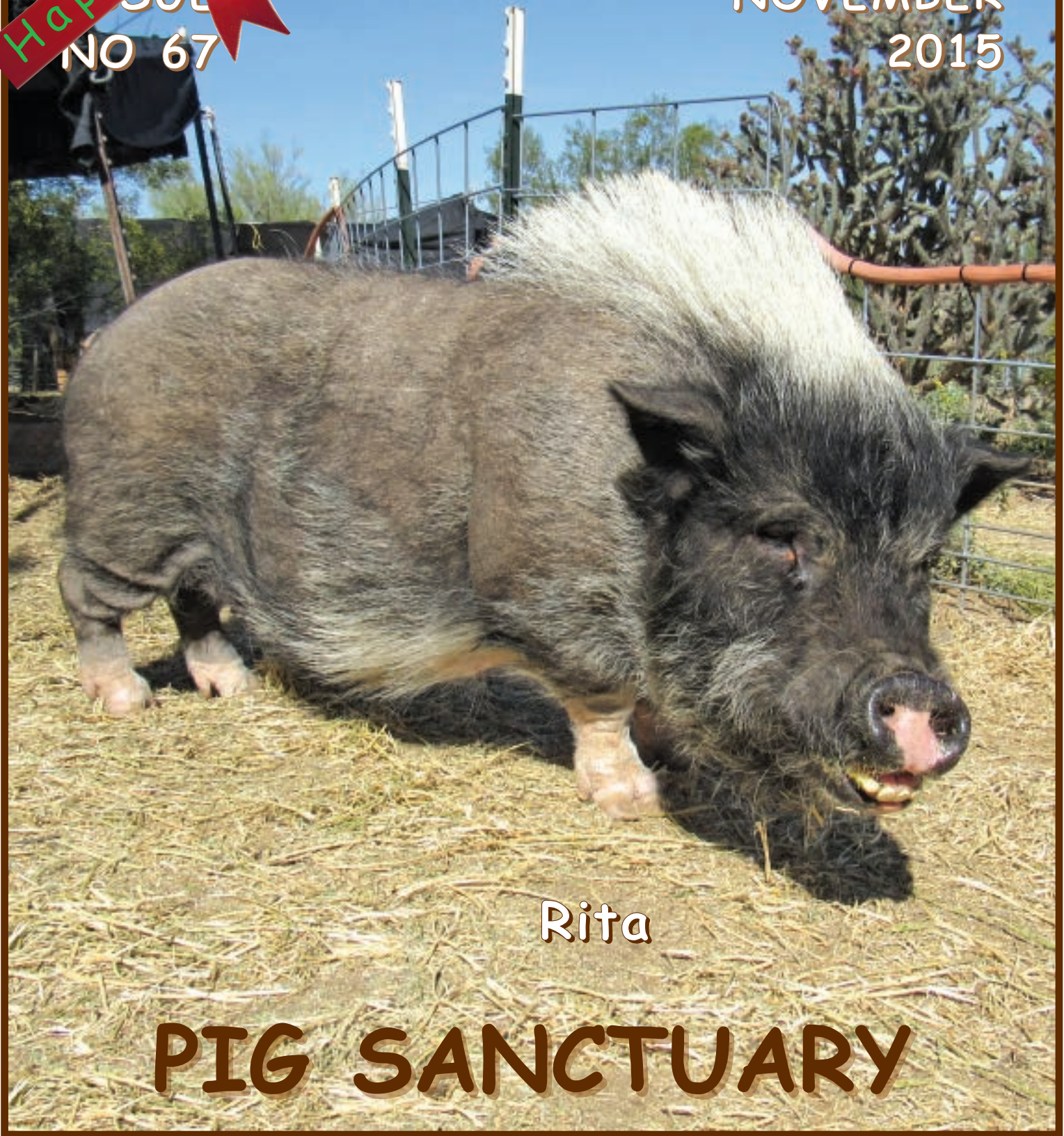


# IRONWOOD

Happy Holidays

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## PIG SANCTUARY



# Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

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November 2015

Dear Supporter,

As the year draws to an end and the holidays approach it seems that this has been a difficult and traumatic year for so many around the globe. We have seen historic and near historic weather events and images of thousands and thousands of refugees in desperate situations in their homelands and uncertainty where they are going. I think daily of all the human loss through all of this but also of the millions of animals who have been affected by these dramatic changes.

All of these events and so many others make me so thankful and appreciative of all you have done for the pigs here at Ironwood. Looking back over the year we have faced many challenges as well. Thankfully they have not been of the magnitude endured by so many. As the “micro mini” fad rages we have taken in more stray pigs this year than ever before as well as the fourteen babies that were born to two of the female strays, Jezebel and Polly. Donna’s article “Now What” gives you a good sense of all that happens here behind the scenes once a new pig arrives. It is rare that a new pig comes to us without issues. Even our newest and youngest stray, Minnie pictured here, appears to have issues at this young age with her legs or hips.

But our pigs are very fortunate to have arrived here at Ironwood. All of the nearly seventy pigs who have come through our gates so far this year have come to a place of refuge, a place where one is safe or protected from danger or distress and here they will remain unless a similar good home can be found. Their needs will be met and they will be safe. As I have said so many times in the past this all would not be possible without you.

With all the turmoil around, we have been able to maintain the care of the pigs here at Ironwood due to the hard work and dedication of Taryn, Donna and all of our Staff and Volunteers and YOU.

As the holiday season approaches I hope you and your loved ones have a safe haven as well. My holidays will be filled with the joy of knowing little Minnie is safe from the streets of Tucson like so many others who came before her this year. We thank you so very much and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,



Mary Schanz  
President & Co-Founder



Even Our New Arrival Baby  
Minnie Has Hip And Leg  
Issues

# Arlo, The Pig From Walmart

**I**n early April of 2015 we received a call from a couple in Tucson saying they had found a small black pig running around the parking lot of a local Walmart store. Afraid that he would dart out into the street and get run over, they were easily able to catch the friendly guy and take him home. Attempts to find his owner fell through. Since they were not in a home conducive to having a pig, they called and asked if we would be able to take him. They were even nice enough to bring him on out to the sanctuary.

It was soon obvious that this sweet little pig who looked to be about four months old had been someone's pet. He was quick to roll over for a belly rub and loved getting attention from people. Rob, a former employee of Ironwood who had moved out of state had recently become a father and named his son Arlo. I asked



Arlo & Cole

for permission to name a pig after his son and he was delighted! (I didn't tell Rob this but our Arlo is cuter than his!) We got Arlo neutered as soon as possible then



Donna & Arlo

he went through a 45 day quarantine period during which males remain fertile after neutering. Yes, even at four months of age! Male pigs can become fertile as early as 9 weeks of age.....unbelievable but true! During Arlo's time of living in one of our holding pens he was allowed to go out into the exercise yard for play time each day. He loved going out and exploring the area; running, nibbling, rooting, jumping in the pool...all those things that pigs love to do.

Once Arlo had completed his 45 days, he began going out into the yard for exercise time with other new arrivals that would later make the move together to one of the fields. This gave them the opportunity to get to know one another under supervision before they went out to join a herd. Arlo and six other piggies soon made

the move to the North Field and became part of a herd of 46 pigs. It is one of the larger fields and has lots of space for Arlo to explore. He quickly settled into the northeast section of the field, claiming his shelter and a "home base" for his territory. Arlo did a great job of integrating himself into the herd with little of the normal fighting and fussing that comes when new pigs are introduced into an existing group of pigs.

Arlo is a very independent young boy and wanders all over the field each day on his own. He'll stop under one shade ramada to take a dip in the pool, spend a few moments visiting with the pigs



there then take off to see what is happening elsewhere. Being young and full of energy, Arlo will sometimes gallop across the field just because he feels like it! Other times he works his way slowly, nosing along for tidbits of food or hay or anything else interesting he may run across. He recognizes his name and will come trotting over if you call out



to him. He is always ready for some petting or a belly rub. Arlo is just a very happy piggy!

A supporter said that Arlo must have been hanging out in the parking lot at Walmart because he heard about the great price on fig newton cookies there! Whatever the reason and how or why he ended up there, it was perfect



timing for the nice people that rescued him. It was also perfect timing for him to come to Ironwood right when we had several other young pigs that would eventually become his buddies out in the North Field where they have made their home. Arlo is one lucky boy! (And a sweet one too!)

---Donna



# Open House

**November 14, 2015 From 11 AM to 3 PM**

Don't forget about Ironwood's annual Open House. Invitations with a map and directions have been sent out. You can also check our web site if you did not receive one.

If you would like to bring donations, please check out this list of things we currently need. An \* denotes items we are most in need of.

- \*\***BLANKETS** (pigs love comforters!)
- \*\***SHEETS**
- \*Cranberry/Grape Juice (cran/grape flavor only please)
- \*Vitamin B Complex (small tablets please)
- \*Ranitidine 150mg Acid Reducer
- \*Flaxseed Capsules
- Sunscreen SPF 50 (Lotion only please)
- Prune Juice
- Fig Newton Cookies (or equivalent brand)
- Mineral Oil
- Vitamin E 400 IU
- Peanut Butter, CREAMY ONLY
- Canned Pumpkin
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- Animal Crackers
- Benefiber (not flavored)

These happy, smiling pigs are just a few of those waiting to meet and greet you at this year's Open House! Come on down and bring your friends and family along too!





## Planned Giving

Thank you for considering the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary in your estate plans.

Ironwood has been the recipient of bequests from many generous supporters. These donors have received personal satisfaction by providing for the continued mission of the Sanctuary.

The Mary C Schanz Foundation is doing business as (dba) Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. For your Will please use both names (although it is okay if you've already used only the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary name), the post office address from the back cover and this tax identification number for the Foundation: 86-0999483. Your support makes it possible for us to give a loving home to the almost 600 Pot Bellied Pigs in our care and is very much appreciated.

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Please check the bottom of the Support page on our website at [www.ironwoodpigs.org](http://www.ironwoodpigs.org) for many organizations that have a matching gift policy.

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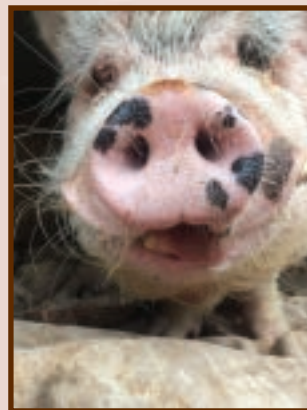
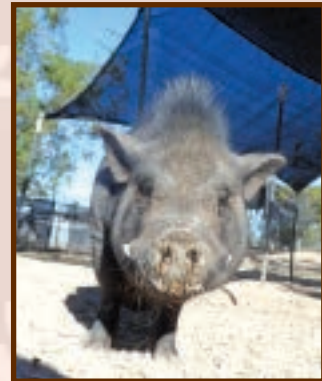
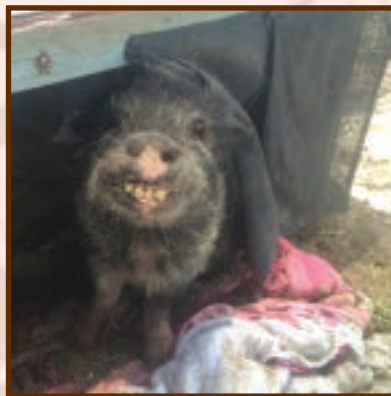
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The Pigs Hope This Adds



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# Sponsor a S



Wolfgang

No, my last name is not Mozart. I have not composed beautiful symphonies or operas. I am simply a pig named Wolfgang in search of a sponsor.



Lily Mae

I no longer have a sponsor and really need someone to watch over me during my "golden years." I may be old but I can still hold my own out here with these other geezers!



My family's house suddenly there was of us to live. That was able to find brother and me!

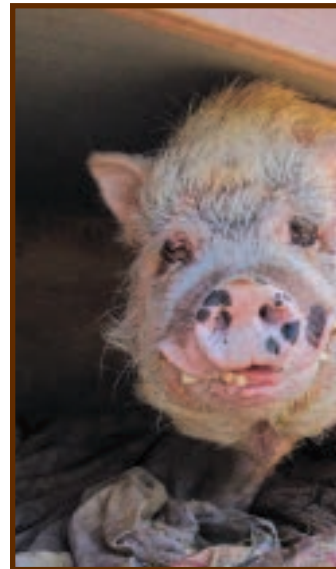
*Most of these pigs are recent arrivals from the past few months. There are always new ones coming in that need your help. Your \$30 monthly donation goes a long way to help meet the basic daily needs of the pig of your choice. As a pig "mom or dad," you will receive a letter with the history of your pig along with photos. During the year you will get an update on your pig's life with new pictures. These piggies as well as others here at the sanctuary want and need your support. Please join our family of sponsors today.*



Donna & Jessica

—Donna

*PS: Sponsoring a pig can make a delightful holiday gift for friends and family!!*



My dad had a multi surgery, divorce, mo longer an option for him. I'm happy here dad.



# Special Pig!



Sweet Tea

House burned down and I was nowhere for any time. Thank goodness my dad found Ironwood for my home!



Peggy

There I was living happily with my dad until his son moved back in with a dog who was mean to me. I'm deaf and blind but was luckily able to find a safe home here.



Louie

I am a product of divorce, a story that has been told here before. At my other home, a dog bit my tail completely off. I mean all of it...no stub or stump, just nothing.



Maurice

Multitude of problems: moving. It was no fun for me to stay with my family here but I still miss my home.



Chino

I am rather new to Ironwood. My family moved away to a place that was not zoned for pigs. It sort of hurt my feelings to be so easily dismissed, but I do like my home here.



Dozer

My family moved off to the east coast and thought it was too long of a journey for me. I lost my home and my family and now they've got me on a diet! Can it get any worse?!



# Now What?

**T**he pigs that come to live at Ironwood come from all sorts of backgrounds with a multitude of reasons as to why they need to be placed with us. They could be strays that have escaped from yards or been dumped in rural areas, there are those that have behavior problems, some have zoning issues, others have been attacked by dogs, with some the owners are moving and either can't or won't take them and sadly, some pigs are just no longer wanted. Whatever their stories are, we never know what to expect as far as the physical or emotional problems and challenges that accompany our new arrivals.



Babe

The first and most important issue for males in particular is, are they neutered or not. If the answer is no, getting that surgery scheduled as soon as possible becomes a priority. The majority of unaltered males become rather aggressive and some can be dangerous. Even if they have not displayed any harmful behavior at their previous homes, their hormones kick into full gear once they get around all these other pigs and things can get a little

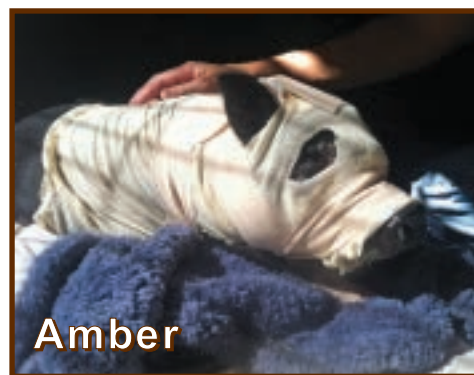


Elroy

dicey when dealing with them. The simple daily chore of cleaning a boar's pen and water bowls can be a real challenge when he is attempting to gain dominance over everyone. The sooner a male is neutered, the sooner he begins to calm down. Males remain fertile for up to 45 days after they have been neutered as it takes that long for any residual sperm to be absorbed. Many times we have had a very aggressive boar come to us, get neutered, go through his quarantine period then be released to a field to become a calm, friendly member of a herd. Babe over in Sunset Field, Porgy in Main Field and Buster in Princess Field are three boys that are proof that an overly aggressive boar can become a friendly pig.

Another problem we encounter with newly rescued pigs is injuries they have sustained either at their homes or while running loose. Most of those with injuries are due to attacks by dogs or coyotes. We have had pigs come in with severe lacerations, missing ears, puncture wounds

and even paralysis in the case of Sylvia many years ago. Sometimes the wounds are things that we can treat topically and with antibiotics on our own. Other times a trip to the vet clinic is required as with Elroy, a sweet guy that arrived this past summer with both ears ripped and swollen. Amber needed multiple surgeries and intense care for weeks after she arrived with most of her face



Amber

torn off by a dog. Ellie's entire ear was bitten off and although



Ellie

she had already had surgery before coming to us, the infection that had set in meant another trip to the vet for her. She has had recurring problems requiring vet visits during the six years that she has lived at Ironwood.

I have mentioned before that we



are unable to get all our females spayed due to a variety of reasons but there are some that simply



**Sweet Tea**

need to be done. A cute young girl named Sweet Tea that came to us this past June is a prime example. Sweet Tea was not spayed and every month when she went into heat she became the biggest nuisance in the universe! She gnawed and/or bit every human leg she could come in contact with, jumped on people knocking some to the ground and pestered the other pigs unrelentingly, mounting them and chasing them everywhere. Sweet Tea no longer does any of those things because now she is spayed and is a sweet, well-behaved young lady.

Pigs need regular hoof and tusk trimmings performed. We occasionally get pigs in that have never been trimmed in their lives. Maurice's tusks were incredibly long when he came here but lucky



**Maurice**

for him they had not yet punctured through his cheeks. Because of the danger of him possibly getting his tusks caught in the fencing or of him hurting someone, we had to get him trimmed right away. Peggy, a twelve year old arriving this past summer, had hooves so long that they had curved upward and crossed over one another. The poor thing had trouble walking and needed immediate attention to take care of her feet.



Not only did Peggy have horribly long hooves, but she is also blind and deaf. Those two disabilities do not keep her from having a happy full life, but they did make for special consideration for her field placement. Peggy went to



live in one of the smaller fields, Special Needs East which is home to a herd of elderly pigs, none of whom we thought would be a challenge for Peggy. She adjusted beautifully and found a shelter,

shade and mud wallow that she now calls home. It took a little time for her to figure out where everything was, but Peggy has her "territory," the section of the field where she feels safe and knows where all the obstacles are. Most days you can find her lying in her wallow. That girl loves the mud and water!

Obesity is another problem for many incoming pigs. Being overweight can not only cause health problems but an otherwise healthy young pig is unable to go join a herd of others of similar age because there is no way he or she can compete with others or defend themselves if challenged when they can barely get around. Obesity leads to inactivity which



**Dozer**

leads to weak joints and muscles. These chubby pigs have to be placed in special needs areas where there are less pigs to compete with and where they can be monitored more closely. They are put on diets in the hopes that losing weight will increase their activity level. An example of how a poor diet can affect a pig is a comparison of two brothers, Otis and Stephano. They were both born at the Animal Control Center in Yuma, AZ then brought here along with the rest of their litter



Stephano

when they were just a couple of weeks old. Otis was adopted into a home where he lived for six years but was returned to the sanctuary this past May when his family moved into an area not zoned for pigs. Stephano has lived his entire life at Ironwood and resides in the Peoria Field with some of his other siblings. He is a perfect weight and remains very active, wandering all over the large field in which he lives. Otis is overweight and sort



Otis

of shuffles around as little as possible. He lives in one of our special needs fields even though he is a relatively young guy.

We have had several pigs, usually elderly ones that have come to us having never been brushed or petted much. Their backs have been covered with years worth of scaly skin, dirt and debris. Two older pigs that have since passed away come to mind. Arnie had so much trash in his hair when he came here that I spent days

running the rake along his back pulling out wads of blanket fuzz, leaves, bits of string and what looked like chicken feed. It was like he had a bird's nest buried in his mane! Dali' had a severe case of thickened scales over her entire body that required weeks of special lotions and brushing small amounts off at a time so as not to



Dali'

abruptly expose her down to raw skin. Thankfully Dali' loved her daily "spa treatments" and was a joy to be with. Just a little gentle back scratching, brushing or raking will keep that from happening. Yes, I said raking! Some of the pigs love to have their backs scratched with the rake.



Macy

Often times we get pigs that have been raised either strictly indoors or at least mostly inside. Many of them have problems adjusting to being out and exposed to the sun all day once they get here. Even having plenty of shade is not the same as being inside. Macy, a white house pig, had to live in one

of the holding pens for much longer than normal before being moved out into a field because she got sunburned so easily. We would coat her with sunscreen and let her have her yard time early in the mornings and she would still turn beet red. It took a long time for her skin to get used to the desert sun, but she is happily living out in Comanche's Field and has made several close friends.

Another issue that house pigs must face is adjusting from walking around on carpeted floors or grass yards to walking on the desert surface. Daphne's feet were bruised and tender after being in the dirt and rocks once she was moved to Comanche's Field. We ended up having to bring her back to one of the holding pens for a rest and recovery period then moved her to the Northeast Field which is smaller with a lot less rocks. Daphne has toughened up and is doing great now.

There are so many things to take into consideration with the pigs and what the next steps are for them once they come to the sanctuary. The lives they led before arriving at Ironwood do make a difference as to what type of care they need immediately as well as long term. We treat each arrival as a precious individual and do our best to provide a good safe home for them. Making pigs happy is our business!

---Donna



Our Wish List

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Postage Stamps (Forever, Post Card Stamps, 49 and 35 cents) Other denominations can also be used
- Used Blankets are always welcome →
- Sheets but not pillow cases
- Sunscreen Lotion **spf 50** (No Spray)
- Vitamin B Complex
- Vitamin E, 400 IU only
- Acid Reducer, Ranitidine 150mg
- Flaxseed Oil, Capsules Only
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- Benefiber (Not Flavored)
- Paper Towels
- Stool Softener

GIFT CARDS

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| Walgreen's | Discover   | Walmart      | Target  |
| Home Depot | MasterCard | Amazon       | Fry's   |
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We have a wish list on [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com). They offer free shipping on many items if you sign up for Amazon Prime.

\*Blankets NOT to give a pig and why:

- 1) Some pigs shred their blankets for nesting so electric blankets can be dangerous due to the wires and plastic parts.
- 2) Since some pigs are shredders, down comforters can be very messy and pigs can get feathers stuck in their eyes and nose or inhale them.
- 3) Afghans can become leg traps if a pig gets their foot/leg stuck in the holes and trips or falls.
- 4) Snugglies....cute but dangerous when a pig gets a leg or head stuck in the sleeves.

Think like a nesting pig when choosing blankets.

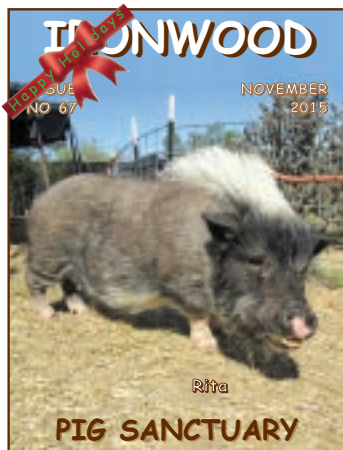
**DONATION DROP OFFS**

It's starting to cool off here in Arizona so collecting blankets for winter is a priority. We never seem to have enough and really need your help. For those of you in the Phoenix and Tucson areas there are four drop off locations for your convenience to save on shipping charges for blankets and other items from our wish list. Please note that no monetary donations can be accepted here. All other material donations are very welcome and much appreciated.

For the Phoenix area you may drop donations off at Susan's in North Phoenix near E Union Hills Dr and N Cave Creek Rd. Call her at **602-339-6213** for directions. Also Carolyn's in East Mesa near Superstition Springs Mall. You may call **480-981-8069** for directions. For the Tucson area you may drop items off at Sherry's in Southeast Tucson near Swan Rd and 22nd St. Call her at **520-622-6304** for directions. Also Ben's in Northwest Tucson near N Oracle Rd and W Hardy Rd. Call him at **520-631-6015** for directions.

**We appreciate all your support!**

# Front and Back Covers



**R**ita is one outstanding looking pig. She is long and gray with a black face and a white Mohawk that makes her stand out over all others here. Hard to believe, but Rita was a stray who we picked up in Tucson on October 1, 2012. She has been with us three

years now. A lady on a regular residential street in Tucson opened her gate one morning to put her trash out behind her house and there stood Rita. Imagine that surprise! She was quite a lot heavier then, so she was bigger than she appears here. The lady took Rita in and kept her for a month while she tried to locate her home. She said she was very calm and friendly, but she could not keep her at her home any longer so we were called to pick her up. And yes, Rita is a very friendly and sweet lady.

We knew Rita was already up in years, so we felt she would not be suited to one of the large fields. Therefore she was moved to Assisted Living Phase III where she has enjoyed the last three years with some



of our other older pigs. We have gotten many strays in over the years but Rita stands out as the most unique of them. I would love to know her history and how she happened to end up in an alley in the middle of Tucson.



Jared Giving Meds to the East Field Pigs

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**J**ared is seen here passing out meds to many of the pigs in the East Field. They are not so easy to tell apart because as you can see they are all big and black. They are also very old so nearly all of them are now on meds. Back in January of 2002, less than a year after we opened, we brought many pigs here from our Annex. At that time it was still Pigs\*A\*Lot where we began our passion for pigs and were prompted to begin a life of rescuing pigs. They have spent their entire lives together and we have reserved the East Field for them and have never added additional pigs to their herd which was originally 58 pigs and is now down to 19. These pigs and the remaining 21 at our Annex facility are all well into their late teens with none under 15. They and the remaining Annex pigs are the early roots of Ironwood and one of the reasons for its existence. Summer and Roo are two among the pigs pictured above who have to be indentified for their morning meds.



Summer & Roo



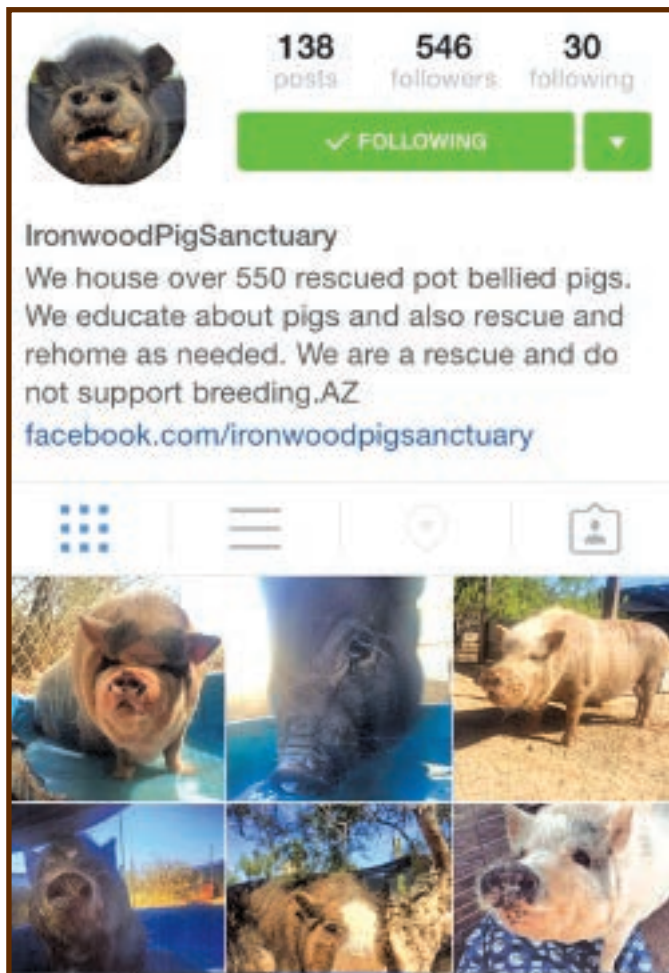
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The **Ironwood Pig Sanctuary** is dedicated to eliminating the suffering of pot-bellied pigs by promoting spaying and neutering, assisting owners and other sanctuaries, and providing a permanent home in a safe, nurturing environment for those that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

\* Ironwood Pig Sanctuary is accredited by the American Sanctuary Association.

\* The Ironwood Pig Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donations are tax deductible.

## Instagram



We have many followers on our Facebook page and have started an Ironwood Instagram. You can see even more pig photos and videos if you follow our Instagram and see updates on new intakes.  
[www.instagram.com/ironwoodpigsanctuary](http://www.instagram.com/ironwoodpigsanctuary)

*Dear Ironwood People,*

*I think it's great that you take the time to make life better for your piggies. Such a great cause, and I love your brochures! How can anyone not donate to your sanctuary? Your photos make one smile!*

*Continue your great work!*

*Bettina*



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