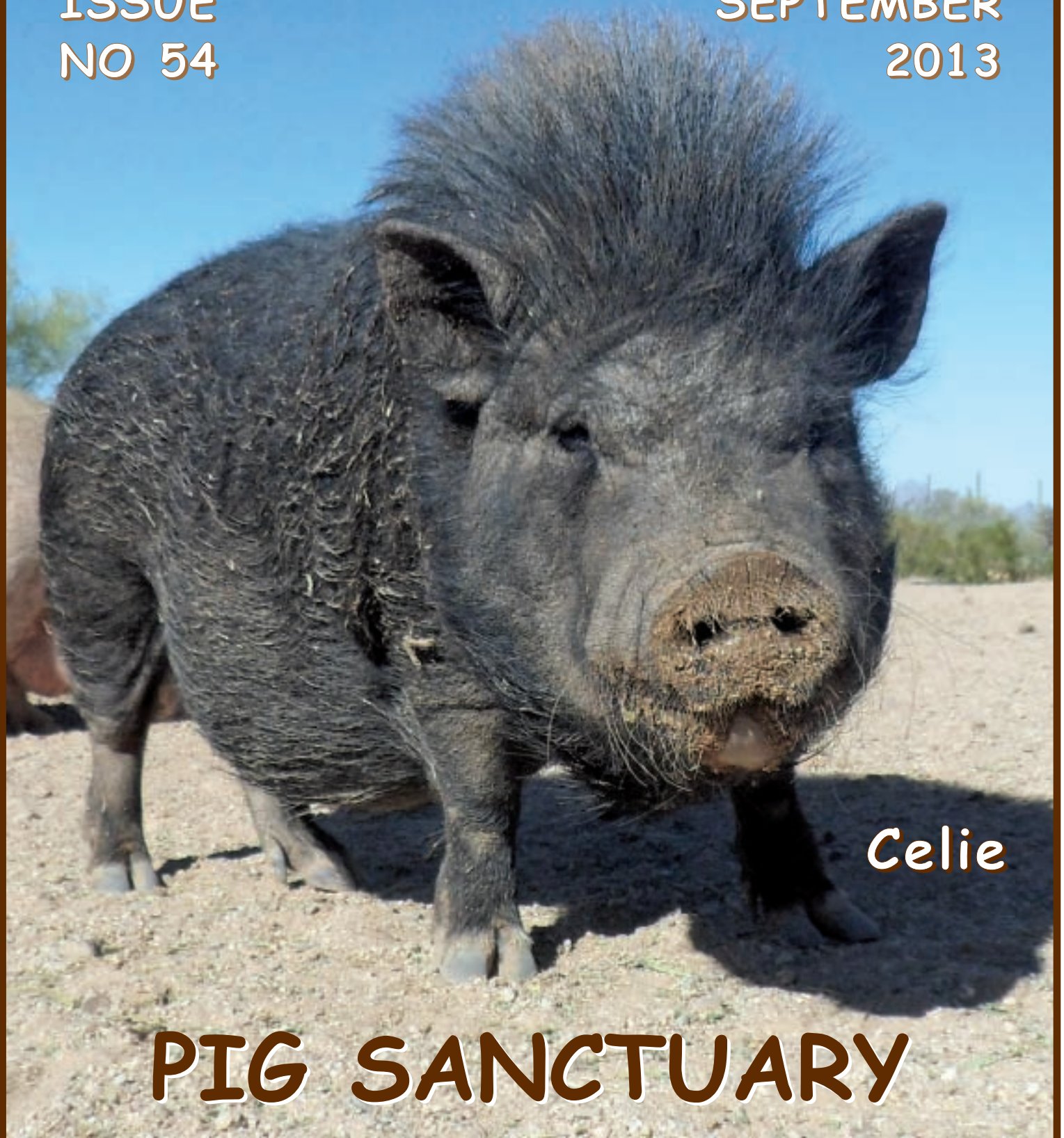


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Dear Supporter,

By the time you read this newsletter it will be September and our temperatures will be beginning to moderate somewhat. June was without a doubt the worst single month I have ever experienced here at Ironwood. Our temperatures ranged from about 106 to 116 every day in June. Thanks to everyone working here, our pigs all remained safe through the worst of times. Cold ice towels, keeping pools and wallows full, misting systems, added air conditioners and staff alertness made it possible to get through the summer without any casualties due to the heat. We are so grateful that all have remained safe.

We have seen many new arrivals over the summer. Six that became eight when one of them gave birth shortly after she arrived, were literally rescued from the desert. Their story with pictures is told by Donna in this issue. I only wish we could somehow let the man who was living on the property know his pig friends are safe and cared for.

Alexander, a young boar, pushed his way through a lady's horse fencing in Whittmann to get to water during our hottest time. She said he was terribly hot and dehydrated. She gave him food and water and called us to come pick him up. Deep scars on his shoulder and neck are evidence of the rough times he has seen in his short life. He ran off into the desert the night before our arrival and she almost called to cancel but saw that he had returned and was peacefully sleeping in her horses' stall the next morning.

Just this week we got a call at 8pm from a family not far from us. He said a very thin pig had shown up at his place that evening while they were feeding and watering their dogs. She was trying to push through their fence. Their son jumped the fence and gave her water and they managed to get her into a pen until we could pick her up the next day. She is old and very emaciated, but we are caring for her and feeding several small meals a day. She is recovering from her neglect or abandonment. She is seen here with me. We have named her Audrey.

These are but a few of our summer rescues. I am always astounded by the two masks of mankind. One is neglect, abuse and cruelty and the other is of compassion and kindness. All of the above mentioned animals were abused and abandoned by man and yet they were saved by others of mankind who cared to reach out and help them.

Sincerely,



Mary Schanz
President and Co-Founder



Audrey

We were only able to respond to the kindness of these people who reached out to us for help because you too have been part of the mask of kindness by offering your support to our pigs. Thank you so much.

Resort Rescue

Okay, so it doesn't look much like a resort anymore but many years ago this place in the desert outside of Tucson was hopping. It was actually a popular place for the mafia to hang out, having a gambling casino, horses, and other types of entertainment and activities for mafia members and their families. It fell on hard times, closed down and became a dumping ground for hundreds of discarded cars, trucks, buses, appliances, etc. Sometime along the way a squatter took up residence and became the "guardian" for a herd of pot bellied pigs living nearby in the desert. No one knows where they originated from but supposedly there have been pigs there for the past 24 years. The pigs would come in to the "inhabited area" for food and water but would scuttle back out into the desert where they bedded down in the wash under large creosote bushes and palo verde trees. Obviously it was a tough life for these guys as



evidenced by the missing or tattered ears as well as the fact that there were only six survivors in the herd.

The original owner died and his widow began cleaning up the mess with the help of family members. They began with hauling away tons of vehicles and appliances. Then came the time for the squatter to be evicted. What would happen to the pigs? Sure, they had been living in the desert all this time, but someone had to keep them supplied with water and food. A man named Ron whose daughter had married into the family contacted Ironwood in early June asking for help. He had stepped in to feed the pigs each day but knew that they needed to be relocated to a safe home. Ben coached Ron on

how to get the pigs in where we could catch them. Ron used pieces of fencing already on the property and put together a makeshift pen and began feeding the pigs inside there each day. Once they got used to that and he had an accurate count of who showed up each day, he contacted us again to say the time was right for a rescue.

June is one of Tucson's hottest months, so the temperatures were already up to 105 and beyond. To avoid the worst of the heat, we needed to get the pigs either in the morning or early evening. However, the pigs were used to being fed in the afternoon/evening and they all didn't show up in the morning when Ron tried to feed them then. So the rescue had to



take place late in the day. On June 19th the caravan left the sanctuary....Ben and Mary in a rented van, Andy and me in the sanctuary's van and Tim and Julian in a car. We met Ron and his family at the gate of the

abandoned resort and followed them through a maze of buildings, rusted vehicles and piles of garbage. Near the place where we stopped was a grave marker put up by the man who had been caring for the pigs for so many



years. The words are faded and hard to read but the sentiment is obvious. This person did care about these piggies and did the best he could for them under the circumstances.



The six scared pigs were inside their temporary pen. We quickly began reinforcing the bottom of the fencing to prevent them from forcing their way through. Not wanting to risk a pig darting out of the gate, we found some ladders and were able to climb

over the tall fence and hand the carriers over to the inside. One by one the four females and two young males were herded into individual carriers. The gates were secured with extra zip ties to prevent escapes. This process actually went much smoother than we expected based on past experiences of rescuing “wild pigs.” These guys were obviously scared and jumpy but all in all were cooperative. Once all the pigs were inside their carriers, the fencing was opened up and we began loading the carriers into the vans. One of the females looked as if she had recently given birth, so Ron followed their path through the desert and found the nesting area but no babies were ever sighted. With the reassurance that Ron would keep watching for other pigs, our caravan began the long trip back to the sanctuary as the sun was setting.

Back at Ironwood, we quickly got the pigs unloaded and settled in individual pens for the night. The next day we were better able to get an individual assessment done. The largest female whom Tressie named Aibileen, is completely missing her right ear. Both boys and another of the females have ragged ears from bite wounds. None of the wounds were fresh and were completely healed. Almost assuredly coyotes or dogs had been picking off members of the herd over the years, but these pigs did not look too roughed up. We started them all on a worming treatment and vitamins.



Next came the issue of names....what would we call our new charges? We quickly agreed to name the remaining females after our three vets that take care of our pigs, so now we have Barbara, Christine and Karter. One of the boys reminded me of a former second grade student I had in my early days of teaching, so he became James Dixon. (They really do look alike!) One of Taryn’s favorite pigs that died had been named Boris after Boris Karloff, so she wanted to name the second male Karloff in memory of him. That chore was easy enough! Now comes the hard part....getting these new piggies to trust us.



Animal crackers are wonderful things! Our little group of wild pigs love them! It wasn’t long at

all before they began taking the cookies from our hands. There is still no petting but they will approach and accept treats. Moving slowly and quietly is still the only way to get around these guys without frightening them. We gave the boys a couple of



weeks to settle in and feel more comfortable with us then Tim and I took James Dixon and Karloff to Dr. Karter Neal to be neutered. In the meantime we were concerned about the girls being pregnant, as the last thing we needed was babies added to our population of nearly 600 pigs! We knew Aibileen wasn't pregnant since



she had obviously given birth just before we rescued them. Karter looked very pregnant which a sonogram by our vet confirmed.

We prepared a pen for her and made it "baby proof" as well as putting up tarps to extend the roofing since we're in the middle of our summer monsoon season. Finally on July 16th Karter began nesting like mad, stuffing her shelter with shredded sheets and bedding hay and anything else she could grab which included the rake. (We removed that from her nest when she wasn't looking!) During the night she gave birth to six adorable babies although one did not survive the night. Two more babies died the next day, we think from Karter accidentally kicking or stepping on them.....turns out she's not a very careful mom. I know we didn't



want any babies and we certainly didn't need any but, my goodness, they sure are cute! The remainder of the litter became known as Picasso, Stuart and Joyce. Stuart stopped nursing and despite our efforts to bottle feed him, passed away two days later. We hope to get the last two adopted out once they are weaned and ready to leave their mom.

The rest of the group are all healthy and doing very well. Barbara, Christine and Aibileen

were moved into one of our fields to join an existing herd, not always an easy experience but a necessary one. James Dixon and Karloff joined them later in August after their quarantine period was over. (Males remain fertile for up to 45 days after being neutered and must be kept separate from our females, as all are not yet spayed.) Karter will

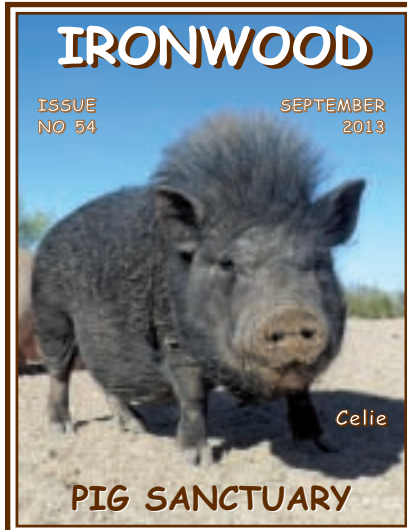


also become a part of that herd after weaning her babies. It is interesting to watch the dynamics of the family as they begin to blend in with the herd already living in that field. Sometimes family members stick together forever and other times they disperse throughout the field and find new friends to hang out with. These guys have never known anyone but each other, so I have a feeling they may remain in a family group.

....Donna

PS: All six of these new pigs need sponsors and are featured on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter. Please take a look and consider choosing one or two to sponsor for yourself, a friend or a family member.

Front & Back Cover



On April 15th of 2008 when the temperature soared to 95 degrees in Phoenix, we rescued 33 pigs including 3 pregnant females and 2 babies from a lady in Peoria who had 62 counts of animal cruelty against her. The lady had “rescued” one boar, and two

females and had not bothered to neuter the male or separate them. Their rescue was featured in one of our past newsletters. Celie was one of those little pigs. The pigs had been breeding and dying for some time. There was little water and almost no shade. Many babies had died from predation and exposure. The rescue would have otherwise been far greater than 33 since 20 were females and 13 were boars. Celie is a very shy little pig who has a pretty severe limp in one of her back legs. The vet who spayed her felt she had probably suffered a broken leg at one time. Because of her lameness she gets some medications for pain that help her to move around her field and has now learned to come up to us and take it from our hand.

We first learned of the situation in Peoria when we got a call from a lady who said she had a pig with an injured leg and she had put her in a tub and called us for advice. We then discovered the magnitude of the problem. We have often wondered if Celie was that little injured pig with possibly a broken leg that led us to proceed with the rescue of what eventually was 45 pigs. Celie and all of her family members continue to live in their large field together. Most, like Celie, remain shy of humans, but they are content and happy together along with others that have joined them over time. It seems like yesterday, but they have all been with us over five years. Their past is but a distant bad dream.



Squeal and Snort arrived at Ironwood in April of this year. Their owner was

having health issues and asked us to take them. Squeal is only three years old. He was attacked by a dog in her neighborhood and his ear was ripped off and his eye was injured. Her son rescued him and brought him home to her. He had a nasty hernia that had to be repaired after he got here. His surgery turned out to be pretty complex and his recovery took some time. Squeal is pretty shy, but since he needed a lot of extra care after his surgery he has become more accustomed to people around him and is beginning to trust us more as time goes by.

Snort is an ex-petting zoo pig that her neighbor took in. We have gotten a number of pigs from petting zoos. Think about what happens to these animals after they become adults. We got another pig just this week who had been abused at a petting zoo. They are not good places for animals and please think twice before patronizing them. About seven years ago her neighbor moved out and left Snort behind, so Bonnie took her home to her place. She said Snort was about 12 years old. She is a cute little pig and she is lucky to have her friend Squeal these past three years. They have both moved together to one of our larger fields after having lived in a small pen for several years. Bonnie cared about Snort and Squeal, but still they lived in a tiny pen for many years with no way to run around. It so saddens me when we pick up pigs who live in these tiny pens. They both love the freedom to run and roam. They sure look content here in their new home.

---Mary

OPEN HOUSE

It won't be much longer until we open our doors to all our supporters. Everyone is invited to attend our annual Open House being held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Come tour the sanctuary, meet the pigs and the staff, have some yummy food and drinks, purchase items for sale and perhaps meet a pig you can't resist! It's always a great time so come join in the fun!



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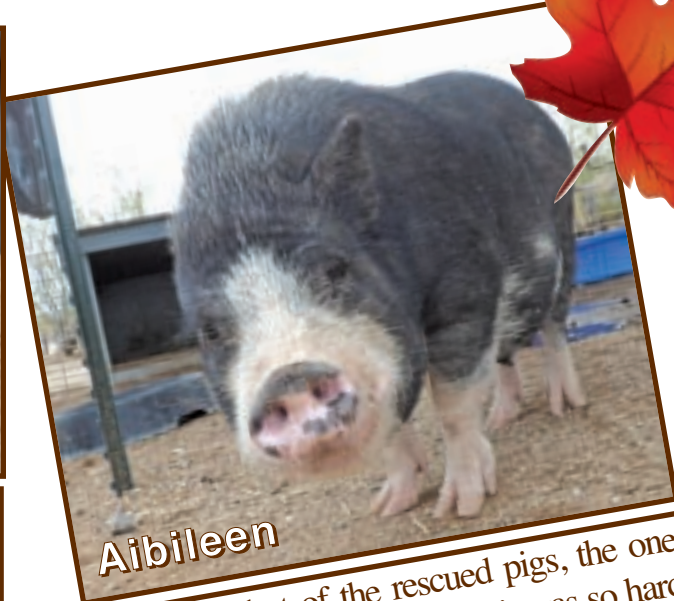
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Christine

I am the youngest of the rescued group. I found the whole experience to be really scary, but at least I get regular meals now and don't have to worry about being chased by coyotes any more.



Aibileen

I'm the oldest of the rescued pigs, the one missing an ear. In the desert it was so hard protecting my family, being on alert all the time. I'm learning to relax now but it's quite a different life for me.



Scarlet

I came from a woman rescue who finally found the right environment for me. I'm safer here and happy barking all the time.



Barbara

This has been quite an adjustment... being around people, sleeping in shelters, playing in pools and getting regular meals. So different from where I grew up, but I'm sort of liking it now!



James Dixon

I'm getting used to the sounds and smells of life here. What a different way to live! You know what I like best about being here...the food! The way to a man's heart is through his stomach, ya know!



Karter

I'm the momma of the babies here at Ironwood Pigs. I was still nervous around people with the babies. A lot of worry from predators.

Special Pig!



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...nt for me. I am much
...happy not to have dogs
...time!



Carl

I started out in Tucson, went to a family in Lordsburg, NM then got put on Craigslist where a member of the Animal Sanctuary Assoc. found me and got me here to Ironwood. Whew! My traveling days are over!



Karloff

I realize I'm a scrappy looking guy, but I've had a rough life so far. Things are looking up though and I'm thinking these people creatures aren't so bad! They sure have yummy treats for me!



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BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR SPONSOR FAMILY!

There are always pigs needing a sponsor, whether it is a recent arrival like Joey and the pigs above or a long time resident who lost theirs for one reason or another. Please consider joining our family of sponsors. Your monthly donation of \$30 will cover your pig's care as well as its share of sanctuary expenses.

In return you will receive photos and a letter with your pig's history, then an update with new pictures later in the year. I look forward to hearing from you!

.....Donna



Joey

In January of 2012 we met Belle. Belle came to the sanctuary as a single pig. She was smaller than most pigs and cute as can be. She had never been around other pigs and enjoyed being spoiled. She loved belly rubs and loved to show off her long tail.

As we got to know her more we learned that she could be a bit snippy at times, especially if someone was getting her food ready. She was not shy about letting them know if she wanted them to hurry. Belle quickly found that the calf was her favorite place to bite to let someone know they should hurry. She was good about getting the same spot more than once and leaving a nice knot so that you wouldn't forget. We now call this Belle's signature bite site.



After her grace period in our pens and after being spayed, Belle was ready to enter one of our fields and meet some pigs. In April she joined our North field. This field is a good mix of young pigs and some older pigs. It's a large enough field for a young pig like Belle to run around and either hang out around pigs or find her

Belle



Belle & Taryn

own space. When introducing new pigs we are always prepared for fighting, but we were not expecting the amount of fighting Belle was going to be a part of.

When Belle entered her new field she was immediately on the defensive, as most pigs are. Belle, however, had enough defenses in her for three pigs! It was a constant struggle to keep Belle from fighting. She wouldn't even give pigs a chance to be around her without showing aggression and she chose the biggest pig in the field to always go head to head with. We started feeding Belle in a feeding pen to minimize aggression during feeding time. This helped but as soon as she was let out she was ready to rumble.

Belle started off getting minor injuries, mostly to her ears. Belle was still enjoying belly rubs from us and wanting attention, but

couldn't resist the urge to fight with other pigs. It was decided that the feeding pen wasn't enough and we had to keep her in a larger pen until after feeding time, then she could be with the group with less fighting. This helped for a while until one evening in May when Belle was found unable to walk. She was in a dog sitting position and unable to use her back end.

We immediately started her on high doses of steroids and got her in to see our veterinarian. X-rays showed that Belle had a ruptured disc which we can only assume is from fighting. We were given



Belle Recovering

instructions on how to work with Belle and give her physical therapy. At first we had to move her legs for her as she lay down to keep movement in her muscles. As she would gain strength we could use a sling to hold her up to help her walk and use more muscle.

As days went on Belle wanted to move around her pen more and was able to get to the back of the pen to use the bathroom. We were excited to see such progress! Before we knew it Belle was able to hold herself up long enough to



Purdy & Belle

walk around and make it into the exercise yard. She was back to getting in the wallows and enjoying herself. Belle was able to get around well now and it was time to decide where she could live.

Knowing that Belle could not go back into a field as she would continue to fight and get injured, we decided to let Belle stay with my group of pigs. This would be a long transition period as Belle gained her strength back. I kept her in a separated part of the yard where she could interact with the other pigs but not get into fights. She spent numerous days fence fighting with the others, mainly with Ziggy and Rudy. The day came where the separating fence



Belle Challenging Ziggy

would come down and Belle would be with the group. There weren't many moments that Belle

didn't have her hair up ready to fight. She fought mostly with Ziggy, of course the biggest pig. She got to a point where she would glare at him but not engage in a fight. After a while Belle was able to be around the other pigs without fighting. Everyone still kept their distance to avoid fights. Not long after this another pig



Belle & The Girls

was added to the group that would end up being Belle's first companion pig.

Belle seemed to be drawn to Purdy, the new girl. Belle is a little bit bigger than Purdy so she probably has a feeling of dominance. She may have raised her hair at Purdy once or twice but quickly saw that she could trust her. The two started sleeping in the same area of the yard and lie near each other.

Belle now enjoys spending most of her time with Purdy and will even lie near Rudy from time to time. She's even started sleeping under the trailer with the rest of the pigs. This is

huge for Belle! She is friendly with everyone but still makes sure they know she is always ready to rumble. Occasionally she picks fights with Ziggy but that is becoming less and less these days.

Belle is always looking for a belly rub and comes to see me whenever I'm in the yard. She's even the first one to greet me when I come home. She loves lying with me and getting kisses, she will even give some back sometimes. Belle has come a long way from her scrappy days to having a family of pigs to hang out with. She still likes to test the sweet spot on people's calves every now and then, but it is rare nowadays.

---Taryn

Hoof & Tusk Trimming

Pig owners in the Tucson, Phoenix and surrounding areas can contact Donna Thomason for pot-bellied pig tusk and hoof trimming. Donna is an experienced trimmer living on site at Ironwood. Donna provides house calls for pig and goat trims. Please call 520-780-8832 or e-mail hoofandtusk@yahoo.com to set up an appointment.



Andy At Our Annex

For the past four years Shannon and her family have lived at our Annex and been the caretakers for the 44 pigs still living there. This spring her husband got a better job opportunity in the Phoenix area, so the family moved in early June. We were fortunate to have Andy, one of our regular staff members willing to move onto the property and become the new caretaker for the Annex pigs. It was a blessing to have someone already familiar with pigs, knowing what their needs are and how to handle them.

find a couple of favorites in Nipper and Chandler. This job



staggering. He called Mary and someone came over to take Twin to our main facility where he could get medical care. Paying attention to anything out of the ordinary can be a matter of life or death for any pig but particularly for elderly pigs like those living at the Annex.

Andy has also been busy with cleaning and reorganizing the barn and shed as well as making a few repairs to things around the house and the property. There is always something to do....fixing a leaky hose bib, digging out a

also requires paying attention to the pigs and their actions. Almost immediately Andy noticed a pig that looked thin and was hanging back during meals. After further observation, he decided that Curly must have dental problems and needed to be fed a mash as well as get scheduled for a vet appointment to have his teeth checked. Not

long after taking over the job, Andy found Twin behaving oddly one morning, moving slowly and occasionally

wallow to make it bigger, repairing shade cloth torn down by one of our summer monsoon storms. In between all the various chores, Andy is taking the time to get to know his pigs using the picture identification book to match names with faces. It was a bit daunting at first to suddenly be in charge of all those pigs on his own, but Andy has stepped up and taken on the responsibility.

---Donna



Andy, along with his dogs Bosley and Gunner who live in the backyard and house, has settled into his new routine with his new piggy family.

Being the caretaker of the Annex requires dedication. Andy is responsible for feeding and watering the 44 pigs every single day. All of these pigs are elderly and more than half are on medication for arthritic issues. Andy had a lot of new names and faces to learn in a short period of time! It didn't take him long to



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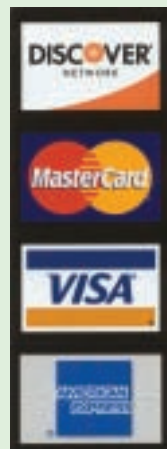
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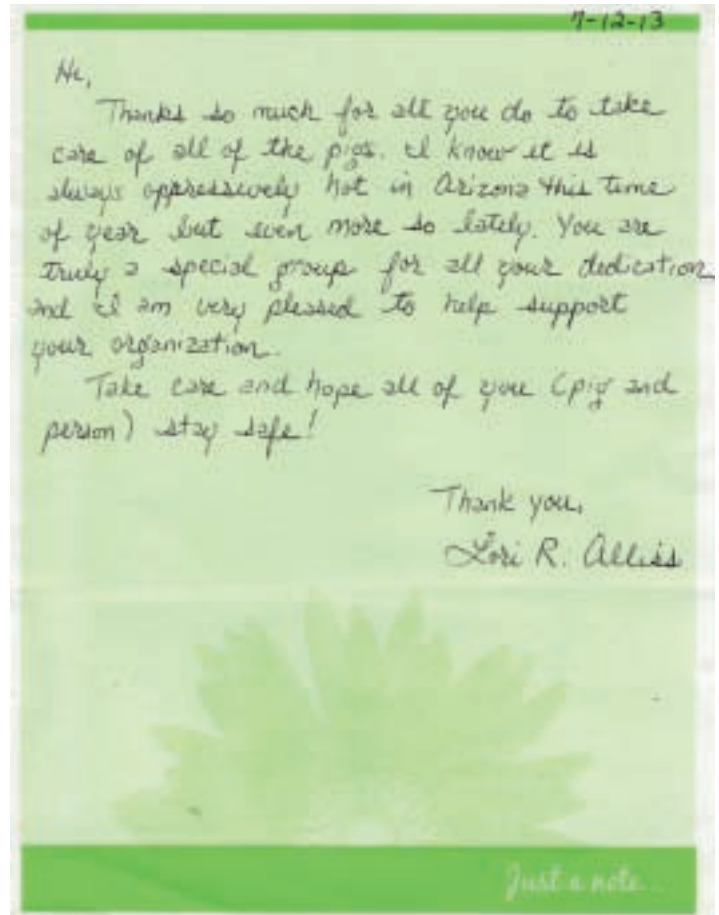
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I cannot see him as a pet but more like another person..he never would have thought of himself as a pet he would have been indignant at that thought.. Having known him changes how I view the world and all its beings which should be respected and treated with kindness.

---John



Dear Mary,

Thank you for the wonderful work you and your team continue to do at the Sanctuary! I am hoping to one day visit in person, but until then I will continue to show my appreciation and support for the mission of Ironwood through sponsorship and extra donations when I can. Therefore, I ask you to please accept this donation.

We receive many solicitations for assistance from wonderful organizations throughout the world. Unfortunately, we -- like many -- have limited means so we must make thoughtful choices about where to best invest and support work on behalf of animals worldwide. Ironwood continues to be at the top of our list as a credible, compassionate and effective organization that provides a home to my most favorite of all God's creatures -- the pig. I sincerely appreciate the advocacy and care you provide for these joyful beings!

God bless you and the entire staff of Ironwood!

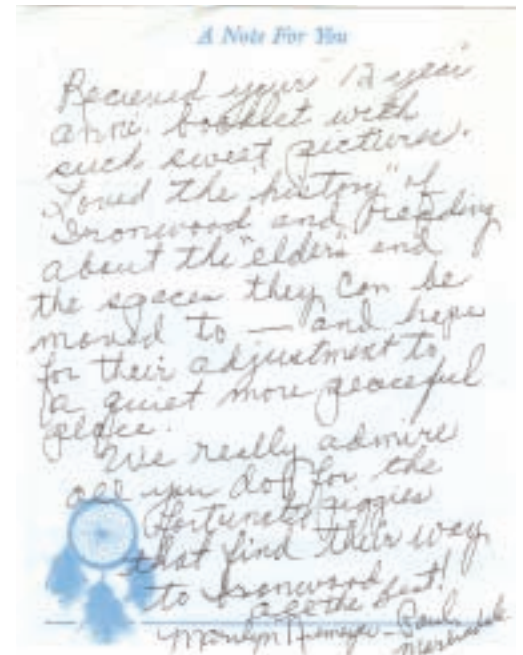
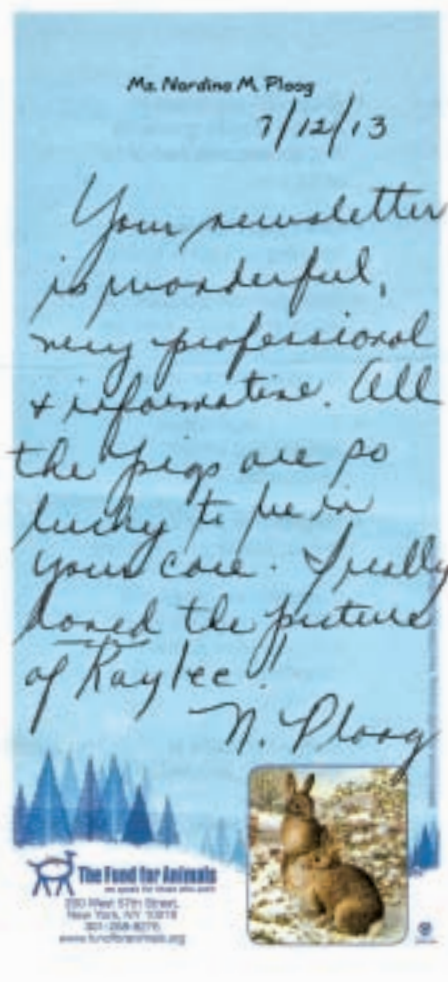
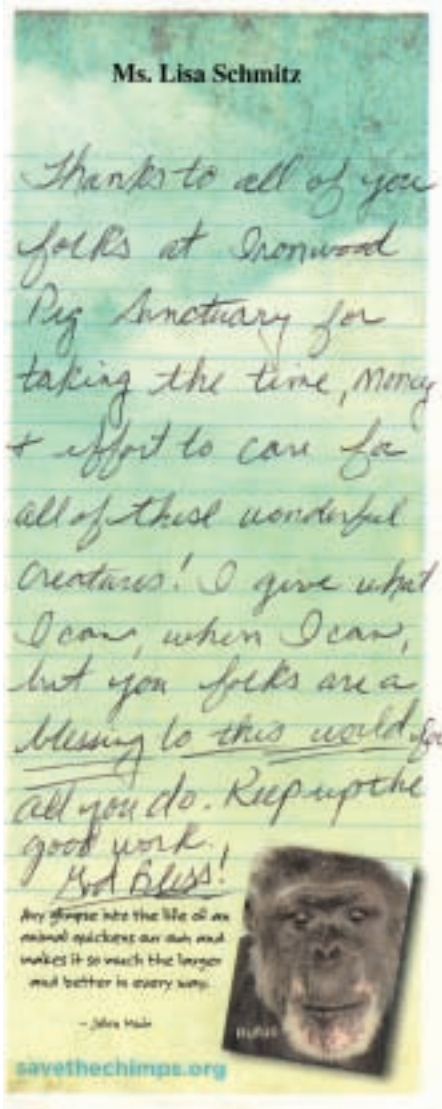
Sincerely,
Lisa

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

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