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Dear Supporter,

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Happy New Year and welcome to 2022 from all of us caregivers and our large family of pigs at Ironwood. The year has sped by so quickly leaving me with a feeling that so much has stayed the same. We continue to live under the shadow of COVID 19 although it is no longer so menacing since the vaccines are now available. We have begun to permit tours again with limited numbers of people. The pigs are so happy to have their friends coming by to visit with them and give them belly rubs. We are so happy to be able to breathe easier but not yet easy and go about our business of saving the lives of pigs. Our task of rescuing and outreach has never taken a break. As we are about to go to print, we are planning to bring a group of five older pigs, three of which are boars, from CA. The owner contacted us months ago because he was in ill health, but their spot was soon filled by our Kingman rescue. Now Walt's time is drawing near and he was desperate to find a home for his aging pigs. He was very stressed not knowing what will become of them. We put our heads together and have made space to take them. A nice man from another rescue in CA will transport them to us. Sometimes helping people is as important as helping the pigs. Walt can now go in peace knowing his pigs will be well cared for.

Like Walt's pigs who were rescued 7 years ago from a dire situation, every pig here has a story to tell. I could go on for days relating to you their trials and tribulations, but the main thing is that they are here now and can live in peace. Rhino, pictured with me below, was a stray in Sierra Vista, AZ with his little 8-pound dog friend. They were taken in by a family with two large dogs and although they all seemed to be getting along well, we feared for his safety. They told us that his companion person had died and the family had turned both of them loose. Rhino is old and fraught with medical issues, but now he will get the care he needs and medicines to help his pain. One of my staff looked at him and began to cry. She just said, "I am so glad he is here." The little dog will be adopted by a person who has rescued animals for many years in Tucson.

Admittedly, we face many challenges like our inability to be fully staffed, just like almost everywhere in the country these days, and trying to handle the many calls and emails we get almost daily to take in more pigs. As we try to navigate through all these land mines every day, we are so grateful to have your continued support. Through all of the troubles these past two years, we have been able to depend on you to pull us through. Your holiday giving and notes and cards of encouragement are what make it work. We so appreciate all that you do to keep us going.

Sincerely,



Mary Schanz
President & CoFounder



Mary and Rhino

Reasons for Rescues

The population of pigs at Ironwood was at an all-time high this year, at one point reaching 679. The numbers fluctuate with adoptions, loss of life and incoming pigs. At the time of this writing, there are 665 pigs including 11 long-term boarders that call the sanctuary home. That total also includes sweet Viola, a young rescued stray who delivered a litter of 4 piglets on Nov. 29th. Eighty-four pigs have come through the gates of Ironwood during 2021 with many others going directly to foster homes across the state of Arizona. We're going to take a look at those 84 in particular and the reasons they ended up here.



Cory & Topango

that came from PACC. He had obviously seen some rough times, with his crumpled right ear and other battle scars. Dogs, coyotes and javelina are all predators that stray pigs may face. They also deal with the dangers of traffic as well as people that might cause them harm.

well as make the effort to find the sanctuary and ask for help.

The vast majority of 2021's incoming pigs came from owner releases for a wide variety of reasons. The largest category was people moving and either not wanting to take the pig or pigs with them or moving to a non-zoned area. The saddest case was Chester and Molly, a pair of 16-year-olds whose human family moved out of state. Chester was



Tripp

Fifteen pigs were picked up as strays with most of those being processed at Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) before getting released to the sanctuary. A few strays came through individuals who spotted the pigs wandering around the neighborhood and stepped up to help get them to a safe place. Tripp was one of many boars (unneutered males)

Siblings Cory and Topanga are two of four pigs that were abandoned by their owners and left to fend for themselves in their yards. In each of the three cases of abandonment this year, neighbors were kind enough to step in and care for the pigs as



Ricardo

extremely thin and had a large hole on the right side of his face where his tusk had grown through, puncturing his cheek. Molly's hooves looked as if they had never been trimmed and were so long and curly that she was tripping on her own toes. Both pigs are definitely in better shape now compared to when they arrived!



Chester & Molly

There were several cases of owners having no choice but to place their pigs with us due to declining health. Some had to

move into assisted care or hospice care facilities. A few of them passed away but made arrangements with us in preparation for that happening. Lucy and Ricardo's human mom was devastated to leave them behind when she could no longer physically care for them or herself and had to move in with family in another state. It's cases like these that make us very glad that owners have somewhere to turn to provide some peace of mind.

A few times it was the pig having health issues that couldn't or wouldn't be dealt with by the owners. Ruth had difficulty getting up and walking. Instead



of getting veterinary care, her owners were planning to kill her if we didn't take her. We took the poor girl to the vet where she was diagnosed with severe elbow dysplasia. With medication and loving care, Ruth has improved. Only 7 years old, she is a beautiful, sweet girl that deserves the chance for a better life.

There are always "pet" pigs that are released to us because of behavioral issues. Pepper was fighting with other pigs in the household. Cecilia got aggressive

with the children. Chauncey got aggressive when he "became of age" and was only acting like a typical boar, but the owners didn't want to get him neutered. At that point they were just ready to get



rid of him. Smitty was half of a breeding pair that the woman decided "wasn't good enough" to use.

A few of the incoming pigs were released by their owners after dogs in the household attacked them, sometimes numerous times. In separate homes, Rexi and Peter had been savagely attacked and had both ears torn completely off. Olive was left with deep scars around her neck and shoulders. Dogs and pigs can be good



companions, but it doesn't always work out that way and the pig is almost always on the losing end.

One woman with 15 pigs was cited by her county for neglect

and told to rehome all her animals. You can read about the Kingman rescue in the September 2021 newsletter available on Ironwood's website. That family of piggies have all been spayed and neutered now and are living happier, healthier lives here.

We have quite a few pigs boarding with us long term while owners try to sell their home or look for a new home. Moo and Bitsy began their time at Ironwood as boarders in 2020 while their family searched for a home to purchase. After many months, we got word that they



finally found a home but with an HOA that did not allow pigs. In 2021 the girls were officially signed over to become permanent residents here.

No matter the reason for being released, these pigs need a safe, secure environment where they can have a steady supply of food and clean water. They need shelters, blankets and medical care. With YOUR support, Ironwood can provide all of that and more! Thank you for being part of the "Welcoming Committee" for pigs in need!

—Donna

Online Wish Lists

Chewy: It's easy! On Ironwood's website (www.ironwoodpigs.org), go to the "Support Page" and click on the link in the drop-down menu to go directly to our wish list.

**Note: You will need to create an account in order to make a purchase.*

AmazonSmile: Another easy one! The link in the drop-down menu on the "Support Page" takes you directly to Ironwood's wish list.

**Don't forget to make Ironwood your designated charity on AmazonSmile!*



Minnie Pearl

Sponsors



If you currently sponsor a pig and would like to begin receiving your updates and photos by email rather than print, please let Donna know at sponsors@ironwoodpigs.org.

If you are a new sponsor signing up on our website or with the enclosed envelope, you may indicate on either that you prefer email updates. Thank you!

**Better for the environment! Let's "Go Green!"*

Don't Forget Fry's!

An easy way to support Ironwood is for Arizona residents who shop at Fry's Food Stores. Each time you shop at Fry's and use your Fry's VIP card, you can help the pigs! Just go to FrysFood.com, click on "Save" and scroll down to Fry's Community Rewards. Follow the prompts to designate the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary as your charity of choice. The number of households signed up *more than doubled* in 2021 and is up to 195! Ironwood earned \$470.26 for the last quarter at no extra cost to supporters.



Belinda

Because of You

For more than twenty years we have provided a permanent place of sanctuary to hundreds of pot-bellied pigs, several hogs and many hog/pig mixes. With your help we have been able to give the pigs a safe home within the

security of chain link fencing to protect them from coyotes and dogs. The pigs have shelters to accommodate various sized groups of friends along with piles of blankets for comfort and warmth. There are pools and mud wallows under shade ramadas

where pigs can relax on hot days. With your generosity the pigs never lack food, hay or water. Medical care is available on-site as well as in the veterinary clinic. The 660+ pigs living at Ironwood have YOU to thank for the comfortable life they have here.



Because of You - In 2021 we were able to rescue three family groups from separate situations for a total of twenty-six pigs. Twenty-two of them were unaltered on arrival, but all have been spayed or neutered now. That prevented a ton of unwanted babies! These families are happily living in a safe environment, able to grow up together without growing in numbers any longer.

Because of You - Cindy, Brazil, Peppa Boy and others were able to undergo cryosurgery for skin cancer. Having a portable anesthesia machine and two cryospray units allows us to perform this procedure on-site saving the pigs the stress of a road trip to the veterinary clinic as well as reducing medical expenses. White pigs are susceptible to skin cancer and may require repeated procedures during their lifetime.



Because of You - A fifteen-year-old blind pig named George Thomas was able to find refuge when his human dad was placed in hospice care then later passed away. George had been adopted from Ironwood 12 years ago and had a wonderful life with his dad who loved him very much. Being able to return "home" to the sanctuary was a blessing to the peace of mind for George Thomas' dad.

Because of You- Twenty incoming boars were neutered soon after their arrival to the sanctuary during 2021. This is such an important part of our mission to prevent unnecessary and unwanted reproduction. There are already too many pigs without homes to excuse bringing more into the world. Neutering also leads to happier, healthier males who will not run the risk of developing testicular tumors.





Because of You - Murphy has been able to grow up in a safe environment with many good piggy friends. He came to Ironwood in March of 2010 at eight months of age. This twelve-year-old boy has lived his life in the Peoria Field, one of our largest living quarters where he has lots of room to roam, explore and hang out with his buddies. How lucky that he ended up here!

Because of You - Around 60 pigs were able to receive dental care at the veterinary clinic. Teddy, Cecil and Cowboy had serious issues requiring the removal of a lower tusk, a difficult procedure that involved multiple trips to the clinic during the recovery period. Pearl, Chatty Cathy and Wilbur were among those getting regular dental exams along with tooth extractions and cleanings.



Because of You - We were able to get 40 resident female pigs spayed during 2021. Some of the girls were new arrivals while others had been on the waiting list needing to lose weight before undergoing surgery. Even though all our males are neutered, spaying is still important. Research shows that 80-85% of unaltered females will develop uterine tumors, shortening their lives by several years.

Because of You- Pigs are able to meet and make new friends throughout their lives. They are social animals and enjoy living with other pigs. Many have been in lifelong relationships that were formed here at the sanctuary. Some, like Piglet and Tennille, have lived within the same herd for seven years but only recently began spending time together. It's never too late to make new friends!



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

repairing shelters, troughs, shade ramadas, etc. It takes all of these people working together to provide a home where the 660+ pigs can be well fed, watered, sheltered, medicated and comforted over the years as they are nurtured through independent herd life, to retirement in assisted living and on to hospice care as needed.

And none of this could be done without YOU!

You are the asset that makes this

team possible. Your gifts enable Ironwood to continue to take in pigs that have been abandoned or abused in appalling ways. Your generosity feeds Durango, Malachi, Carnie, Ewok, Freya and many, many others. Your support allows for spaying and neutering, dental work, x-rays and the many other necessary medical procedures that crop up. Thank you for being a part of the Ironwood team. We're all in this together!

—Donna

Sponsor a S



Russo

My human just let me wander the neighborhood and didn't care that I might get hit by a car or attacked by coyotes. Thank goodness someone cared enough to get me here!



Elvira

My human mom died and had no one to take me and my friend Tina. Her landlord was nice though and let us stay while he fixed up the house then we came to live here.



I'm so glad my w rescued and came field all our own. Now we have hou clean water and Yay!



Start out the New Year with a new friend! Your \$30 monthly donation will help provide the basic daily needs for the pig of your choice. You will receive an introductory letter and pictures of your pig with an update and new photos later in the year. Let 2022 be the year you become a "Piggy Parent!"



Zelma & Donna

**Go Green! When signing up as a Sponsor, you may request to receive your letters and photos by email.*

sponsors@ironwoodpigs.org



Jitterbug

My sister and I wer months old when w up by an Animal C because we were w on our own. Now safe!

Special Pig!



My whole family was
brought here to live in a
pen. How cool is that!
Blankets, houses,
and plenty to eat.



My name means a celebration or
special occasion. Getting to the
sanctuary safely with my
brother, Jitterbug, was
definitely a moment to
celebrate!



I broke out of my yard, ran away
from home then got picked up by
Animal Control. My human
called there looking for me but
never came to get me. How
rude!



We were just a few
pigs when we were picked
up by Animal Control Officer
and were wandering around
until we were always



I'm yet another stray pig that was
picked up by Animal Control. How
lucky that they always call Ironwood
to come get us! I love it here and
have made lots of friends.



I was a stray found on B-Bopp
Rd. I had gotten into a pen with
a lady's pig and was doing
naughty things to her. I was
lucky that the lady knew of
Ironwood and called right away.

Songs in My Head

I introduce you to Ironwood's individual pigs through stories of their rescues, pleas for help with medical bills, articles about the fields they live in, requests to gain sponsors and so on. I thought it might be fun to acquaint you with some in relation to the songs that pop into my head every time I stop to visit with these particular pigs. I do change the words to some of the songs to fit the piggies, so bear with me on that.

Hot Sauce...an adorable 9-year-old boy who came to the sanctuary in 2015 with his



Hot Sauce

companion, Sweet Tea, after their owner's house burned down. Ever since I first met him, Donna Summer's "Hot Stuff" immediately comes to mind and I begin singing "Looking for some Hot Sauce baby this evening. I need some Hot Sauce baby tonight." And I flash back to my disco dancing college days.

Nacho has been here for two years. He and his friend Pancakes lived at a school for mentally

challenged adults. When the school changed locations to an area not zoned for pigs, the boys



Nacho

came to live here. Again, dipping into the disco genre, he brings out this oldie "Nacho, Nacho man. I want to be a Nacho man." I don't think the Village People would mind their macho becoming a nacho!

Angel is one of our oldest pigs at 19.5 years of age. She came way back in 2002 with her family of 5 after her owners got in trouble for having the pigs at a rental home without permission. At the sight of this silver and black beauty, I



Angel

begin singing Juice Newton's "Angel of the Morning". No need to adjust the words either!

Jeremiah is a 4-year-old boy that came with his 6 siblings in 2018 because their owner, a pig breeder, got in trouble with her county for being in a non-zoned area. Thank goodness that put an end to yet another breeder! I cannot say his name without finishing the line "Jeremiah was a bullfrog." I admit that even happens in church when my pastor mentions the prophet Jeremiah, BUT I do manage to keep it in my head and not say it out loud there! When I leave



Jeremiah

Jeremiah's field, I'm humming "Joy to the World" the rest of the day. And it's the Three Dog Night version, not the Christmas song!

Shadow is almost 12 years old. She and her companion Adam had been abandoned inside a rental house in the summer of 2011. The landlord found them in bad shape without food or water. Shadow brings to mind the Harry Nilsson song "Me and My Arrow". Easy enough to tweak that one and I'm serenading her with "Me and my Shadow...straight up and narrow." May not make sense but it rhymes close enough!



Shadow

Showing my country roots from growing up in Louisiana with this one. Elvira has been here just over a year. She and her friend Tina were abandoned by a renter. The nice landlord took care of them while prepping the house to be sold and made arrangements for them to come here once he was ready to put it on the market. Surely you know the song that has to be sung when chatting with this



Elvira

gal. The Oak Ridge Boys made her name popular by belting out *“Elvira, Elvira. My heart’s on fire, Elvira. (here’s the fun part!) Giddy up oom poppa omm poppa mow mow. Giddy up oom poppa omm poppa mow mow. Heigh-ho silver, away.”* Can it git any country than that?! (Misspellings and made-up words done on purpose.)

Robbie is an arthritic old man of 16 now, but he rocked it out in the Peoria Field starting in 2008. His very large extended family of 47, including 3 pregnant females, came from one household where criminal charges of neglect and abuse brought the need to rehome everyone. Robbie has a habit of sucking on small rocks then



Robbie

dropping them inside the feed troughs scattered through the field. He got the nickname Rockin’ Robbie due to that, so I always hear The Jackson Five version of “Rockin’ Robin” tweet tweedling in my head when I encounter Robbie.

And speaking of the Jacksons but jumping ahead a few years to



Billie Jean

Michael’s solo career, there is a beauty queen named Billie Jean that was born at Ironwood in February of 2018 just two days after her mom was found wandering the streets during a rainstorm. *“Billie Jean’s not my piggy. She’s just a girl who lives in Lil’ East Field but the pig is not my own.”* Okay, I had to work at making up some words to fit the melody but...there it is.

Going way back to when I was a mere child in the 60s with older sisters choosing the music, we come to Herman’s Hermits. There are 3 pigs named Henry



Henry

living here, so I can sing “I’m Henry the VIII, I Am” all over the place. Of course, to do it correctly it’s Henery. A very silly song that I’m sure all the Henrys get tired of hearing.

So, yeah, I entertain myself while I’m out with the pigs. Singing goofy song lyrics makes me happy and helps me enjoy my time with the piggies even more. The sanctuary is alive...with the sound of music. I’ll stop now. I promise.

—Donna

Staying Busy

Much of the work at the sanctuary is the same day after day after day. Taryn begins long before daylight to prepare the special meals and mashes for pigs with particular dietary concerns as well as feed

who is still snoozing. As the west side gets completed, the feeding team splits up to cover the east side fields and special care areas. The watering team follows an hour later to go through the fields in the same order as the feeders.

hourly rotation of pigs in and out of the exercise yards for their daily turns to come out and explore.



Kim Feeding the Pigs in Far East Field

those in the holding pens. Three to four hours later the feeding team arrives to head to the west side of the property to begin breakfast for each separate field. The fields are always fed in the same order to keep a routine in place. When the pigs know

They empty, scrub and refill all the water bowls, pools and automatic waterers to give the pigs their supply of fresh water for the day. During the hot weather, they also fill lots of mud wallows to keep the pigs cool.

While the feeding and watering is getting started, Cinnie takes an early morning dose of medication to Henry Bien, George Thomas, Pig Newton and Coraline. Those four piggies need their meds at least an hour before their meal because of digestive issues. Cinnie then gets busy preparing the peanut butter sandwiches with medications and supplements for the next day. The sticky pb holds the meds in a yummy treat that works for most pigs. Some need stickier things like fig cookies or fruit bars to get their pills down. Cinnie takes a break from sandwich making to feed the elderly pigs that live in Camelot and the Cat Shelter. (There are no cats living there...it's a long story.) She also helps with the



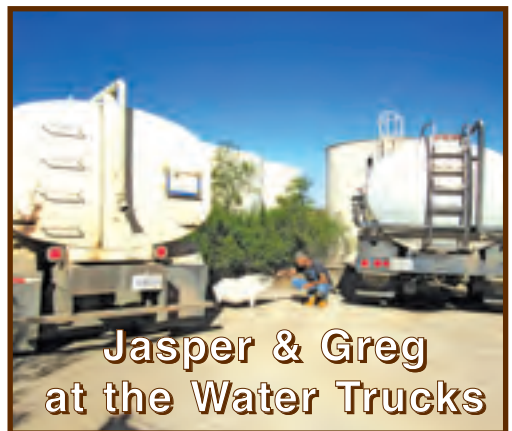
Cinnie Preparing Meals For the Cat Shelter Pigs

Feeding, watering, yard rotations and med making are the daily chores that never vary. But there are plenty of other tasks that must be done here, there and everywhere. Russel, Greg and



Sharon Watering in Princess Field

approximately what time you'll show up with food, they'll be waiting for you so no time or worry is spent hunting for anyone



Jasper & Greg at the Water Trucks

Larry make up our maintenance team. You never know what you'll find them doing! Keeping the sanctuary supplied with water is a biggie. They go back and forth into town to haul water in the water trucks to fill the 3 storage tanks. There is regular maintenance on the trucks, vans,

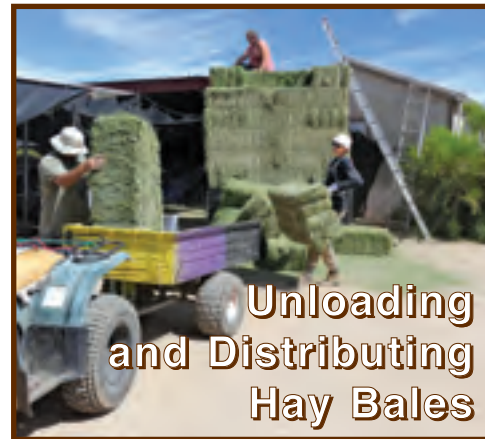
ATVs and golf carts. Repairs are constant...a new latch is needed on a feed pen, a shade ramada got torn during high winds, Eleanor the hog mix popped the chain-link fence up again, a shelter roof needs replacing, an automatic waterer is leaking, a water pipe has busted, a carpet inside a shelter has to be changed out. It goes on and on with items being called in over the walkie-talkies throughout the day. The guys also step in as needed when staff



Lisa Removing Roger Dodger's IV Catheter

wounds, giving enemas, removing IV catheters or checking incisions on those recovery from surgery, giving injections, using nasal sprays or inhalers for breathing problems, checking feet and joints because of lameness. Although the vast majority of the pigs are fed once daily due to the extensive amount of time it takes, a handful also get lunch and/or dinner if they're youngsters, very thin or have eating disorders. The pigs need to have their hooves and tusks trimmed on a regular basis. Many pigs get afternoon doses of medication. Photographs are

supervised during introductions. Then there are the seasonal chores. An important one at this time of year is keeping the shelters stocked with blankets. The pigs shred them, drag them around or simply need more as it gets colder. We are constantly tucking blankets back inside and checking that there are enough. All the pig houses have carpet



Unloading and Distributing Hay Bales

numbers are low to assist the feeders or help with watering. They restock the hay and grain at all the different field stations, make trips to the landfill, hang carpet doorways on shelters, pick up stray pigs and basically anything else that crops up.

After the feeding and watering teams have completed those two activities which take up the majority of the day, there are plenty of chores to keep them busy. Supplies have to be inventoried and ordered weekly. Packages of donations must be opened, recorded and put away. There are always medical issues to deal with...medicating



Izzy Hand-Feeding Frylock His Dinner

taken for sponsor updates, newsletters and social media. Pigs living in the holding pens that we're attempting to integrate into social groups have to be



Tamale Testing Her New Doors

doorways hung up for the winter to block the wind. Sometimes the piggies tug on them and pull a corner down, then someone will need to run out with the drill and screw it back on. In the smaller living quarters, the shade cloth is rolled up for the season so the pigs can enjoy the warmth of the sun.

There is no end to the things that must be done around the sanctuary in order to provide a safe, comfortable, loving home for 660+ pigs. Trust me, I could fill up pages of this newsletter trying to cover everything! But one very important thing is this: we cannot do any of it without YOU! Your financial and emotional support keeps things rolling along. We are all members of the same team working together. Thank you!

—Donna

Memorial to Vernon Weir

It is with great sadness that I want to let you know that Vernon Weir, Executive Director of The American Sanctuary Association passed away recently from a stroke. All the members of the ASA mourn the loss of a dear friend and mentor. He was a great advocate for animals for decades. He worked tirelessly for all species and was so kind to all of us who are members of the ASA. His work benefited all animals and he was always enthusiastic about helping Ironwood in any way he could.

Herd Health Management's Social Media Post

“As a final post for the month of November “Giving Thanks” we would like to feature Ironwood Pig Sanctuary and the many fosters/rescues that we have partnered with them to make sure pigs all over Arizona and our neighboring states have a safe place to live and thrive. We have the pleasure of being one of the many veterinary teams that helps Ironwood with spaying and neutering all surrendered pigs. Ironwood strives to provide safe forever homes and fosters for the pigs that come into their care, and in order to do this, all animals must be spayed and castrated to avoid overpopulation and aggression.

Along with these surgical procedures, all pigs are given a wellness exam, which typically involves trimming tusks/feet and giving them a once over for any signs of illness or injury. Providing these animals with the veterinary care that they need is a full-time job that many of our fosters do, along with their actual full-time job! Many Ironwood rescues are geriatric cases and require pain medication and extra care to help them live happy lives. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication that Ironwood does and hope that you will consider checking them out and supporting them. They provide sponsoring for pigs and volunteer work and accept donations. Please check out their newsletter in order to read about all the amazing pigs that are so lucky to have been rescued and call Ironwood their home!”

Our Wish List

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

***First Class Forever Stamps**

Animal Crackers - *High Priority*

Fig Cookies

(NOT individually Wrapped)

Miralax

Canned Pumpkin

Stool Softener

Fiber Powder (Non-flavored)

Peanut Butter (Creamy Only)

Famotidine Acid Reducer, 20mg -

High Priority



Maxwell

GIFT CARDS

Master Card

Discover Card

Fry's

Home Depot

Lowe's

Office Max

Staples

Walmart

Amazon

Walgreen's

Tractor Supply

When shipping donations through USPS, please ONLY ship to POB 35490, Tucson, AZ 85740-5490. Do NOT use the physical address.

Front & Back Cover



In October of 2016 Ben and I picked up Perry, Tabitha, and Benji from a reservation by Camp Verde, AZ. The people who had them were no longer able to care for them. Benji had been with them for a while and he was

quite old and thin but beloved by the neighborhood. They had taken Perry and Tabitha (renamed by us) about six months prior from people that had other pigs and were breeding them. Perry and Tabitha were young and Tabitha was very pregnant giving birth shortly after she arrived.

Once Tabitha had raised her babies, she and Perry were reunited. They were released to the large Far East Field with a number of others and have lived there together for the past few years. They are both shy of people, but Perry likes to be sure he gets his morning medicine from whoever is handing out the med sandwiches.

We discovered Perry enjoyed a beautiful flower bed that grew up quickly during our plentiful summer monsoons. He is kind of a loner and was often seen there napping or just lying among the flowers. Nonetheless, Perry and Tabitha have remained companions and can often be found lounging under a tree or sharing a shelter together.

—Mary



Mac and Cheese, or Cheese and Mac as they are seen here, are 2 of a 12 pig rescue we did in April of 2018. It was hot that year. We got a call from a friend of the owner who said the owner's well had run dry and he had many animals who were in need of water. We quickly put pools and hoses in our truck and headed out with our 4000 gallon water truck to deliver water to him. It was quickly evident that the pigs were hog mixes and breeding. We were trying to acquire all the females, but over the next weeks that followed the owner became more hostile until he would no longer allow us on the property. At least his well was working again and during our visits with water and grain, we were able to take Mac and Cheese and 10 others off the property. Over 20 remained.

Mac and Cheese and the others have grown up here and have been featured often in our newsletters. We integrated all of them together in a separate field where they have lived for well over a year now. This small group of pigs are truly one of the nicest little herds on the property. Some in the herd have grown tame enough to pet, but others still prefer to maintain their distance which is fine. They are a tight-knit group and love to snuggle together in their barn with all their blankets. They are such a pleasure to have at Ironwood.



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Mac