. They loved the pig noses and looked so cute, that I had to get a picture of them. <sup>(S)</sup>



Animal Tracks was one of the nonprofit organizations in attendance. They brought several types of exotic critters and put on an educational show on the stage next to our SCAMPP Booth. One of the interesting critters they brought was Chrissy the Baboon

# A Visit to Snorts 'n Tales Sanctuary **by New Member Sarah & Heidi**

**Editor's note:** Sarah is a brand new SCAMPP Member. She had visited the SCAMPP Booth at The Herbivore Festival in May, and later E-Mailed me stating that she loves pigs but can't have one due to living in an apartment, but that she would love to volunteer with SCAMPP and piggy rescues. Since SCAMPP raised funds at the April Meeting to purchase piggy pools for a Sanctuary, I decided a great way for her to learn about rescued piggies and see a Sanctuary would be to ask her to deliver the piggy pools to Snorts 'n Tales Piggy Sanctuary in Calimesa, CA. I asked the Sanctuary owner Heidi if this would be acceptable. Heidi agreed and said that she would gladly show her around the Sanctuary. Photos for this article are from Sarah's visit.

**By Sarah** ~ My husband Michael and I went up to see Heidi to deliver swimming pools for her potbelly pigs. Heidi was super nice and it is amazing the work she has put into her property to give these guys a better life, she truly does amazing work and she has a heart of gold! She gave us a tour and meet some of her piggies. We really enjoyed being there and learning about the potbelly pigs. We also promised to come back and help out whenever she needed us! ~ continued on next page ~



**Heidi and Michael with Divot**, who is a shelter rescue (rescued on his last day). He could not be adopted out because of aggression issues. Now he is one of the sweetest pigs Heidi has, but usually only with her.



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**By Heidi** ~ Hi Peggy, The pools are really great, but we only unloaded them since it was very hot and putting them into the pens would have been very disruptive to the pigs. You have to remember that almost all of my pigs are the unwanted and abused, so they really get worried at the sight of strangers. In fact many of them we were unable to see as they were hiding in their houses and again, I did not want to make them come out. I really needed the pools, since the ones I have are really small. Sarah and Michael were very nice and enjoyed the pigs (those they could see). They will come back when the weather is cooler so I can show them more of the Sanctuary. Many of my older pigs have now passed on and of course I still haven't gotten over, and never will get over loosing Rosie so unexpectedly.





## Animal Kid's Camp July 10, 2017 ~ Riverside, CA



**Editor's Note:** On Monday, July 10th, our SCAMPP President Ric, myself (Peggy W.), and Lauren did an educational presentation to 47 kids and their leaders at The Riverside Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center during their "Animal Kids Camp." Lauren brought her three children and our star pig of the day, LEXA, to help educate the campers about potbellied pigs. The kids were really interested and I know they learned a lot, because I always ask questions at the end to test them and they knew all the answers. <sup>(3)</sup> We gave each kid a little toy piggy and a

piggy coloring book. At the end, each child got to come up and pet Lexa. A couple of things we always stress is the importance and need for adoption of potbellied pigs, as well as the need for mobile potbellied pig veterinarians, so you never know, maybe one day some of those kids will consider becoming a future potbellied pig owner or veterinarian specializing in treating potbellied pigs. V



The goal of the Kids Camp at the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center in Riverside is simple: "Help children develop respect and a positive attitude toward all living beings." But getting to that point is where the fun is. The camp was the first ever at the center, formerly The Riverside Humane Society. And so far, it's been a hit, with 47 campers ranging in age from 5 to 13. On Monday, July 10, Lexa the potbellied pig made an appearance. It all goes back to the goal, said Katie Pickett, Director of Development at the center: Teach those who in turn will teach others. "The younger generation will move forward and teach the next generation about animal welfare," she said. ~ From Press Enterprise online: http://www.pe.com/2017/07/10/at-this-riverside-camp-the-critters-come-to-the-kids/

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#### Animal Kid's Camp July 10, 2017 ~ Riverside, CA ~ continued





Ric speaking to the 47 campers who were at the camp that day to listen to our educational presentation







Above: Lexa with Peggy W., Lauren & family, Ric and Madison (Madison is Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center's Community Outreach Coordinator)



### Clear The Shelters August 19, 2017 ~ Riverside, CA



**Editor's Note:** On Saturday, August 19th, SCAMPP participated in the Nationwide "Clear The Shelters" event at The Riverside County Department of Animal Services. Over 900 animal shelters across the country participated in this event which resulted in over 79,000 pets being adopted nationwide. There was at least 20-25 vendor booths there along with food trucks. As far as SCAMPP volunteers for the SCAMPP Booth, there was SCAMPP President Ric, myself (Peggy W.), and three of my friends (Beth, Rita, and Robert) who are not even SCAMPP members who came

to help at this all day event. A fellow SCAMPP member (Kim) came by for a short while during the morning hours. SCAMPP has at least 80 members locally who could come and share the load and if that's you, we would love to have you join us and we NEED you. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for upcoming opportunities in which you can help us. It's for the love of pigs and to help raise funds for SCAMPP so that SCAMPP can help financially support more rescued pigs! ~ by Peggy W.





Our SCAMPP Booth - a lot of preparation, sorting, packing, loading, unloading, setting up and manning the booth is involved



### **Clear The Shelters** August 19, 2017 ~ Riverside, CA ~ continued



By Beth Jordan ~ Working at the SCAMPP event on Saturday, 8/19/17 was a lot of fun! You should have been there. Although the event was set up to 'Clear the Shelters', there were a number of people we were able to reach regarding our goal of placing our beloved pigs a forever home. The kids were really enjoying the Spin-the-Wheel game and its 'winner on every turn'. There was a young girl with whom Peggy spoke who would love to have a pet pig at her home. Peggy was able to share with the family the steps they need to take to have a pig at home. The vendors from other booths enjoyed checking out our booth. There was even a vendor that was very discouraged that we didn't have a pig they could pet. Maybe next time you could bring your pig to share. Please join us at the next event.



**By Rita** ~ You could feel the excitement building as adoptive parents lined up by the hundreds, eagerly awaiting to meet their future baby dogs & cats. It was almost if those precious pets knew something great was about to happen for them.

As part of the volunteer group for SCAMPP. I was at the event early to help set up our booth. While carrying our bins of goodies from the parking lot to the guad area, I passed the outside enclosure & saw many faces looking up at me with anticipation in their eyes. It was almost if I could hear them saying, 'Pick Me"..... "see how cute I am". It was hard to resist.



Hundreds of people at the door waiting to get in as soon as the doors were opened

As the clock struck 11:00am, the doors opened. The anxiously awaiting crowd began flooding in to get first pick from the hundreds of dogs & cats, which came in many sizes, colors & breeds.

Once the choice was made & papers were signed, an occasional new owner would stop by the SCAMPP booth to check out the pig pictures & literature. I was amazed at the young people who were interested in potbellied pigs and actually wanted to adopt a pig. Many were not aware of SCAMPP & wanted to learn more about potbellied pigs, rescue pigs & adoption of these pigs. It was an educational experience.

Being an owner of 4 dogs, of which two are dogs we rescued, I was tempted to adopt just one more. I had to be satisfied with a few new pet parents giving me the privilege of taking photos with their new found friends. As the day wrapped up, we were left with a vision of these faces I had seen early that morning now waking up to their new "forever homes".

Report from the Riverside Dept. of Animal Services ~ The nationwide event led by NBCUniversal-owned television stations and locally by NBC4 Southern California and Telemundo 52, raised awareness about shelter pets and the need for adopters. Riverside County charged adopters just \$4,52, a special nod to both NBC4's and Telemundo Channel 52's campaign efforts. More than 60 shelters participated in Southern California, including Riverside County Animal Services' locations in Jurupa Valley, Thousand Palms and San Jacinto. All told, Riverside County's three shelters coordinated 345 adoptions on Saturday (Aug. 19). The official tally was 263 dogs and 82 cats; in addition to also finding a forever home to one goat and one red-eared slider turtle. What an amazing turnout. We want to thank all of our adopters that were part of this day. A breakdown of this year's shelter-by-shelter comparison follows: Coachella Valley Animal Campus (Thousand Palms): 63 dogs, 17 cats. San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus (San Jacinto): 42 dogs, 33 cats. Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter (Jurupa Valley): 158 dogs, 32 cats.

## Anaheim Bookmobile Event October 13, 2017

**by Peggy W:** The event was busy busy busy. Since this was more of an educational community event, the coordinator of the event asked us to not sell stuff (which was less stuff for me to have to lug to the event), but they did ask us to have a hands-on activity for the kids. I came up with the idea of having the kids make piggy paper bag puppets and make cardstock stick puppets of the three little pigs and big bad wolf. I also printed sheets of the story of the three little pigs (with the moral of the story on the sheets) to hand out with the puppets. I learned something, I never knew the moral of the story, do you?? If not, feel free to ask me. There were tons of kids and families, so we were on our toes and hopping every second, picking up paper scraps, helping kids cut, glue and tape puppets together. Again, we had no pig at the booth to show off and let folks see a live pig first-hand, BUT my husband made a life-size cut-out of my Dora for me, and we put her in a pig pen to show folks the true size of a average full-grown potbellied pig. As far as booth workers, it was only President Ric and I, and two of my friends who are not even SCAMPP members (<u>THANK YOU</u> Roy and Beth!!!). Out of about 35 booths, we were the first ones to get there to set-up and last ones to leave. It was an late afternoon/evening event, so it was way after dark when we pulled out of the parking lot.





Roy was a great help at the SCAMPP Booth and had fun playing "Mr. Pig





### Anaheim Bookmobile Event October 13, 2017 ~ continued

**by Beth:** What a crazy event {ask Ric and Peggy about that} that we had! So busy! So many kids! It truly was a lot of fun. We had our tables full of kids 99% of the time. Without a live pig, some of the (mostly older) kids were disappointed, but enjoyed the pig pictures were had out. All the kids seemed to enjoy making the pig puppets, both the ones on the paper bags and on the sticks. Some of them wanted to make more than one! We even had kids come when the other booths had closed. I think we had one of the most attended booth. Our placement was perfect. Everyone had a great time!!

**by Roy:** WOW, what a crowd at this event at Thomas Edison Elementary School. Beth and Ric were working the crafts the whole time. Ric was going back and forth from English to Spanish and never sat down until time to drive home. Beth was like the EverReady Battery. Peggy was educating many of the visitors to the booth about POT-BELLIED PIGS and making friends the whole day. There was excitement in the crowd of over 1,300 people. All we needed was a couple of LIVE POT-BELLIED PIGS to share with the people. If you have a POT-BELLIED PIG, PLEASE bring them to the next event. We had non-stop action at the booth. The City of Anaheim allows POT-BELLIED PIGS (up to a certain size). Donations were made by many people to help the SCAMPP organization. It was a fantastic time and hopefully will encourage people to join and encourage members to come to future events. I had a great day and enjoyed being with SCAMPP and making new friends. See you next time, I hope?

**by Katrina (Anaheim Public Library Event Coordinator):** First off thank you so much for the joining us for Fall STEAM Friday. What a night! I heard over and over from many of the booths that they ran of supplies. My expectations of 500+ were shot out of the water. We had 1300+ people! We would not have been able to accomplish this without each and every one of you. Thank you so much for joining us and providing a wonderful array of activities for the children of Anaheim. I know each of you created community connections and inspired children of all ages to explore the arts and sciences further. Thanks to Principal Librarian and Bookmobile Supervisor, Keely Hall, for taking pictures. Please see this link for photos she took: <u>https://photos.app.goo.gl/qWW4r92AY8X2CM9r2</u> Again, thank you so much for making this happen!



Peggy, Beth and Ric helping kids with crafts

Roy, Beth and Peggy at dinner after the event

Lexa's Video Shoot May 9, 2017 ~ Riverside, CA



Editor's note: I received a phone call from Sandals Church in Riverside asking if SCAMPP could provide a pig for a video shoot they were doing. The video shoot was to be part of an introduction to a new series they were starting entitled "Beyond Happy." The series deals with things that can make us happy but are not always ever-

lasting happiness which is faith and trust in God that the pastor was going to be speaking about. Knowing that pets can bring people happiness and joy, they wanted a pig to represent a spoof on "Bringing Home The Bacon." Other spoofs were "Getting Ahead", "Falling in Love", "Happy Camper", "Cracking Up", "Seeing Both Sides", "Climbing The Corporate Ladder", "Hitting The Nail On The Head", and more. Lauren agreed to go and take her piggy Lexa. Here is Lexa's story:

**By Lexa:** When I arrived at my video shoot, there were a lot of nice people there surprised to see me. They were so surprised they were taking out their cell phones and taking lots of pictures like they've never seen a pig before. They liked me so much one of them thought I was a boy, wanted to be my girl friend and introduced me to her parents by recording us on camera! The camera guy even tried to bribe me with lollipops. It actually worked T had late of furn but T had to turn

worked. I had lots of fun, but I had to turn the poor girl down. <sup>(1)</sup>

To see the video, go here: https://youtu.be/ut004Nm\_ERI

Lexa's part begins at about 0:34 seconds





Lexa and her co-star



#### A Surprise Birthday Party Nov. 25, 2017 ~ Redondo Beach, CA

On Saturday, 11-25-17 (Thanksgiving weekend), SCAMPP was invited to bring a pig to a adult birthday party in Redondo Beach. A gal (Michelle) contacted me and asked if SCAMPP could bring a pig to her sister's 30th birthday party. The birthday girl's (Tina) most favorite thing in the whole world is pigs, but she can't have one where she lives. Myself and new member Becky drove over an hour each way to help surprise Tina. Becky brought Oogie and he was a great surprise and everyone loved him. Our SCAMPP member who lives in the area, Roland Esparza, met us there. Thank you for coming out Becky, Oogie and Roland! ~ by Peggy Wimberly





Tina was blindfolded and led into the back yard for her surprise!



him! Then the gang had a birthday luncheon to go to! Oogie was so good and loved all the attention and all the treats he got.

Tina and Michelle with Oogie



#### Howl-o-Ween Spooktacular Oct. 28, 2017 ~ Riverside, CA

On Saturday, 10-28-17, SCAMPP participated in a Howl-o-ween Pet Adoption Event at The Riverside Animal Shelter. There were many vendors, and also kids who wore costumes and were allowed to go to the booths trick-or-treating. We had new volunteers who brought 3 of their rescued pigs to be part of our SCAMPP Booth.



Yolanda, Monique, Ric, Jessica









SCAMPP Volunteers for the day: Ric, Becky, Monique, Yolanda, Jessica, Peggy W.

Above: There was a Petting Zoo and Reptile Booth next to our SCAMPP Booth. Ric got brave enough to hold a Ball Python. Right: A little girl who visited our booth was dressed like Peppa Pig!







Oogie (Becky's rescue pig). It was his first time at a SCAMPP event. He enjoyed the nice green grass and all the attention he got.



#### Howl-o-Ween Spooktacular Oct. 28, 2017 ~ Riverside, CA ~ continued



Meet Choncho! Brought by his owners Yolanda and Monique. Choncho is a rescued Kune Kune pig and was adored by all who saw him. He was very gentle with the kids. It was his first time at a SCAMPP event, same as Oogie. Becky and Yolanda found out about us through California Pig Parents Facebook page and knew we needed pigs so they gladly volunteered to share their pigs with us. We are so glad they did. Thank you Becky and Yolanda!









Left: Visitor Pig, "Pignacio!" His owner found out about us and the event via California Pig Parents Facebook Page also, and came to see us!

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