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#### Ironwood Pig Sanctuary 34656 E. Crystal Visions Road Marana, AZ 85653

May 1, 2005

Dear Supporter,

Last year on our third anniversary I asked you all to stay with us to help us celebrate our fourth anniversary. A blink of the eye and here we are one year later. We are so grateful for those who have stayed. Without your help we would not have been able to care for the 435 pigs who call Ironwood home.

With the passage of time comes changes. Due to my car accident, I have been absent from the sanctuary for four full months and am only gradually regaining strength and returning to the sanctuary these past two months. I am happy to say that I have made a nearly full recovery and look forward to many more years with our dear pigs.

Ironwood will soon be saying goodbye to Donna who has been with us since Ironwood was but a dream in all of our hearts. We will be forever grateful for all of her hard work and her dedication to all the pigs at Ironwood. Thank you Donna. We could not have done it without you.

Sanctuary life is not easy physically or emotionally. Our bodies wear out from the constant beating and bruising they take from working too many hours. Our emotions are forever on a roller coaster. One day we save an animal from sure death by removing them from an abusive situation or from a shelter where they would soon be put down, and the next we are making the final drive to our vet crying all the way and telling our dear friend who is about to pass over to what we hope is a better place how much we love them and how much we will miss them at Ironwood. But there are rewards and they are spiritual. We all have

different ways of fulfilling our spiritual lives and for giving meaning to our life here on this earth. For me it has been my dedication to helping animals of all kinds. I look forward to continuing that for years to come.

Sincerely,

Mary Schanz Mary Schanz President

Co-Founder



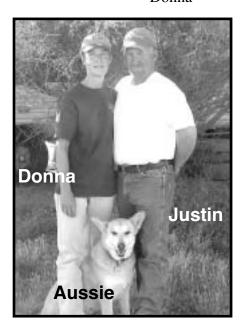
Mary & Beggin

# Goodbye Donna

ome of you I have met in person here at sanctuary, many corresponded with through the sponsorship program, emails or phone calls. For those that don't know me, I am the on-site manager of the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. I have been involved with the sanctuary from the very beginning. So much of my heart and soul has gone into the of this building beautiful, wonderful place that so many pigs call home and that I have called home for the past four years. Now comes the time for me to say goodbye to the place that has meant so much to me. personal and physical reasons, this summer I will be moving on to start the next chapter of my life with my husband and my animals (including several pigs!). This has been a very difficult and emotional decision for me. The thought of leaving behind the pigs that I love so dearly is painful but necessary. I just wanted this opportunity to let all of you know how much I have appreciated your help and support in caring

for all the pigs at Ironwood. To my sponsors especially, I will miss being able to share pictures and information about the lives of the pigs here. All the staff of Ironwood will be working very hard to make this transition as smooth as possible. I will continue to be a part of the sanctuary on a volunteer basis whenever possible. Even though I will no longer be living and working here, I will carry the memories and the spirit of Ironwood with me forever.

--- Donna



ronwood is preparing to say goodbye to Donna who has with been since Ironwood was but a dream in all of our hearts. We will be forever grateful for all of her hard work and dedication to all the pigs at And I will be Ironwood. personally forever grateful that I was able to take the time I needed to heal after my accident, knowing the sanctuary and all the pigs were in her most competent and capable hands. We cannot replace Donna and the history that we share. She and I have watched sanctuary grow with pigs from every situation and know the stories that they all had to tell us as they passed through our doors. Thank you Donna. We could not have done it without you. We look forward to your visits to volunteer. We wish you happiness in your new adventure and we will all miss you.

--- Mary

#### COVER

**Pinto** was abandoned in Catalina, AZ when his caregivers moved on without him and Pima Animal Care Center picked him up. They released him to us on January 20, 2004. We picked him up on his final day at the center. As you can see from his picture he is a very handsome sweet pig. We don't know his age but we know he is no youngster and he is lame. We put him in our Assisted Living Phase II field and he lives a comfortable happy life there with many other old and lame folks.



### Those Summertime Blues

or us pigs, the summertime blues are brought on by those hot, hot temperatures! It's really tough for us in the heat. We can't sweat or pant to release body heat. The only way to keep cool is to take a dip in a pool or mud wallow.

For those of us here at Ironwood, we have people to take care of our needs. Because we live in the desert, there are few trees to provide natural shade. Staff and volunteers have built lots of



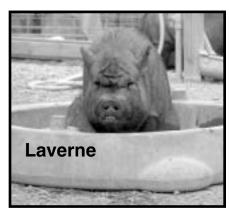
shade ramadas of various sizes to give us piggies a cool place to hang out and take naps. Every ramada has at least one mud wallow and a pool. The big ones have several wallows and pools so lots of us can cool off without having to wait in line.



There are also pools and mud wallows scattered all over the fields. People come by three times every single day to clean and refill the pools and put water in the wallows. If you go up to them while they're cleaning and look real cute, they'll even spray you with the hose! That feels great!

Now, for those of you pigs that don't live at Ironwood, tell your owners that Laverne says you need two important things to make it through the summer; shade and water. Let them know that pools and wallows are wanted. I know a nice lady named Holly who adopted five pigs from Ironwood that has different wallows. She alternates which ones she fills each day before going to work so that they never get stinky and algae doesn't grow in them. I think that's a great idea! Maybe some of you other owners out there have some

ideas and suggestions to make summer a fun and safe time for



pigs. That's it for now. Stay cool!
---Laverne

Don't forget to provide plenty of shade and fresh water for all your companions!

### Did Somebody Say Strawberries??

ou know, when people come out to Ironwood to visit us they must think "oh my goodness, these pigs must just eat and sleep all day long". Well, not true my friends!

We also love belly rubs if you're so inclined to give us one!! So on behalf of myself and all my friends here at Ironwood, I would like to say thank you to all of our

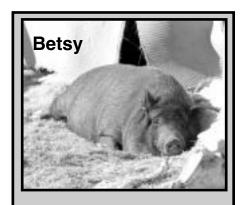
visitors who bring us wonderful treats: strawberries, watermelons, cantaloupes, pineapples, apples, carrots, bananas, pears, celery, oranges, grapefruits, tomatoes, grapes, squash and pumpkins (when they were in season).

And thank you for coming to visit us; we know how busy you all are. We thank you for the belly rubs, the laughter, the joy, and all the love

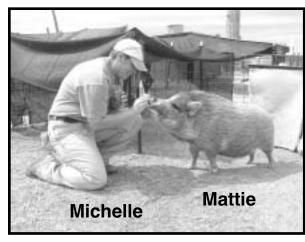
> you bring to us each time you visit. We hope to see you again soon (and if you'd like to bring more treats we'd love that too).

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!!

Have fun! ---Mattie (and in case you're wondering, I'm the cute one!)



My mom, dad, three brothers and I were dumped in the desert where we wandered around until we found a ranch where there was food and water. The rancher didn't like us eating his animals' food, so the people from Ironwood came and helped him catch us (we didn't make it easy though!). Now we all are living safe and happy at the sanctuary.



### Our Wish List

#### THINGS WE CAN ALWAYS USE:

- \* Water Hoses
- \* Heartland Products (See page 13)
- \* Stamps (37 or 60 cents)
- \* Small Wading Pools & Turtle Sand Boxes
- \* Shade Cloth (Black Preferred)
- \* Used Blankets
- \* Dog Houses & Igloo Shelters- Large Preferred
- \* Gift Card to Home Depot, Target, Walgreen's
- \* Vet Wrap
- \* Vitamin E, 400 IU
- \* Hand Tools, Power Saw
- \* Tarps

#### **SHELTER MATERIALS:**

- \* 1/2 Inch 5 ply, 4 ft X 8 ft Plywood
- \* 8 foot 2 x 4's

#### **REALLY BIG TICKET ITEMS:**

- \* Quad ATV with Wagon
- \* Clinic/Recovery Building
- \* Tractor with Back Hoe
- \* Water Well
- \* Recent version of QuarkXpress (MAC)
- \* 5th Wheel, RV or Small Mobile Home

#### **OTHER**

\* Running Vehicles in safe condition that we can resell

### Become a Sanctuary Sustainer

By joining as a sanctuary sustainer, a donation, be it \$1 or \$1,000, will be charged to your credit or debit card each month. The amount, which is determined by you, will be there each month to care for our sweet pigs. To sign up, just fill out the form on the enclosed reply envelope and indicate your monthly contribution. Thank you for your support!

### **Donate Appreciated Stock**



When making a donation to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary consider the donation of appreciated stocks or property. The advantage is that you don't have to pay taxes on the gain and the total value can be used as a deduction. We are not tax experts, so please check with your financial adviser how a donation of appreciated assets can help you in your financial planning.

We can also accept vehicles in reasonable shape and safe running condition. We had a recent donation of a 1989 Toyota Camry. The dealer offered Marty, one of our supporters, \$500 for her car as a trade in for the new car she was purchasing. She donated the car to us and we placed an ad in the local paper and sold it for \$1,400. We received a nice donation and she was able to write off the \$1,400 on her taxes.



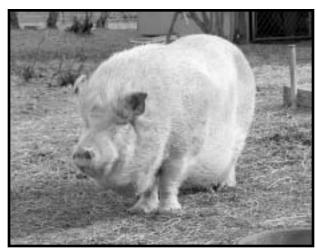


We accept donations with the following credit or debit cards for your convenience.

### **BEQUEST**

Your support makes it possible for us to give a loving home to the 435 Pot Bellied Pigs in our care and is very much appreciated. Consider putting Ironwood in your WILL so that your support can continue after you are gone. We can accept appreciated stock, property, or other assets. Please check with your financial adviser. Please call or write for the exact wording of our name and address.

### Meet Our Pigs



Arnold-----

The latest Arnold, one of four pigs

residing at Ironwood with that name, arrived this past December. His owners abandoned him when they moved from their rental home in Prescott and left him behind. The new tenants did not want him there because of their horses. According to the neighbors, Arnold is at least 10

years old. He arrived overweight, with extremely scaly skin, thin hair and very long hooves. We

immediately gave him a much needed and long overdue hoof trim. Arnold received a lot of brushing and rubbing to remove the dry scales from his skin. He is taking a hair and skin conditioner twice daily. I just don't understand how someone could abandon a pig like Arnold. He is so sweet and lovable. He adores having his belly rubbed and would like nothing more than to have us sit with him all day to pet him and talk to him. Arnold make a wonderful would companion.

--- Donna



#### Angel and Precious-----

Angel and Precious have been with us since July of 2002, arriving when they were five months old. They came here with their dad, Bernie, their mom, Princess and their sister, Cinderella. Princess died shortly after her arrival. She was pregnant when she arrived and had severe spinal trouble and couldn't even stand. Bernie is

living in our North field. Cinderella has been adopted. Angel and Precious live together in our Main field and are the best of friends, seldom far apart from one another.

Angel and Precious are now three years old. Angel is a beautiful little girl, black with a tan streak on the tips of her mane just like her dad. She is very sweet and loves to be petted, have her ears

scratched and get belly rubs. Precious looks much like Angel but with very little tan on her mane. She is more skittish and wary of people. Angel would make a wonderful, loving pet but could never be separated from her less tame sister. They are perfectly happy here with lots of piggy friends and plenty of open space.

--- Donna

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### Our Sp

The sponsorship program at Ironwood is a our sponsors, we would not be able to care who live far away have sent treats, blanked donations for pigs with heavy medical exp their pigs in person, bringing treats and gif way from Illinois to see her on what turne sponsors Inky, Iggy and Izzy, made his see he brought his sister and brother-in-law at Andrew also made a second visit to hand cereal and cookies. Yum! Sassy and Ha and stayed for a week in the spare bedroot to know her girls better. I am very thankful of all our sponsors for supporting the faithfully. The pigs need you and love you

A monthly donation of \$30 provides for water, shelter and health care needs of y return, you receive letters and pictures ab keeping your informed of how they are doing is happening in his or her life. Please join of sponsors and become a part of a very group. --- Donna

Little'Un Loretta Louie Lucy

Missy Morgan Mr. Pigg Otis

### sweet Pot Bellied Pigs!

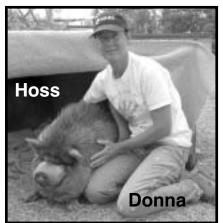
Pearl Pepe Pete Phoebe Piggy Sue Pretty Girl Princess Prissy Profit Roger

#### onsors

e vital part of our financial income. Without e for so many needy pigs. Some sponsors is, medicines, gift cards for pools and extra enses. Other sponsors have come to visit its. Squeaky's sponsor, Ruth, came all the ed out to be a cold, rainy day. Erroll, who cond yearly visit to see his boys. This time and a car full of donated items! Kristin and gout with Boudreaux and hand feed him azel's sponsor, Lisa, came from California m at the visitor center to volunteer and get

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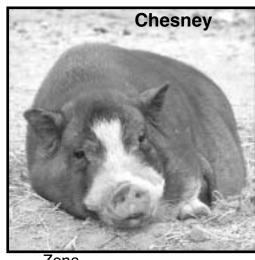


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Walter

Riley

Wanda

Waylon



Zena



Ziggy



And There are Many More...



# Should Female Pigs be Spayed?

ere at Ironwood, we have neutered all of our male pigs to prevent breeding and reduce their aggressive tendencies. Because our funds and veterinarian time are limited we have not been able to spay all of our females, only those going out for adoption or any that have medical problems. It is our hope to one day be able to spay all the resident females at the sanctuary. We strongly encourage anyone with a female pet pig to have her

Spaying will serve three purposes.

First and most important to pet owners and sanctuaries, current studies show an escalating number of problems for older females who have not been spayed. We have witnessed the evidence of cancer, tumors and growths such as leiomyomas with several of our females. Many times there are no outward symptoms of any problems. For

> example, Regina recently taken in to the Humane Society who has been spaying two females each month for the past year. She had a baseball-sized tumor in her uterus but had no signs discomfort or problems. It was just luck that she was chosen to go in for spaying. We have had a couple of our older girls that have not made it through surgery because their tumors and/or growths had become too extensive. Others have had huge tumors removed and are now doing fine but had to suffer through prolonged recovery difficult periods. Another reason to spay at an early age is that

older, heavier pigs tend to be more of an anesthetic risk. Spaying at an early age can prevent future problems and suffering for females.

**Second**, females chosen for adoption will already have been spayed, thus having no delay in being placed in their new homes. Currently it may take one or two months to get a surgery date scheduled, perform the surgery, and then wait for recovery before a female can go to her new home.

**Third.** some females show excessive behavior changes during their cycles, which occur every month. A few become aggressive and are a danger to other pigs and to our staff and visitors during these periods. Spaying will alleviate those behavioral changes and make a environment concerned. So, for those of you who have pet pigs, spaying at an early age is strongly recommended. If you do not have pigs and would like to help our females, please make a donation for spay surgeries.

--- Donna



Megan Recovering From Her Recent Spay



Dr. Curtis Performing a Spay for Ironwood at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona.

spayed at an early age, preferably around 3-6 months.

### Jenny's

i. My name is Jenny and I love pigs. I went from full time to part time at the sanctuary so I could spend more time with my animals. I have had my pig, Happy, since he was six weeks old. He's an old man now, but I still call him my baby.

When I found the sanctuary, I knew I had room for a couple more pigs and was so excited at getting to know the pigs and picking some out. I picked a cute gray one named Mikey who was a new arrival. I then picked a little pink spotted girl named Tasha who was shy of eating with so many other pigs. My last pick came while I was working at the sanctuary. He's a very handsome black pig that I named Casanova because he is such a lover.

### Pigs

I love having four pigs. I love seeing them all walking around the property munching on the weeds. I throw chicken scratch around, which they love and it keeps them busy searching for pieces. They have a shaded pool that they know to check for chicken scratch and a quick cool off. I just think there's nothing cuter than seeing a pig sitting in a pool watching the sun go by! Occasionally they walk up to say hi and I give them a belly rub or a back rub, whichever they prefer. They each have their own house although I'm working on two more that will be nicer and more unique. All their houses are carpeted and full of blankets, which they love. It's so cute to see them wrapped up.

There are still pigs I would love to

have and I wish I had room for, but I know they're happy and very well cared for at the sanctuary so a belly rub will have to do. So many pigs come to the sanctuary and sometimes it makes me sad to see a really sweet one without a family. There are so many to choose from; all shapes, sizes and personalities. Please consider adoption!

--- Jenny



### Casey's New Home

asey is a 10 1/2 year old white pig whose snout was injured and mostly removed several years ago. One day last September, I accompanied Mary on her mission to transport Casey from his home to a new home that had been arranged by the former owner. When we all got to the new home we were unanimously unhappy with it and worried that Casey's special needs (such as shade to prevent his white skin from burning in the desert sun) would

not be met. So we did not leave him there, which essentially left him in Mary's car with no place to go. He lived his life in a small yard under a big shady tree, with a little shed for shelter. It just so happens that I have a small yard with a big shady tree and a little shaded shed with a cool dirt floor. I built a little house for him to sleep in when it's cold out and Casey lives at my house now.

---Laura Bayley



**Casey at His New Home** 

# Thank you's

would like to thank all of who have made you donations to us. Whether you are a sponsor, sustainer, or you write us a check from time to time YOU are what makes it work. Food, medicines and vet bills, employees, diesel, propane, vehicle maintenance insurance. taxes. printing, building supplies and shade cloth are not cheap and all have to be provided to keep our pigs safe and We could not do it healthy. without you. We depend on you.

Our volunteers also mean a lot to us. We look forward to Bob and Anne on Wednesday; Bob helps with many other projects and Anne helps me with thank you notes and has written articles for us in some local papers. Barbara has taken over a great portion of my thank you notes and she even

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**Volunteer Anne Taking a Break** to Give a Belly Rub to Princess

picks them up from me. John has been a great help at the Annex with many projects he and Ben have done together. Herb continues to collect our blankets all year, which we store and have them available for the fall when they are needed. We also appreciate all the blankets that come from our many supporters. Eleanor visits regularly and always brings us things on our wish list.

The Humane Society of Southern AZ calls us on a regular basis when they get igloos that we turn into pigloos to help us out, and sometimes they become homes for our networked pigs.

This spring Ironwood has shown up at several offsite activities to help spread the word about our sanctuary and all of our sweet

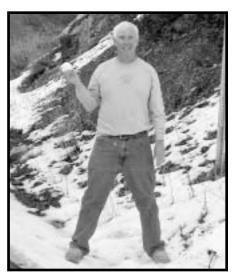
pigs. Cerise, Carolyn, Opie, and I attended Arizona Animal Fair at Reid Park once again this Feb. We would like to thank SAFE and Reagen Kulseth for inviting us to attend.

For two years now Christine with Clues Unlimited Book Store on Eastbourne has invited us to attend the birthday party of her pig Sophie and she donates the proceeds from her sales that day to Ironwood. Thank you so much Christine.

She and her husband also adopted a pig in need from the Humane Society. I called her and they were there to pick up Isabel within the hour.

Jan Elster included Ironwood at the screening of "The Emotional World of Farm Animals", a documentary that explores the thinking and feeling side of farm animals. This was a film by Jeffrey Masson who wrote The Pig Who Sang to The Moon

It was a very touching documentary and is being promoted by Animal Place Farmed Animal Sanctuary in CA. We were glad to be part of this event.



**Bob & Snow on the Way Home After a Pig Delivery** 

We also attended the Community Earth Day Event sponsored by The Center for Biological Diversity. We would like to thank them for inviting us to join them for the Earth Day celebration.

Thank you all for supporting our pigs!!

--- Mary

## Annex Update

always like to give you an update on our Annex to let you know how our Ironwood extension is doing. We



Angie Giving Pepper a Hug

have had an active winter. Most importantly, Ben and one of our faithful volunteers, John have completed an extension of the water system and renovated the

old system to provide a reliable water source for the pigs this The improved summer. system also makes life easier Pamala, myself, and volunteers as the hot weather approaches. Other projects have included new roofs for shelters, shelves in the barn, a floor and shelves have been added to our donated storage shed and now everything has a place of its own. We have built new shade ramadas with wallows to provide all of our pigs there with the two essentials for summer, water and shade. We have been very lucky to have Sharon, Bobbie, Angie, Lisa, and Lynne this winter to help out with watering and clean up. Bobbie and Sharon have returned to their summer homes and we



Pamala at the Annex

need more help to keep things clean. We always welcome volunteers. The new pigs, the Pigs\*A\*Lot 30, who arrived right before my accident in October, are all settled in and have adjusted well to their new environment. Give us a call and stop by for a few hours of raking. It is a good time to clear your head and release the stress.

---Mary

#### Heartland Animal Health

Heartland Animal Health will reduce the price of the items that the sanctuary normally purchases by 40%! This offer also applies to any of our supporters who would like to purchase products to be shipped to Ironwood. If you would like to make a donation of any of the following products to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary, please contact Heartland. The price shown is the reduced price. The sizes shown are the sizes we normally purchase. Please feel free to purchase a smaller size.

Item E1256 Pet Pig Elder-Aide GM 5 lb \$74.97

Item E1120 Pet Pig Survival Plus 32 oz \$45.57

Item E2150 Pet Pig Hair and Skin Conditioner 32 oz \$29.97

Item E3050 Pet Pig Aeromycin 5 lb \$53.97

Item E1825 Pet Pig Vitamin E/Selenium Pellets 25 lb \$17.97

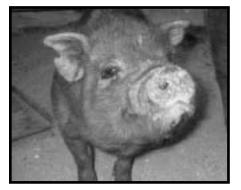
Please use this phone number for ordering: 800-325-8414 -----Thank you for all of your support.----



Where's Dinner?

### Our Pig Network Grows

continue to do my best to place the pigs in new homes who are recent releases to Ironwood. We have had some great successes so far this year. Bogey, Epson, Nina, Billy and Stella, Ben and Jerry, Cupid, Leon, Murphy, Dennis Rodman and Willy (AKA Oscar and Meyer), Daphne and Fiona and Jules have



Stella Lynn Einswine

all found new good homes. But the need for homes is always greater than the demand for pigs, at least to good homes. Some of these pigs are old, Bogey nearly 10 and Epson 12, and difficult to place, but some kind people in our network are willing to help with our special pigs. Cougar, with

Snakes and Critters Animal Sanctuary has brought Epson home to join Neevis and Wilbur. Mary Evans has been especially good to us. She has taken a total of nine pigs, all of which would have been difficult to adopt, and she provides them a very spacious field with nice warm shelters. We in turn help her by trimming her pigs when we go there and have helped by providing some of her shelters. Mary, like Tina Benson who adopted six pigs from us in the past, lives in the foothills of the Chiricahua Mountains, a beautiful setting for people and pigs alike. Jenny, one of our employees, took three home to join her one pig. And Donna, who will be living nearby with land of their own, will be taking a few of her favorites and ones with special needs home with her. Without the help of people like these we would have had to turn away many who have called in need of a home for their pigs.

I have to set priorities. The most common reason we get for released pigs is that the pig's life is in danger or someone is moving. If the owners have tried elsewhere without success to place their pig, I move them to the top of the list. Others who simply want to place their pigs in a new home for no



**Mary Evans Scratches Bo** 

compelling reason sometimes have a long wait as I search for an appropriate home. With few exceptions, Ironwood will not take in a new pig without having a prospective home for them to go to. Therefore, if any of you, our supporters, especially in AZ have considered adopting a pig or two please contact me. I still have many sweet pigs who are waiting for a home they can call their own.



I used to live at a place that rescued cats and dogs. When my owner had to move all her animals to a new home, my best friend, Pearl and I came to live at Ironwood. We live in the Special Needs field because we didn't really like living in a big herd and needed a smaller place to feel comfortable.

--- Piggy Sue

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

Ironwood Pig Sanctuary is accredited by the American Sanctuary Association.



Michelle Trying Out One Of Her New Songs On Delta



Donna is Making Sure That Hazel in The Special Needs Field Gets Her Dinner



Pigs Like to be Cozy



Miss Saigon Nuzzles Princess -- Photo Credit: Jim Davis / Arizona Daily Star

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### IRONWOOD PIG SANCTUARY NEWS



