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PIG SANCTUARY

Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

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Dear Supporter,

July 2021

I would like to start by saying what a wonderful response we had to our 20th Anniversary Newsletter. So many people took the time to write to congratulate us and wish us well in the future. I cannot tell you how much it means to us to receive so many notes and positive words from so many. And the timing could not be better. As we crossed the actual 20th Anniversary on June 10th, the thermometer shot up to over 110 degrees. We are experiencing one of the longest consistent runs of extreme temperatures we have experienced. I know I say this every year and I think every year it is true at the time, but each year it gets worse. We truly need all the encouragement we can get at this time, so thanks very much!

Like so many, we have finally mostly emerged from the COVID crisis. Most of the staff are now vaccinated and we have been able to do a few short tours for out of state travelers who were also vaccinated and wanted the opportunity to see the sanctuary while traveling. The vaccine has made our life much less stressful and we no longer need to have employees off to get tested as frequently like we did for so many months. Our caution paid off since no one on staff got COVID and we never had to close for quarantine. However, before we do too much celebrating, we are now closed due to the extreme heat. As happens each year, we lose staff because the intense heat is just too much for some to endure and I surely get that.

Many of you may have read or heard of labor shortages. This is certainly true here at the sanctuary. We have suffered from a chronic shortage of staff since the COVID crisis. At that time it was due to so many being off for quarantine and getting tested to be sure they were safe to come back to work if they had an illness. I am not sure now of the reason we are having so much trouble getting employees. I believe it is a combination of heat, distance, and the rising cost of everything which makes it more difficult to work on a sanctuary salary.

So we continue to work with many challenges as you will read in the following article, but with your support we will continue our mission and rescue as many pigs as we are able. As we go to press this week, we will be welcoming a group of pigs from Kingman, AZ in a dire situation. And pictured here is little Olive who was picked up by PACC, Pima Animal Care Center, as a stray with multiple life-threatening dog attack wounds. She was released to us and we have been and will continue to have our veterinarian treat her wounds as she recovers. These are two of so many situations we face daily. With your support we can continue to save and care for pigs like Olive.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,


Mary Schanz
President & CoFounder



Apr. 10, 2021

Dear Ironwood folks,
 Your newsletters touch my heart deeply!
 It seems that there is no relief from
 the task of rescues that is before you.
 The Humane Societies, SPCAs, Animal
 Leagues, never make mention of the
 suffering endured by pot bellied pigs.
 I don't even think they keep them in
 their shelters and make them available
 for adoption. How sad! Absolutely tragic!
 Those pigs are every bit as intelligent
 and loving as cats and dogs!

Judith
 (Belinda's sponsor)

Judith, one of our sponsors and supporters, wrote this note to us recently. Since I read all the notes and review all the donations, I was particularly taken by this note. Judith said it all, but I thought I would take the opportunity to elaborate on her note. The problem is much larger than many of you may be aware. I cannot speak for the whole country, but I do believe Arizona is representative of most of the country. When we first were involved with potbelly pigs in the late 90's, our Humane Society was still taking pigs and adopting them and Animal Control would pick up pigs, but once they had them at their facility they would call us to take them which we did. One of our first pigs was a stray wandering on Taylor Lane in Tucson so we named him Taylor. He was the first pig to get a sponsor.

Today things are worse as the potbelly pig overpopulation

problem has exploded. Generally speaking, Humane Societies and Animal Control facilities will not take pigs in except for a few exceptions. If a pig is a stray walking the streets or a nuisance or danger to someone on their property, they will be picked up by PACC, Pima Animal Care Center. In Tucson we are always called to get any pig that is picked up by PACC. Most of these agencies do not have facilities to house the pigs nor do they adopt them since they don't feel they know enough about pigs to place them in a safe environment. The Department of Agriculture will help on occasion but that also depends on the location of the pig and if an officer is available. They will also call one of the rescues to take whatever pig or pigs they are picking up. They generally respond only to extreme cases of abuse or neglect. None of these agencies will pick up a pig where the owner simply wants to release it because they no

longer want the pig. The fate of those pigs is entirely up to rescues like ours who are overflowing with pigs.

In addition, because livestock have little or no protection from animal welfare laws and potbelly pigs are considered livestock, there are little or no laws that protect them. There are no requirements for shade or shelter even though we are experiencing triple digit temperatures now as we always do in the summer months.

People always write to me that there should be laws to protect these pigs and to ban breeding them and of course, I agree. However, there are no people to advocate for them and state legislators would not pass the laws even if they were written. I know ours in Arizona would not. Those of us doing the rescue have no time or energy to address this important issue.

What Judith wrote is so true, pigs are as deserving as other animals of respect, humane care, and protection under existing laws, but those things are elusive at this time in agencies and this daunting task is left to rescues like Ironwood.

I hope this has helped you to understand the enormity of the problem and the important part you play with your support of the pigs at Ironwood. We are so grateful for your support.

—Mary

Pigs in the Desert

Many people have a preconceived idea of the desert in Arizona as a rather barren stretch of sand with an occasional saguaro or barrel cactus sticking up here and there. The Sonoran Desert where Ironwood Pig Sanctuary is located, is actually full of a variety of vegetation. It may not be a green oasis, but there are many beautiful plants. The cactus in this area includes the saguaro, barrel, several types of cholla, pincushion, prickly pear, hedgehog and ocotillo. There is an abundance of brittlebush and creosote bushes in the area as well as palo verde, mesquite and ironwood trees. A good winter rainy season will bring a spring full of small wildflowers and grasses that quickly die off once the heat sets in for the summer.

If you have ever visited Ironwood, you may be saying “I don’t remember seeing all those plants.” And that would be true as you stroll through the fields that the pigs live in. They tend to root up and eat just about everything. But, if you look



Desert Growth
Outside Pigs’ Fencing

through the fence out into the surrounding unoccupied desert area, it’s a whole different plant world. The sanctuary looked that way in the beginning, but as time has passed and hundreds of pigs have rooted their way across the fields, there is not much left now except the trees and saguaros.

Back in 2001 when we moved our first little herd of pigs into the newly built Main Field, they literally disappeared into the foliage. I remember many a morning at breakfast time, plowing through the bushes calling and looking for Blossom who either never heard me or just thought it was funny to watch me in a panic because I couldn’t find her anywhere. Back then you really could not see the pigs once they wandered out into the field. It sure looks a lot different now!

There are quite a few palo verde and mesquite trees growing naturally in the pigs’ fields. These provide nice shady spots for the pigs to relax and hang out with their friends. About 16 years ago, an employee had a family member

who owned a plant nursery that was going out of business. They donated 20 honey mesquite trees to the sanctuary. Those were planted throughout the fields on the east side of the property. (This was before the west side expansion occurred.) During their growing years, the young trees had to be fenced to protect them from being destroyed by the pigs. Now those same trees provide shade for the piggies. Well, except for the one in the exercise yard by the holding pens. It didn’t fare so well but did leave behind a trunk that comes in handy as a scratching post. Bernie is one of many that has enjoyed a good back rub on



Bernie

that tree, wearing the bark off completely. He was even gnawing on it in an attempt to show off and look tough for the pigs watching from their pens. He was recently neutered and still full of “boarish” behaviors that included showing off his tusks.

The palo verde trees bloom each spring with bright yellow blossoms. When those drop the pigs consider it a treat and spend



Field With Little
Vegetation Remaining



Palo Verde Tree

within the pigs' fields. Those are easily spotted outside the fencing during the spring when the pretty lilac blooms appear.

The pigs also tuck themselves up into the creosote bushes for that feeling of security. Every morning the big bush in the Assisted Living Field will have



Big Charlotte

a lot of time gobbling up the goodies. Batman, Robin and the rest of the herd in Gotham City particularly love those blooms. They hurry to their big tree in the corner every morning during the season to scarf down what fell during the night. It's their appetizer before breakfast! During the summer the seed pods or beans will provide another tasty snack for the pigs. The mesquite trees will also drop a lot of beans. Occasionally we will end up with a pig getting totally constipated from eating so many of the mesquite beans and need to isolate certain ones until the beans are all gone. Some piggies have no self-control when it comes to food! The trees around the property not only provide shade and snacks, but they also give the pigs a sense of safety for their naptime. A lot of the pigs like to sleep with their backs up against something such as a tree trunk so as not to feel so vulnerable. Although the sanctuary was named Ironwood Pig Sanctuary due to the large number of ironwood trees in the surrounding area, there are none



Andre & Frylock

several pigs napping under it. It's a favorite spot for Andre, Frylock, Tyler, Waddles, Bam Bam and Hamlet. It reminds me of when my dad retired and began meeting his buddies at Burger King most mornings for coffee and chit chat. This bush is the Burger King of Assisted Living for all the old retired guys! Creosote bushes are a hardy plant that tend to grow in clusters or circles. Unfortunately, the pigs love to eat these. In most of the fields that house younger

pigs or large herds, the bushes have been gnawed down close to the ground. The areas that are home to elderly, less active pigs will have huge bushes that grow and thrive due to the constant water supply from dumped pools and water bowls. The spring flowers on the creosotes are another delicacy that the pigs enjoy eating. One time Big Charlotte went through a mad nesting phase for weeks and broke long limbs off the creosote to stuff in her house along with shredded shade cloth, blankets from other houses and anything else she could reach until it exploded out the door. She was so proud!

The various types of cacti have



Creosote



Saguaro

presented some problems over the years. After a while we discovered that the pigs were using the stems or trunks of the saguaros as rubbing posts and were actually wearing down the outer skin despite the presence of sharp spines. The pigs have such thick skin that the spines don't seem to faze them at all. Pieces of hog panel were used to build triangular fences around the stately saguaros to protect them. The barrel cactus has also



fallen victim to the pigs. The spines on these are curved with barbed ends, so they're not being used to rub on. The problem is if one tilts enough the pigs will push it over then eat out the entire insides from the



Barrel Cactus

bottom. A few years ago, Charlotte in the North Field always seemed to have her head down inside a big barrel cactus that had fallen. A few of those



Teddy Bear Cholla

have been protected with fences within the pigs' living areas.

We do our best not to disturb the vegetation even though the pigs just do what comes naturally and do their own damage. The one cactus that has been removed or completely fenced off in all the fields is the teddy bear cholla also known as jumping cholla. These are covered with short round arms that are readily detached by animals or the wind to take root in the soil. The problem is the spines are barbed and quickly



"jump" on whatever gets close. They are very painful and difficult to remove. A pig full of cholla "balls" is a nightmare!

Oddly, another of the cholla varieties common to this area are enjoyed in different ways by the

pigs. The staghorn cholla has more slender pieces than its teddy bear cousin without the "jumping" attachment factor. Rudy frequently enjoys an acupuncture session on the staghorn in his yard. He carefully moves inward to position himself with spines touching his head and back then freezes for several



Rudy

minutes at a time. There are several pigs that do this on a regular basis. A small, leaning saguaro in one of the exercise yards is also often used for acupuncture, as demonstrated by Isabelly. She stood in that position for the longest time while I was there taking photos of others in her play group. Strange but true! Taryn has posted pictures and videos on Ironwood's Facebook page of Wylie, Poppy and a few others



Isabelly



Rami, Sedona & Kwili

that actually eat the staghorn cholla...not the blooms but the actual stems, spines and all! Ouch!

The desert vegetation is beautiful and amazing in the ways the plants have adapted and thrived to the heat and dryness. The pigs use the various plants in both constructive and destructive

ways. The damage can be disturbing, but the pigs are just doing what pigs do. This is just one of many reasons we do home and yard checks for pig adoptions. If you have a pretty landscaped yard, maybe a pig is not the best choice for a pet. People need to know that pigs love to root and that it's just a natural activity

for them. The sanctuary does own additional acreage outside of the fenced areas occupied by the pigs that serves as a buffer from future housing growth. Those acres will remain untouched and the vegetation safe from harm.

The desert may be a dry, hot, prickly place to raise pigs, but this is where Ironwood is needed.

Many times we've been asked why we keep pigs in this harsh environment. There are over 620 pigs that are currently residents at the sanctuary. The calls and emails to take in more pigs come in on a daily basis. If we moved to a more appropriate place in another state, which would be a nightmare task with this many pigs, what would happen to all those who've not yet made their way through the gate? Yes, it's a lot of extra work to provide shade, water and housing to protect the pigs from the hot sun and high temperatures, but it must be done because this is where we are needed. And none of it would be possible without your support. Thank you for helping us provide a safe home for these wonderful, sweet pigs... cactus spines and all!

—Donna

Donation Drop-Offs

There are six locations to drop off blankets, sheets and other material donations from our Wish List (no monetary donations can be accepted here).

East Phoenix: Carolyn's in East Mesa near Superstition Springs Mall. 480-981-8069.

Scottsdale: Karen's near Scottsdale Rd and Cactus. 480-313-2047.

Fountain Hills: Geri's in Fountain Hills. 480-229-8318.

Henry
Bien

Tempe: Anne's near McClintock and US-60. 480-720-5168.

East Tucson: Sandra's in the Civano neighborhood. 804-840-5296.

Northwest Tucson: Ben and Mary's near N Oracle Rd and W Hardy Rd. 520-631-6015.



Sponsor a S



My owners weren't supposed to have pigs and got in trouble with their HOA, so I came here with my sister Dixie. Good thing too since they were letting us breed. No more babies now!



My human family abandoned me and my sister, just moved and left us behind. The mean neighbors ate my sister then a nice neighbor called Ironwood to help me before I got eaten too. Whew!



My humans lost the house they were living in a moment and I was left in a place for a piggy. I was on the board here and they let me go home but when they came back I became a pet.

These piggies, whether loved or abandoned by previous owners, now need your support. Your \$30 monthly donation will help provide the basic daily needs for the pig of your choice. You will receive a letter about your pig along with photos then an update later in the year. Thank you for caring!



—Donna



Special Pig!



My human mom got evicted from their home and moved to a motel...not the ideal situation. The plan was to find another home and find another home that didn't work out, so I'm a permanent resident.



Poppy

My human mom got evicted from her home and we were living in her car. That was weird and uncomfortable! Thank goodness she found out about Ironwood. Now I have lots of space and friends.



Dixie

My owners were breeding me but all my babies died and I got real sick. A heat pad malfunctioned during my surgery and burned my left side leaving me with big scars. I'm doing great now though!



Rubble

My human mom got evicted from their home and we were living in her car. That was weird and uncomfortable! Thank goodness she found out about Ironwood. Now I have lots of space and friends.



Rocco

My family had to move to Texas and couldn't take me along. They had never gotten me neutered so that was taken care of right away. I am so much more relaxed and happier now with that done!



Bubba

I had been left at another small sanctuary where they thought I was neutered until several of their females ended up pregnant. Oops! Ironwood got me out of there and got me neutered.

Kendall

Hi! My name is Kendall. I want to tell you all about my life, so I guess I'll start at the beginning. I was born in March 2020 at a home south of Tucson, AZ. My humans were letting Mom and Dad breed over and over then just giving away the babies when they could.



Kendall

Those that stayed ended up getting pregnant too. Anyway, the home owner evicted my humans who sued them but lost in court. It was a big mess. They got kicked off the property and the cops were called when they came back to feed us. That's when all us piggies ended up in the rescue network to find homes. In September 2020 Ironwood took in Chardonnay (my mom), her latest litter of eight 5-week-old babies, Skyler (my sister) and me. My dad, my brother and a one-year-old boy all went to another pig sanctuary in Phoenix, AZ.

Skyler and I were taken to the vet clinic right away to be spayed.

That went pretty well. I was a little sore after, but I healed up real fast and never had any problems. Well, I actually did have a problem, but it had nothing to do with my surgery. The nice people here at the sanctuary noticed that my back leg kind of swung around weird when I walked.

They took me back to the clinic for some x-rays. The vet says it's a congenital thing where my L4 and L5 vertebra are fused which makes me walk a little funny. It isn't painful, but the bad thing is if I ever got pushed or shoved real hard, I could easily get hurt and maybe mess up my spine so that I couldn't move. It sounds horrible, but you know what? I



Kendall's Herd

don't even let that bother me. I like to wander around and dig in the mud and do stuff like the other piggies. But to keep me safe while I do those things, the humans put me in a small field with 9 other pigs and let my sis, Skyler come with me. Yay...I



Ginger, Denise & Kendall

love her! And do you know what I found out after talking to these other pigs? They all have problems with their spines, shoulders or joints too! I'm not the only one! We all need to live with a small herd so we don't get hurt by bigger, rambunctious pigs. That's a big word, isn't it... rambunctious. It means they might be too rough and rowdy for us because we're special and need to live a calm, quiet life.

The place I live in is called Shakey's Field. Shakey is one of the boys that lives here. How cool that they named the field after him! I think it should be renamed Kendall's Kingdom but that's probably not going to happen. Another pair of sisters named Denise and Ginger who are 4 months younger than Skyler and me, moved to this field at the same time we did. I sometimes hang out with them at rest time. Ginger's feet hurt her so she lays down a lot. Denise is sweet about spending lots of time



Skyler & Kendall

with her. Now that I think about it, Skyler spends a lot of time sleeping too, but I don't know why. (Maybe she's just lazy, but don't tell her I said that!) I like to walk around the field and look for stuff to nibble on like scraps of hay that is spread around for us every morning. Sometimes I even chew on sticks. I don't really eat them, but it's fun to just gnaw on one every once in a while.

Skyler and I tried out some different shelters to sleep in then



Skyler & Kendall's House

picked out a house in the front of the field. It's under a big shade ramada. There's a tree next to that so we have even more shade.

When we get hot, there is a pool and a mud wallow just outside our door. Cool! Miley, Billy, Christopher and Finn hang out in the shade with us because we have the best wallow. Everybody in the herd has their own pen to go in when we get fed except for Skyler and me.

We kind of share our meals, going back and forth between our two bowls. Every morning I get half a peanut butter sandwich with my breakfast. It has some medicine and vitamins tucked inside, stuff that I need to keep me strong and able to walk better. It's so yummy! I look almost exactly like my sister so to help the humans feeding us know which one is supposed to get the sandwich, they sprayed a little bit of green paint on my back. The Green Girl gets the goody!

Because my spine is fused, I can't be turned onto my back to get my hooves trimmed like the other piggies. I have to be anesthetized so I won't wiggle or squirm around and hurt myself.

Fortunately, that doesn't have to be done very often. In fact, I've only had it done once so far

and didn't even have to go to the vet clinic. The humans have a machine here they can use to do that. That's handy dandy!

Anyway, that's what my life is like. Since I have special needs, it's really a good thing that I ended up at Ironwood. I wanted to thank you for sending donations so that Skyler, me and



Eating Breakfast

all the other piggies in Kendall's Kingdom (Hah!) have a nice, safe place to live. You're awesome!

—Kendall



Kendall

The Breeding Stops Here

In May 2021 Ironwood took in a family of pigs from a man who was moving and said he had too many animals. We learned after talking with him that his pigs were breeding, but he never bothered to separate males from females. The mother of the current litter is only 2 years old, not even at her full adult size yet!

Bernie, the dad, is a handsome 5-year-old in good health. The mom, Willow, at only 2 years of age is a bit thin and bedraggled from life as a young mother.



Bernie

They arrived with their boys, Gibson and Costner and girls, Jessie and Leanne. The kids are almost 6 months old. All of the family have now been spayed or neutered. Getting them out of their previous home then getting them altered has prevented the birth of many more unwanted pigs.

If this family had been allowed to continue uncontrolled breeding, there could easily have been over 250 pigs in just 2 years. A pig's

gestation period is 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days with an average litter size of 6-8 but as many as 15 is possible. Due to the short gestation time, a female can have 2 litters per year. If that continues uncontrolled, the toll on her body is immense particularly when breeding begins as early as 4 months of age. Having been spayed, now Willow has the



Willow

chance to gain some weight and let her body concentrate on growing to her full adult size which is reached by age 3. Luckily, Jessie and Leanne will never have to experience what their mom went through at such an early age.



Gibson & Costner



Leanne & Jessie

This family of 6 will never increase in number. That is great news for Ironwood and other pig sanctuaries who are struggling to keep up with the number of unwanted pigs needing placement. We always push for spaying and neutering. You can help by encouraging anyone you know with pigs to get their pets altered. Another way to help is never purchase from a breeder. This just encourages more breeding and more pigs ending up in a world with too many already. Always adopt, always spay and neuter...good rules for any breed of animal!

Your support allows Ironwood to not only get pigs like Bernie, Willow, Gibson, Costner, Jessie and Leanne spayed and neutered but to also provide a safe, comfortable home for them. Thank you!

—Donna

AIG Triples Your Donation!!

Are you an employee or retiree of AIG? If you are, then you can make a donation to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary and AIG will match it two for one. Or, if you have a different company, go to our website at www.ironwoodpigs.org and select Support Page then Donate. Select an amount and put in AIG or your company name.

It will tell you immediately if your company matches your gift. Follow the directions. Your gift, with your employer's match will go even further toward taking care of the over 625 pot-bellied pigs at the Sanctuary.

Donate Appreciated Stock

The stock market has increased in value over the past few years. If your stock has appreciated and you want to use that asset for a donation, then donate the actual stock. You will avoid the capital gain tax and receive a deduction equal to the current value of the stock. If you are 70 1/2 or older, you are forced to take yearly distributions from your traditional IRA. These distributions are taxed as ordinary income. To avoid the taxes you can direct the company that manages your stock to send the distribution directly to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. The same approach works for any appreciated asset such as coins, stamps, property, art, stock, etc. Check with your financial advisor on how you can make your donation and save on taxes.

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**, please sign up on our web site or with the enclosed envelope.

You may indicate on either that you prefer email updates. Thank you!

Better for the environment and less expense for the sanctuary! **Let's "Go Green!"*



Elvis has been with us for 12 years and is one of our oldest residents at age 19. Olive, an 11-year-old who has lived here for 8.5 years, photobombed Elvis while he was giving his best "bedroom eyes".

NEW! Chewy.com Wish List

Ironwood now has a Wish List on Chewy.com which includes the brands of pellets we feed the pigs. Here's how to find us.

- *Sign in to www.chewy.com
- *To the right on the navigation bar, click "Give Back"
- *On the drop-down menu, click "Donate to a Rescue"
- *In "Find a Rescue", type in Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

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



Stella

We had a fantastic response after initiating the list in April and got well stocked up on several items no longer listed. The feed pellets, of course, are always needed as well as a few other items. Thanks for your support! The piggies send their love and appreciation!!

PS: We also have a Wish List on Smile.Amazon.com under "[AmazonSmile Charity Lists](#)" on the left side of the drop-down menu under your "Accounts & Lists".

Our Wish List

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

***Sheets* A Priority for the Summer!**

- Canned Pumpkin - *High Priority*
- Fig Cookies - *High Priority*
(NOT individually Wrapped)
- Miralax
- Stool Softener
- Animal Crackers
- Fiber Powder (Non-flavored)
- Peanut Butter (Creamy Only)
- Famotidine Acid Reducer, 20mg



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Front & Back Cover



Pancakes and his pal Nacho have been featured in previous newsletters for various reasons, but this time Pancakes is our cover boy. I started to receive emails about them in July of 2019. They

were both living at a Day Treatment and Training facility for special needs adults. By January of 2020 the facility was moving to a new location and the boys could not go with them. Nacho was neutered, but Pancakes was not. Pancakes was truly a handsome boar with a thick reddish coat of hair. But of course, since he was now residing at our sanctuary, it was necessary to neuter him before he could go out into the large field we had chosen for him and Nacho to live in. As luck would have it, Pancakes was cryptorchid so abdominal surgery had to be performed. The hidden testicle was truly hidden and difficult to find. He developed a hernia and had to return for surgery twice, but in the end he finally healed and was ready for his new home.

The boys were both moved to the Northwest Field along with a number of others. They each eat in a feeding pen instead of the troughs and I think they like the special treatment. They both enjoy the freedom of their large field unlike their old home.



Dale & Felicia

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Dale's story was told in our Newsletter Update in February of 2020. We were told he was a stray, but when we arrived to pick him up the elderly couple said he belonged to their grandson who no longer wanted him. He was a beautiful young pig but was quite lame on one of his front legs. After trips to the vet and consultation with a radiologist, it was discovered that two of the bones in his elbow did not match up. With time and meds his condition has improved. Dale was moved to one of the large fields and has made new friends, particularly Felicia. He eats in a small feeding pen so he does not have to fight to keep up with the herd, but he is living a full life with his pig friends and watched carefully by us.

Felicia was sort of an add-on pig when we went to Duncan to rescue a young, stray boar who a lady had been trying desperately to find a home for. Before we traveled to Duncan to pick up the pig, we were told Felicia was also in need of rescue. So we rescued the young boar who became Duncan and Felicia came home to Ironwood as well. Felicia was soon released to the large Northwest Field with a number of other pigs who were moving out there. She is a very friendly and social pig, but when she was in heat she became a true terror in the field chasing people to the top of shelters, so we soon took her to be spayed. Once she recovered and was returned to her field, she settled in nicely and now lives in much more harmony with everyone concerned, pigs and people alike.



Felicia & Dale

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