

# Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

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Dear Friend,

February 2021

No one really wants to look back on 2020, but everyone at Ironwood is thankful for the outstanding support we received from you throughout that difficult year. The outpouring of love for the pigs was amazing! When money was needed for veterinary bills, you were there. When Flynn needed an expensive medication for his stomach problems, you were on it. When new pigs needed a sponsor, you stepped up. When Open House was cancelled, material donations poured in through the mail as well as at the local Drop-Off locations. We felt the love then and are still experiencing it every day.



Torpedo & Benjie

Since you shared your love of pigs with Ironwood's piggies, I wanted to share some of their "love stories" with you. Pigs are herd animals and most are very social. Some came with their families and have continued to maintain close, loving relationships with them after joining large herds. The pigs in the Peoria Field are a prime example. Most of the herd came from the same home and are related. They love being together and snuggling up for naps in the sun. Ewok and Bambi, on the back



Peoria Family

cover, came here together and continue to love their cuddle time with each other and their other four family members.



Sprinkles, Blue & Poke'mon

Sprinkles, Blue and Poke'mon are not related but lived together at their previous home. After being at the sanctuary as part of a big herd for nearly five years, they are still best friends. Each likes to wander around on their own to explore, but they always meet back up when it's time to rest and relax. Timmy and Boss Hog met here at Ironwood. Their friendship took some time to develop, but they are now close buddies and spend nearly all their time together.



Timmy & Boss Hog

We love to observe the pigs and see who hangs out with who, what pair is seen spooning inside a shelter, which shy pig is finally found lounging within a group, etc. We always share pictures on our phones of who we see during the day. The love and happiness these pigs have found here couldn't happen without you. Thank you for being there for them!

Sincerely,

Donna Thomason  
Sponsorship Coordinator

# Hannah

**H**annah, a 2.5 year old, came to Ironwood with her sister Meg in August of 2020. Their owner was scheduled for surgery and would be unable to care for them. A month later, Hannah began squinting her eyes, blinking frequently and having drainage. At the first of seven visits to the vet clinic, she was diagnosed with an ulcer on her eye. The upper lid was stitched back so that her



Hanna & Meg

procedure went very well although her right eye still had an ulcer. She was also able to get spayed that day.

In early December Hannah went back for a checkup and had her stitches removed. Her eyes looked great and there was no further need for the daily ointment. She may need more tissue removed in the future but all is well for now. Hannah's eyesight is not perfect. She still bumps into things at times, but her eyes are open and no longer irritated or painful. She is a happy gal and loves going out into the yard to explore with her sister Meg.

--Donna



After Second Eye Surgery

lashes wouldn't irritate it. We were told to continue the eye ointment we had been using for her. During her next checkup, the sutures were removed and the ulcer was gone.

eye specialist who determined that Hannah needed entropion surgery but said she needed to lose weight first because her heavy brow was pushing her lids down which in turn, pushed the lashes inward. As a temporary solution, both eyes were sutured partially closed at the outer corners, just enough to keep the lashes off the eye. The daily eye ointment continued. A month later Hannah and Meg went to the clinic to be spayed. It turned out Hannah was starting her heat cycle, so that had to be postponed. While there the vet redid the sutures in both eyes. She felt that weight was not an issue and got Hannah's entropion surgery scheduled two weeks out. That



Finally Healed

A few weeks later Hannah was once again squinting and blinking in pain. Another trip to the vet proved that the ulcer was back along with conjunctivitis. Another stitch was put in the upper lid in hopes that it would create a scar that would hold the lid higher to keep her lashes off the eye. After little improvement an appointment was made with an



Spay & Entropion Recovery

*If you would like to help with Hannah's medical bills, please allocate your donation in her name. Her total is \$2,467.44. This sweet girl appreciates your support!*

# Meet The Peppers



Age: 5.5 years, female

Came: February 2019

Why: Aggressive, bit kids

Home: Comanche's Field, herd of 17

Likes: \*Sitting in water bowls  
\*Napping in the sun with pals  
\*Eating, of course!

Dislikes: Being petted

Pals: Pooah, Gretel, Chicky



Age: 8.5 years, male

Came: August 2013

Why: Owner pregnant, said I was too big

Home: Assisted Living Field, herd of 14

Likes: \*Snuggling in blankets  
\*Grazing on hay  
\*Sleeping-anytime, anywhere!

Dislikes: Being in crowds

Pals: I'm an independent guy



Age: 13 years, female

Came: November 2012

Why: Fought with 3 elderly pigs at home

Home: West Field, herd of 20

Likes: \*Relaxing with friends  
\*Fruits & Veggies  
\*Burrowing in the sand

Dislikes: Cold rainy days

Pals: Scarlet, Zoe, Betty, Carl



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