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Miss Lady Gray

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Dear Supporter,

March 2022

As I write this letter and look toward March, it seems that we may once again welcome visitors in limited numbers. We had a couple relatively normal weeks in early December and then made the decision to pause visitors and volunteers once again. Many of our staff have been and continue to be off sick with COVID and we were unable to quarantine everyone who may have been exposed because our pigs still had to be fed, watered, and their medical needs met. Therefore, we have acted with caution by requiring everyone with symptoms or exposure to COVID to get tested, having all who were sick remain at home, and closing to visitors and volunteers.

I continue to be amazed at how crippling this virus has been throughout the world. And Ironwood has been no exception. March marks two years now that we have been dealing with staff shortages and all the consequences of being short most days. However, compared to others, we have been fortunate. We have not had to experience the isolation like so many in the country because we must work together, gratefully working outside. But our tasks have been more difficult when COVID restrictions are combined with all the other normal reasons people are absent from work. I find myself saying so often “I am so sick of this”, but “CLOSED” is not an option for us.

I feel sure we have not yet seen the end of how the virus will continue to affect all of our lives. As an example, we have not even been able to establish how much water our new well from last summer might produce because of emergencies, staff shortages at his company, and the company owner himself being out for six weeks with COVID.

However, no matter how this virus has changed or affected you personally, your support has never faltered. Your donations of all kinds and letters of encouragement have truly meant so much during these very difficult times. We have and will continue to roll with the punches. We will open to visitors and volunteers when it seems wise and close when we feel it is necessary or prudent.

In spite of all the COVID issues, we continue our mission to rescue as many pigs as possible and continue to do outreach for those in need of our help. We have taken in several more strays; Sport, Pillsbury, Sergeant Terry Lee, and Cinnamon. We are now assisting a kind lady who has a horse rescue. She took in over 20 pigs from a disastrous situation where the owner is awaiting a court date. We have supplied her with shelters and blankets and have separated the males from the females. As soon as we are legally able to do so, we will start with neutering all the males. We are so grateful Deanna agreed to take the pigs when we could not do so.

From wherever you are in the country, these Arizona pigs depend on you for their survival. Our heart goes out to these pigs and our sincere thanks to you for supporting our efforts to help them.

Sincerely,



Mary Schanz
President & CoFounder

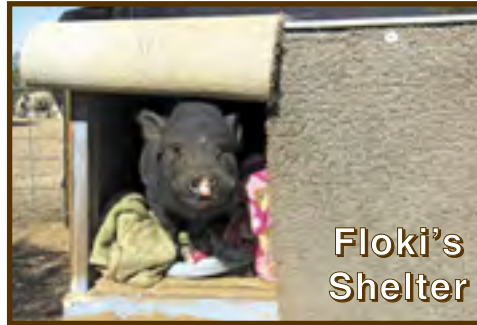


Rescued Pigs

Northeast Herd

The sanctuary's original huge enclosure has been subdivided into many separate fields over the years. At first, it was done to create living areas for specific pigs that were either too shy to emotionally handle being within a large herd, had physical disabilities that required a smaller, safer space or for large groups that came in from the same rescue. Later, we had to expand the sanctuary boundaries and began building new fields to accommodate the increasing number of incoming pigs. Nearly 20 years ago when the first herd grew in number, there were a few extremely shy pigs that were not handling the situation well at all. That's when the Northeast Field was created. This gave those pigs a place of their own and as they gained confidence, more pigs with similar needs were added to

A variety of shelters are scattered throughout the field to give the



Floki's Shelter

pigs choices of where they want to sleep. Louis, Floki and Flynn are buddies but maintain their preference to have their own sleeping quarters. They chose a quiet corner



of the field that has a few houses to pick from, all nestled within the creosote bushes.

Nearby is a shade ramada

where many a hot, summer day is spent lounging next to the pool and mud wallow. Another corner has a smaller shelter and pigloo.

Wilbur, a very shy boy, spends a lot of his time in this section. Years ago, a large pen was created in the middle of the field and has been used as a "sick bay" for pigs that needed to be temporarily

isolated for monitoring or to recover from minor injuries. The gate is left open when not in use. Daphne and Valentino have chosen that as their home base. A large community shelter that we refer to as a "lowboy", is a favorite spot for Amber, Albert, Polly, Oscar Hoo, Miss Pig Newton and Wilbert. Sometimes Carnie joins them, but she usually prefers having her own space. The lowboy is enclosed during

the winter by hanging carpet pieces around all sides. The friends snuggle into



Summer & Winter Lowboy

the pile of blankets to stay cozy warm all night. In the hot season, the carpet is removed to leave the structure open to catch the breeze. Near the front gate is a cluster of shelters under a shade ramada. Baby Girl, Miss Pig Newton and Pepito all live in that area. Lucy is very independent and likes one of the big houses. Every once in a while, Carnie has been seen in



Northeast Field

the herd. None of the original herd are still with us, but today this mid-sized field is home to 17 pigs and provides a safe, comfy place for them.

there with her, but Lucy is totally comfortable on her own. There



Kelli's Korner

are other shelters tucked in shady spots around the field for when someone needs "me time". We



Albert

make sure there are more houses than pigs to provide choices and variety to meet their needs, personalities and shifts in friendships.



Amber & Carnie

There is also a front corner section that has been fenced off to make an area that is currently called Kelli's Korner. Kelli, Bart and Curtis live together in this area with a nice shade tree and

two houses. In the past, this corner pen has been home to several different pigs that needed a smaller area for a while before being physically capable of joining the Northeast herd. The current residents have had attempts to be out in the larger area, but Bart's feet give

him so much difficulty when he wanders around too much that they always end up back in their space together. We've not given up hope yet though. Bart gets frequent work done on his pads and hooves, helping to strengthen them up and hopefully grow more normally. In the meantime, this sweet trio enjoys one another's company.

Lucy, Carnie and Albert are the three big pigs of this herd. Lucy

has a personality to match her size and the other pigs defer to her with no fuss. She holds the alpha position (but don't tell Wilbert because he thinks he's the King!). Carnie is one of those piggies that

can be very sweet with people, laying down for belly rubs and being your best friend then suddenly whipping around to bite you. She's one to be cautious with. Albert is a big teddy bear; a sweet, lovable boy that enjoys attention from people he knows and trusts. At nine years of age, Amber is the smallest of the herd. She is smaller than the average size pot-bellied pigs. She has a calm, quiet demeanor but is popular and well-loved by members of her herd. Wilbert is



Meal Prep

sort of the nut case in the Northeast group. He is a very active boy and can be rather intimidating, particularly at feeding time.

And speaking of feeding time.... That is the most important event of the day in the pigs' lives. When the feeding team arrives and begins setting up the bowls, bucket and special meals, the herd gets very excited and gathers near the feed station. Wilbert has put himself in charge of supervising the preparation process and takes his job seriously. Every morning you can bank on him being in the exact same spot standing up on the fence with his face at the level of



Wilbert's Feed Pen

the table watching every move. He gets a little out of control over the food, so once the feeder has everything prepped, the first job is to put Wilbert in an individual pen to get him out of the way. Now the feeder can take care of the rest of the herd without worrying about getting knocked down by him. There are several pigs that eat in small pens like his for various reasons. Polly has weight issues and needs control over the amount of grain she gets. Flynn is lame and had trouble competing with



Feeding Troughs

others at the troughs. Wilbur (not to be confused with Wilbert) is much too shy to eat with others. Albert needs a lot of fluids because of past urinary tract issues, so he gets a big bowl of diluted juice with his meal. Lucy and Carnie, being so much larger than the others, were getting more than their share in the troughs. Daphne needs to eat a wet mash due to past dental and nasal problems. Anyone with no need to be fed individually eats together in the troughs. A measured amount of grain for that

particular number of pigs is put in the troughs. Those piggies are free to dart back and forth, gobbling up grain as they go.



Grazing on Hay

Once all the grain is gone, all the pen pigs are let out then the whole herd can enjoy grazing on alfalfa hay that is dropped in clumps around the entire field. That allows them to spread out to individual spots or mingle with a group, whatever they are most comfortable with.

While the pigs are eating, the feeder checks the shelters, tucking in blankets where needed, looking for anything out of the ordinary and just making sure the pigs are okay and have everything they need to get through their day safely and comfortably. A while later, a member of the watering team comes through to scrub the bowls and pools, refilling them all with fresh water for the day. They also clean and fill the water bowls inside each of the individual feeding pens so that all is ready for the next meal.

Miss Lady Gray, Floki, Baby Girl and all the other members of the Northeast herd appreciate the

efforts of the sanctuary team. And YOU are a part of that team! Your support and dedication enable this herd and so many others to have a safe, happy life where all their needs can be met.

—Donna

Miki Jo's Rescue

After a long day and having found a safe place for a girl who was about to be left behind when her owner was evicted and leaving that day, I sat down to check email in the evening and this was the first thing I saw on my screen.

“Subject: Pig Running Loose”

“We have a pot belly pig running loose at the end of our street. For 5 days it has been hanging out in the same place, right off the side of the road. Some of the neighbors are putting food out but I don't think there is any water for it. We are all scared it is going to get run over or eaten by the coyotes and a bobcat that live in the neighborhood. Is there any way you could rescue it?”

She included this picture of a little grey pig. My heart went out to her. I literally wanted to just sit there and cry. I knew she would only have so much time before dogs, coyotes, a bobcat, or a car got her, so I called the number



given to me and got the address and information and was assured she would check on her in the morning. The next day I met Nancy there, which was over an hour away on the southwest side of Tucson. We arrived prepared to get the pig, but it was quickly evident the only way we would catch her was to come back and build a hog panel pen, clean up all the old food and hope we could chum her into the pen.

The stars were lined up right for this little girl. She had a lucky charm. The next day I went with three others from the sanctuary



Frank

and they built a nice pen for her complete with shelter and blankets. A rope was rigged that could be pulled to close the gate from afar. We raked up all the old food scattered around then put water and food in the pen. But who would be there to pull the rope and close her in? While we were working there, a nice man

by the name of Frank came by and was so delighted to see we were going to try to catch her. He said she had actually been there for about three weeks and she had a companion who had been caught by the Sherriff's department and some helpers. Frank was our key to catching her. No matter how well the pen was made, someone had to be there to pull the gate shut with the rope. Frank was willing and available to watch for her in the pen. Several times he put snacks in the pen and would watch for her. She would not go in while he was near, but when he returned the snacks were gone and so was she.

Then the phone rang and Bingo!!! She was in the pen and Frank had pulled the door shut and it worked like a charm. We had her!! Ben and I immediately headed out



Miki Captured in the Pen

from the sanctuary to get her. Frank was waiting for us and was so happy that he had been able to catch her. She was determined to get out, but the fencing was tightly fastened and there was no escape.

We were able to load her into a carrier and bring her home. What a happy moment for everyone involved in this girl's rescue.

Once at Ironwood I checked on her that cold and windy night and found that she was so cozy in her shelter with soft warm comforters. She has settled in



In Her Shelter



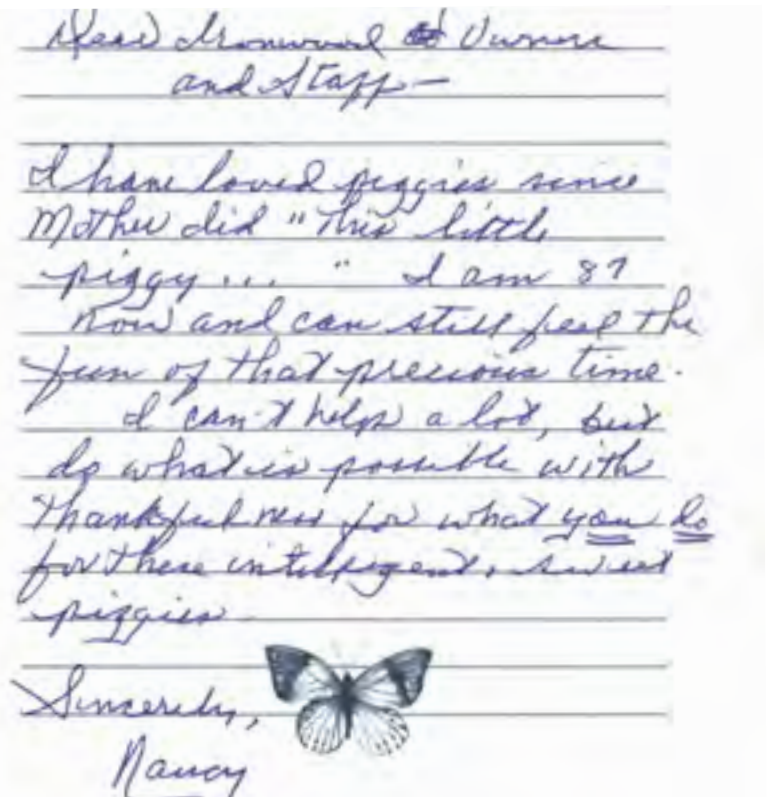
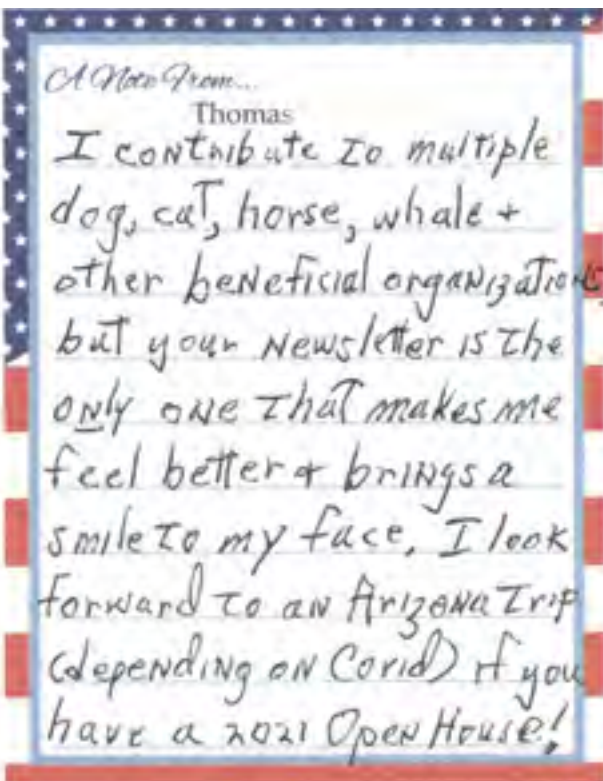
very nicely and is one happy little girl.

The combined efforts of so many made this rescue a wonderful success. Donnie, who first contacted me on the evening of January 10th and set the ball rolling. All the neighbors who had been putting food and water

out for her and those of us who went there to prepare for her rescue. But most importantly, Frank who patiently waited and watched for her to go into the pen and was able to pull the rope closed and keep her safe until we could arrive to pick her up and take her HOME.

Mary

PS: We named her Miki Jo to commemorate Muriel (Miki) Jo who left our pigs a large bequest in her trust. Sharon, the trustee of Miki's trust, said "I think 'Miki Jo' is a delightful name for a pig. Miki had a great sense of humor and I believe that she would have been tickled to have a pig namesake."



These are just two of the hundreds of notes that we receive. Thank you so much for your encouragement, complements and well wishes. —Mary

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Lucky

How lucky am I to be living here with regular meals and clean water to drink! I didn't have any of that at my other house. I'm living a lucky, charmed life here!



Ruth

I have joint and balance problems making it hard for me to get around. My humans never got me help and were going to euthanize me. I'm lucky there was room for me here.



My friend, Topan behind when our The neighbor took while but work to He asked Ironwoo

Make March a lucky month for one of these pigs and become their sponsor! 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.



Donna & Mouse

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

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Special Pig!



Cory

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Topanga

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pounds are coming
ly but surely!



Maisie

I was a "pass around pet," living
in several homes. The last
owner got fed up with my bad
behavior. Getting spayed and
living with a herd of pigs turned
me into a good girl!



Zipper

My siblings and I were
an unwelcome surprise
at our first home. We came here
to be spayed and neutered then
were supposed to go home, but
Dad never came back for us.



Emmie

A sanctuary supporter found me at
the Swap Meet in a tiny cage with
no food or water. Thank goodness
she bought me and got me to
Ironwood. Life is sure better now!



Cricket

I've been living at Ironwood for
about 9 months now. It's been a
great place to grow up and I love
being in a big space with all of
my family. I feel very safe here!

Donation Drop-Offs

Check our Wish List to find items that are currently needed. There are five locations to drop off those material donations as well as the always needed blankets and comforters. (No monetary donations can be accepted here).

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

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

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

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

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



Chincho

Our Wish List

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

***First Class Forever Stamps**

Animal Crackers -*High Priority*
Famotidine Acid Reducer, 20mg -
High Priority

Fig Cookies
(NOT individually Wrapped)

Miralax
Canned Pumpkin
Stool Softener
Fiber Powder (Non-flavored)
Peanut Butter (Creamy Only)



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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.

Fancy Hairdos

Because of the intense heat during the Arizona desert summers, the pigs drop all of their hair, usually in June, to help stay cool. It grows back slowly and by the end of the summer, everyone has cute crew cuts. But now in the middle of winter, the piggies look fabulous with their full coats. Some will grow long manes that start at the forehead and continue down past the shoulders along their spine. When a pig is happy, they show their pleasure by raising their manes up tall. This may happen when you are petting them or even just talking to them if they're familiar with your voice. It also goes up if one of their piggy friends comes over to nuzzle or cuddle up for a nap. Here are some happy pigs showing off their magnificent manes.



Birdie

Birdie has a soft feathered style to her mane. She is an adorable member of the family group living in the Kingman Field. At almost 2 years of age, Birdie has some more growing to do. Pigs reach their full adult size by age 3. It looks as if she is going to

remain smaller than average though. She's such a little cutie and so sweet!



Bubba

Bubba chose to go with the spiked look. His mane is not very thick, but it jumps out at all angles when you give him a backrub. This chubby 6-year-old lives in the Far East Field with a herd of 35 pigs. He fit right in with the pigs but was a bit shy with people at first. Over time he turned into a real sweetheart that loves getting attention.

Maisie's hair fashion is like a peacock fanning its feathers. Maybe we should add glitter and sequins! Maisie is part of the same herd as Bubba and often hangs out with him. This sweet



Maisie

5-year-old came to us because of aggressiveness. Just goes to prove that being with other pigs as well as getting spayed can make a major difference in personality. She is so lovable now!

Mouse is going all out with the Conehead design this year. Check out that pointy head! This teeny girl lives with a group of elderly folks in the Cat Shelter even though she is only around 6 years old. Prior to coming to the sanctuary, her front legs had been



Mouse

broken and never treated. The bones fused in a way that makes getting around a bit of a challenge so she rests often. Mouse is full of spunk though and is an absolute delight!

Pigs are always beautiful in my opinion, but I must admit that they are at their best with full winter coats and lovely manes. No matter which fashion statement they're going with, those manes are spectacular!

—Donna

Visiting With Andre

Hi! My name is Andre and I've lived at Ironwood since March of 2018. I was very obese with lots of medical issues when I



Andre

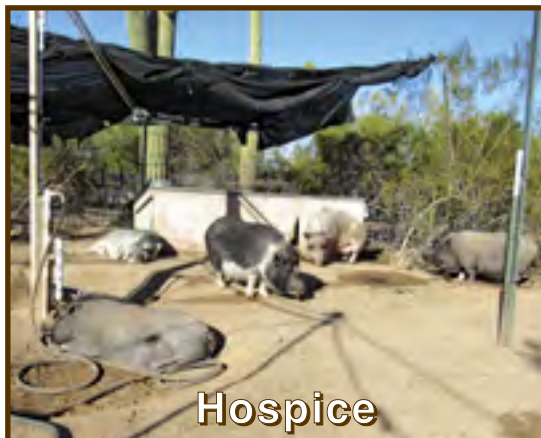
came here. The people here have been great about helping me diet. I actually lost so much weight that I had to have a tummy tuck to get rid of all that loose skin. I've also gotten all the medical help I needed...and still need on occasion. Because I have to be monitored all the time due to my urinary tract issues, I was placed in the Assisted Living Field since there are people in and out of there all day. It makes it easier for them to keep an eye on me. But enough about me! I wanted to talk to you about the field I live in as well as some other areas at



Assisted Living Field

Ironwood that are home to pigs that need special attention.

Like I said, I live in Assisted Living. It's a nice sized field but smaller than most of the others out here. A dozen of us pigs currently reside here. Most of them are elderly pigs with arthritis that has limited their mobility to the point where they had to "retire" from the big fields and come to a smaller environment that they can physically handle. A few of us, including myself, are under 10 but



Hospice

have other physical limitations that make this the safest environment for us. Next door is a smaller area called Hospice. The 7 pigs living there are really old and don't do much other than eat and sleep. It's a nice, quiet place where they can be relaxed and comfortable. On the other side of my place is Assisted Living Phase III. That field is divided into two parts. The smaller section has 4 elderly boys



Assisted Living Phase III

that retired from different fields and 2 girls that experienced emotional distress when in a big herd. (That's a nice way of saying they freaked out and couldn't handle it.) Daisy loves her quiet life with the guys. Santa Baby is fairly new to the group and still getting to know everyone, but it looks like it's going to work out great for her.

Now I'm going to tell you about some of the other special living quarters set up in other parts of the sanctuary. I've never seen them but have heard about them. Wouldn't it be cool if I could sort of fly over there and look down at those pigs?! If pigs could fly..... Anyway, there's a place down the way called Silverbells. This is a



Silverbells

group of 11 piggies in their teens that all used to live in the Peoria Field. When a bunch of youngsters moved into their field last summer, they all moved out into their own place to be safe from the challenges of the young ones. Just like my herd, they have a big barn where they can all sleep together if they want. There are also smaller shelters if anyone wants some privacy. Then if you go even farther out on the east side of the property, there's a spot called Karter's Kasino that was built specifically for Karter, her



Middle East

daughters Piggy Pooh and Smokey. The retirees are elderly and dealing with arthritis. Momma has it too even though she's only 7.5 years old. Her girls needed to stay with her because they have such a close relationship plus the fact that they were all dieting. Like me, they came here carrying way too much weight. That sure didn't help Momma's joints!



Karter's Kasino

family and a couple of friends. They used to live in the Princess Field but were getting too arthritic to handle that big of an area. Karter's family are a bit wild and are more comfortable being in a low traffic spot as far as humans are concerned. They have lots of bushes to hide in back there.



Cat Shelter

Way off on the opposite side of the sanctuary, there is a small field situated in the middle of several others. It's called Middle East and is home to 3 pigs that retired from Spike's Field a few years back along with Momma and her

the 11 residents are in their upper teens, but there are also 2 young girls named Mouse and Penny G. These ladies have major joint problems and spend a lot of time lying down. But they're safe and happy living with the old folks. Nearby is the Visitor Center and

the manager's home. Both have backyards fenced in where a few pigs with special needs live. Like some of the other fields we looked at, there's a mix of old pigs with arthritis and young ones with disabilities.

All of these different places get extra attention from the Ironwood staff. They check on us often during the day to make sure all of



Visitor Center Yard

us are doing okay. In the afternoon they make sure we've got plenty of blankets if it's cold or enough water in the mud wallows when it's hot. And now, I'm exhausted from all this talking and from flying around the sanctuary. Hah! I wish! Anyway,



Andre

it's naptime for me. Thanks for listening and thanks for sending donations to make all this possible. You're the best!

Love, Andre

Donate Appreciated Stock

The stock market has more than doubled 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 ½ 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 your stock manager to send a portion of 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.

Remember Ironwood Through Your Estate Plan

The Ironwood Pig Sanctuary has been the recipient of bequests from many generous supporters. These donors felt that they needed the assets during their lifetimes, but decided to link themselves forever with the ongoing life of the Sanctuary by making bequests through their estate plans.

Bequests can be a percentage of the estate, or a specific dollar amount, a particular stock, bond or mutual fund portfolio, a piece of real estate, naming the Sanctuary as remainderman of the estate after providing for family and friends, or stipulating that the Sanctuary will benefit from a portion of the estate if certain beneficiaries predecease the donor. Refer to your financial advisor.

Your support makes it possible for us to give a loving home to the over 650 Pot-Bellied Pigs in our care and is very much appreciated.



Ila & Daisy

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

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

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



Felicia

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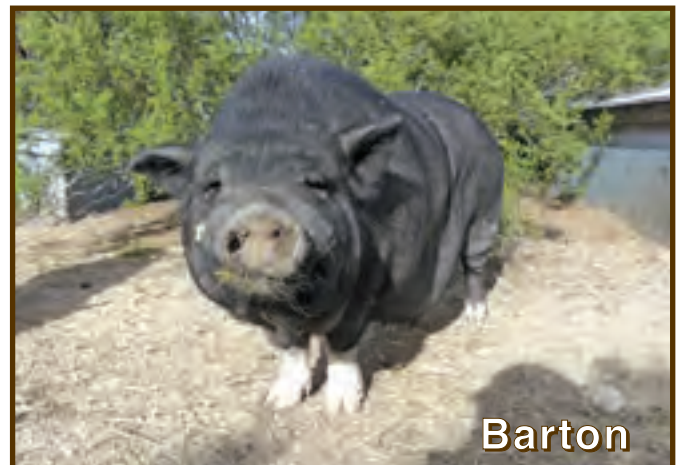


Yes, this adorable little girl was a stray released to us from Pima Animal Care Center back in July of 2018. We estimated her to be about one to two years old, so she has now grown to maturity. She went to a foster home initially but

came to Ironwood soon thereafter. For such a young pig she was quite lame on her back legs and also one of her front legs. This could have been the result of her being on the lam for a time or from her original home. The history of our strays is always a mystery for which we will never know any answers. Because of her history and her lameness, we decided she would be most suited to live in the Northeast Field. The feature article is about the Northeast Field, so you have an opportunity to learn about all her field mates. Her lameness has healed and she is no longer on medication. While she is still pretty shy, she likes attention when approached quietly. She has learned to be very active and is front and center at meal times and enjoys grazing with her herd mates. Miss Lady Gray and Pepito have become good friends over the years.



Poor Barton was named Bertha in his previous home. He never quite understood why they referred to him as “she” and called him Bertha. He was Bertha even on his release form. Maybe they called him Bertha because he is such a very sweet boy. It seems they would have figured out in two years that he was a boy. His family had to move, so he came to live with us in April of 2015. Even though he was quite young, about two or three when he arrived, we decided he would do better in a smaller field since he was overweight at the time and his personality fit better with a smaller field with less competition. Barton likes to nap in the sun with several of his herd mates, but he doesn’t have a best friend. He has a quiet personality and gets along with everyone. He eats in a feeding pen which is adjacent to where the meals are prepared. He loves being there and getting extra attention. He has such a sweet face and a wonderful smile that fits his personality.



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