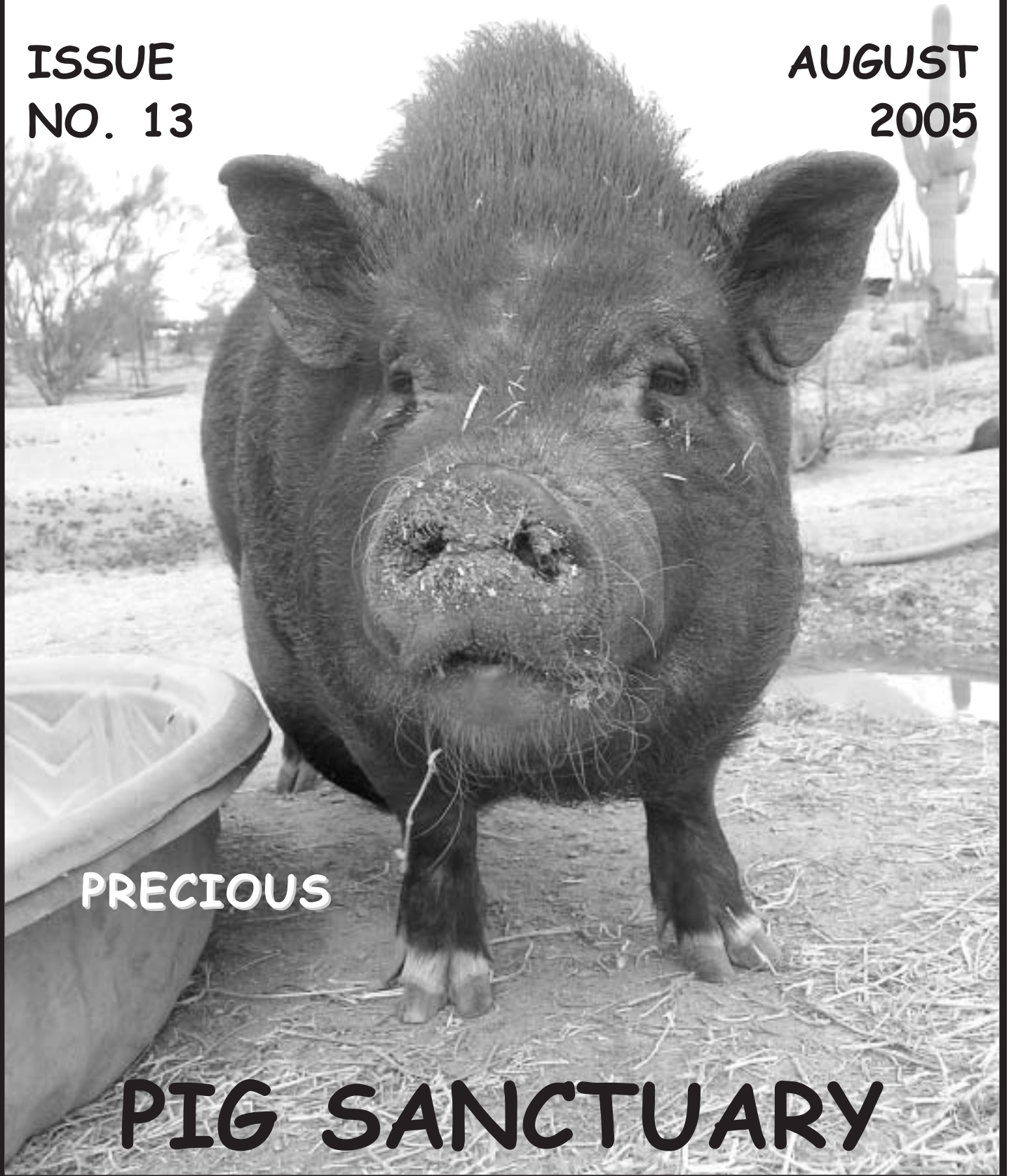


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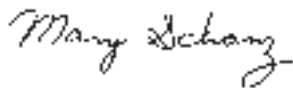
Dear Supporter,

We come to you this summer with some of the best news we have ever had to report from our desert sanctuary. This spring we hit good, sufficient water in our well to provide enough water for all of our pigs and residents without having to haul water. Ben will give you more details in a related article, but with our new well and our new 24,000-gallon water tank, we can store enough water for two weeks. There is nothing more important than having enough water for all of our pigs, as the temperatures soared to 112 this past week.

We have hired new staff now that Donna has closed this chapter and moved on to her new life. Donna made sure that Michelle was brought up to speed with the many daily tasks needed to operate the sanctuary and to make a smooth transition for those of you who sponsor one or more of our pigs. We are also adding additional staff for the summer to help everyone cope with the stress of working long hours in these extremely hot summer days. It only takes one trip to the sanctuary to recognize that all those who work in these conditions are special people.

Every quarter that we come into your lives and living rooms, we come with news of recent rescues, new happenings at our sanctuary, news of outreach projects and networking to place more pigs in new homes, and an appeal for your financial help so we can continue to provide for our sweet pigs and continue to help others in need. We so appreciate and need your help and could not possibly take care of all these animals without you.

Sincerely,



Mary C. Schanz
President and Co-Founder

PS: It is my hope and my dream that one day I will no longer hear the ring of the phone and the message that my pig or pigs can no longer live with me. In the meantime, the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary will continue to provide for as many of these needy pigs as we have the means to.



Howard and Mary

Hug Your Pig Today

I just had to thank y'all again for my Neevis and Wilbur. We've had 'em for a year now and I knew that I had bonded with 'em, but I didn't know how much 'til the other day. I am so proud of my adopted pigs, I wanted to tell y'all about it.

I have lots of critters to tend and was doin' the noon snack time for all of 'em, before we do siesta time. I had cut up some apples and carrots for Neevis and Wilbur. At snack time, I hand-feed the snacks and socialize a tad with the critters. I was in the pen with Neevis and Wilbur. They had their snacks and I had just finished givin' Neevis a scratch. When I took a step forward, I was watchin' Wilbur comin' towards me, from the other side of a small gully, and didn't see the cut-off tree limb in front of me. I hit my head with a loud thud and the lights went out for me. I 'member fallin' backwards, away from the tree by the gully. With a flash of bright light, my last thought was that I was lookin' at the noonday sun.

When I started comin' around, I was thinkin' that I was in a washin' machine, on the spin cycle. I was bein' pushed, shoved and tumbled and I heard grunts. When I opened my eyes, I was layin' half in the pigs' shelter on the other side of the gully and in the shade. "How in the world did I get here?" I thought, as a snout pushed against me. Accordin' to my watch, I was out for about 20 minutes. I told my mate about it, and how sick I felt, when he got home from work. I had a concussion and had to stay down for a few days.

We truly believe that Neevis and Wilbur saved my life. By pushin', shovin' and rootin' with their snouts, they got me across a gully

and about 8 feet of ground and got my upper half in their shelter. They had moved me outta the sun, into the shade of their shelter. Somehow, they knew the danger of bein' in the noonday sun in the Arizona desert.



Wilbur, Cougar, and Neevis

So tell everyone to hug their pig today, cause tomorrow, it might save yer life!

Luv, Cougar

COVER

Precious came to the sanctuary in January of 2003 at the age of 5. Her owners were moving and were not allowed to have her at their new home. Precious was a crazed pig when she was in heat but once she was spayed she settled right down and is now a sweet pig.

She lives in the North field and has made many friends there. I think her favorite is Reggie. She loves her wallows. She is so cute with her big nose.



Working Together

Working Together We Can Save Lives

It was late one Saturday night at the end of June and I had just arrived home from the sanctuary and I was very tired. I went to the office to listen to my messages and a man from Scottsdale had called to say he had moved to



They All Tried To Get Into the Pool

Portland, Oregon, and he needed to place his six pot bellied pigs, one pygmy goat, and one deer. The real bomb was that his house had been sold and was closing in a mere 5 days from the time of his call. I could not bear to call him, so I asked Ben to call him when he arrived home and tell him we were not able to take his animals. He said he had been trying to place them for some time with no success. He said they were social and one of them, Jimmy Dean, had been a house pet for about 4 years. They ranged in age from 5 to 10 years old. If he could not find a home for the pigs he felt

that his only option was to have them euthanized rather than go to some unacceptable home where they could end up in a miserable situation at best.

I was unable to sleep that night and had to go to the sanctuary early the next morning, but I could not get those animals off my mind. When I arrived home Sunday afternoon I decided to call him myself and tell him I would make an effort to place his animals even though I did not think I would be successful. I sent out e-mail to everyone I knew who I thought could help and asked everyone to cross-post the

information. I offered to house them at Ironwood temporarily and to transport them if necessary. I was amazed and delighted to receive e-mails back by Monday with two offers to take the animals and one more offer to try to help place them.

Shelby from hoofsnhorns said she would take all of them: the pigs, the goat, and the deer. The deer is not a wild deer but an exotic breed. She hired a young man to transport them in a stock trailer, which was very worrisome since

the temps here were reaching 110 degrees. But they arrived, Wednesday morning

to her place. There were 8 pigs, not 6, and they were not social. They were all very stressed and hot. The hauler said they were handled quite roughly on the other end, much to the dismay of all of us, but we hosed them off and later that day Shelby dug them a nice wallow. Shelby later wrote, "I am going to cut up a bunch of fresh zucchini from the garden and go try to make some friends." Because of rapid communication, a sleepless night, and a very nice lady and her mother, we were able to see these animals safely placed in a fine new caring home within four days from the time we received the call. I wish I had many more Shelby's because I



have so many pigs waiting to find a new home.

Thanks to Jeannie and Angie also who worked so hard in the heat so we could be sure Shelby's new home was ready when the newcomers arrived. And it was!!

---Mary

BEQUEST

Your support makes it possible for us to give a loving home to the 450 Pot Bellied Pigs in our care and is very much appreciated. Consider putting Ironwood in your WILL so that your support can continue after you are gone. We can accept appreciated stock, property, or other assets. Please check with your financial adviser. Please call or write for the exact wording of our name and address.

eScrip --- Sign up Now!

eScrip is a hassle-free way for the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary to raise funds through everyday purchases you make at eScrip merchants.

eScrip and over 150 merchant partners have created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. You shop the way you like to shop. It is simple and convenient. All you need to do is register your grocery club card(s) and debit/credit card(s).

Please sign up by visiting www.escrip.com or call us at (520) 575-8469 or write for an enrollment form. Our Group ID is **150540842**. Everyone can join, so be sure to tell all your family and friends. Thank you for all of your help!



We accept donations with the following credit or debit cards for your convenience.

Become a Sanctuary Sustainer

By joining as a sanctuary sustainer, a donation, be it \$1 or \$1,000, will be charged to your credit or debit card each month. The amount, which is determined by you, will be there each month to care for our sweet pigs. To sign up, just fill out the form on the enclosed reply envelope and indicate your monthly contribution. Thank you for your support!

Meet Our Pigs



Huey -----

Huey arrived at Ironwood along with five littermates back in April

of 2002 at eight weeks of age. Two of the males and the only female were quickly adopted. The remaining three boys were named Huey, Dewey and Louie by a visitor and her young

daughter. The boys look very much alike and are difficult to tell apart. Another pig bit Huey

during a scuffle out in the field and his ear was punctured. The hole in his ear is like Huey's identification tag. We can now easily tell him from his brothers. Huey is a very gentle, quiet pig that loves to get attention from people. He particularly enjoys back rubs and head scratches. Huey and his brothers live in our Main field and spend nearly all of their time together. Most often, Huey is grazing on hay right near the front gate, patiently hoping for someone to stop and pet him.

---Donna



Adam and Eve -----

Adam and Eve are a young couple, only 1-1/2 years old. When they arrived at Ironwood, Eve was pregnant with her second litter. A very nice Tucson couple had adopted a piglet from their first litter. They were concerned about the poor conditions Adam and Eve were living in and the fact that they were still reproducing. They talked with the owner who said she really didn't want any of the pigs and was glad to be rid of them. David and Leigh were kind and caring enough to transport the

two pigs to the sanctuary. (They also ended up taking the last piglet to their home as a companion for their other baby.)

Adam has since been neutered, vaccinated and wormed and is ready for a nice, loving home. He is very cute and a little shy but will allow belly rubs from those he trusts. Adam needs an owner with patience and some TLC to turn him into a wonderful companion.

Eve gave birth to five piglets on June



9th, who all look just like their dad, Adam. Eve is a great mom and is raising a litter of very healthy, happy babies. She, like Adam, is a little shy but is beginning to come around and allow us to pet her. Like any good mother, Eve is protective of her babies but will let those of us she knows come in to take care of her water and clean the pen. After this litter is weaned, Eve will finally have the chance to let her body rest so she can continue to grow and mature without the added burden of motherhood.

---Donna

The Mother Lode

I think we hit the mother lode," said Rick, our well driller, when I asked how much water he found at 1,200 feet in our new well.

Of the 4,000 gallons of water we



consumed in a day last summer, 3,200 came from the town of Marana. An older water truck was purchased that was able to haul 4,000 gallons a trip. Even with this large truck we had to make almost a daily trip into town. The

capacity of our existing tanks was only 6,000 gallons, which would only last two days with conservation. We needed to do something to obtain a better water source and increase our capacity for emergencies.

hole. He went an additional 500 feet to 1200 feet and HIT WATER!! All the water we would ever need at the sanctuary even considering future growth.

The next concern we addressed

This past winter we contracted with a water well driller to go deeper using our original 700-foot dry

was storage capacity at the sanctuary. We purchased a 10,000-gallon tank and then had a 24,000-gallon tank built on site. This gives us a total capacity of 40,000 gallons that would last for at least two weeks with conservation.

Our well pump has been installed and we have begun filling the tanks with the daily excess over our needs. Our precious pigs never had a clue about all this work that was going on behind the scenes to ensure their safety.



Pigs Love Water

Our Wish List

THINGS WE CAN ALWAYS USE:

- * Water Hoses
- * Heartland Products (Refer to page 14)
- * Desitin Creamy Zinc Oxide Ointment
- * Scissors and Utility Knives
- * Stamps (37 cents)
- * Small Wading Pools & Turtle Sand Boxes
- * Shade Cloth (Black Preferred)
- * Used Blankets
- * Dog Houses & Igloo Shelters- Large Preferred
- * Gift Card to Home Depot, Target, Walgreen's
- * Vet Wrap
- * Tarps (12 x 12 heavy duty)

SHELTER MATERIALS:

- * 1/2 Inch 5 ply, 4 ft X 8 ft Plywood
- * 8 foot 2 x 4's
- * Kool Coat

REALLY BIG TICKET ITEMS:

- * Clinic/Recovery Building
- * Tractor with Back Hoe
- * Recent version of QuarkXpress (MAC)
- * 5th Wheel, RV or Travel Trailer

OTHER

- * Trailer for ATV
- * Running Vehicles in safe condition that we can resell
- * Prizes for our Winter Raffle (See Page 14)

Sponsor One of our S

Adam
Amos
Anna
Baldwin
Bennie
Bentley
Betsy



Betty
Biff

Blackjack

Black Socks



Bonita
Bradley
Chi
Chorizo
Chrissy



Clarece
Daisy Mae
Daley
Dewey
Dixie Lee
Doc



Dorothy
Duane



Ferdy
Franklin
Gilbert
Gracie
Hamlet
Harley



Dorothy

Harriet



Shirley

Hart



Hondie
Hoss
Huey
Hunter
Irma

Jackson
Jethro
John-Coffey
Jolee
Jumper
Kane
Latasha
Lennie

Major
Mai-Ly
Mama
Mamacita
Margaret

Our Sp

Hello - my name is Michelle Remillard coordinator.

I have been living and working at the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. The sponsorship program is a very important part of our sanctuary. I know how hard Donna has worked to keep you updated, letters and photos.

I would like to assure you that in this time of uncertainty we will continue the wonderful work Donna has done. We will continue to send you letters and photos of the pigs you sponsor, and we will give you a ear or belly rub to let your pig know how much we love you.

If you would like to join our family of sponsors, please contact me about your pig, please choose from one of our pigs.

A monthly donation of \$30 provides for the pig's care and their share of sanctuary expenses. Thank you for your support.

---Michelle

Little'Un
Loretta
Louie
Lucy

Melba
Miss Piggy
Missy
Morgan

Sweet Pot Bellied Pigs!

Mr. Pigg
Otis
Pearl
Pepe
Pete

Popeye
Porky
Pretty Girl
Princess
Profit

Roger
Rosie
Sabastian
Scarlet
Scout
Shannon
Shelton
Shirley
Spike
Squiggy
Stevie
Susie
Sweet-
Pea
Tillie
Tina
Verdell
Wallace
Walter-
Riley
Waylon
White-



Tallulah

Zena



Spike

Ziggy



Wrinkles & Mr. Ebony

Phoebe
Piggy Sue
Piglet
Poindexter

Socks
Willard
Woolly Bully
Wrinkles

Sponsors

and I am the new sponsorship program

wood Pig Sanctuary since October 2004.
ant part of the success of the sanctuary and
stay in touch with all of you via emails,

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one; that you will continue to receive your
and as always, a special scratch behind the
much you care about them.

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the many listed here.

ir food, water, shelter, healthcare needs and
you for all your support!



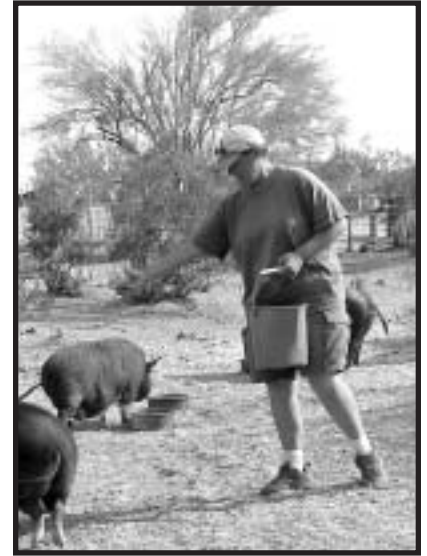
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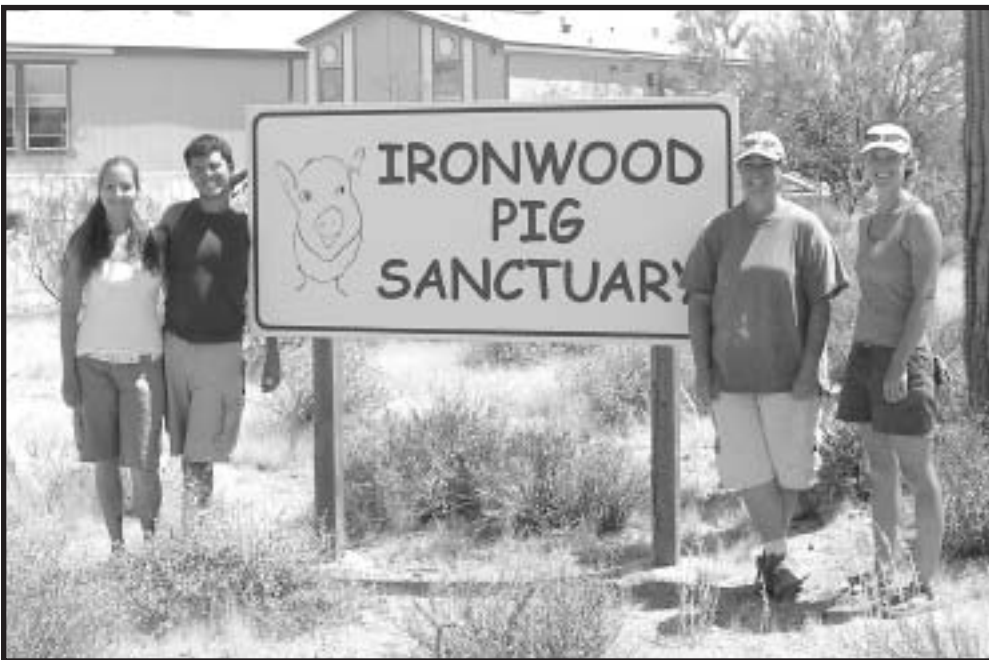
**Michelle and Scott Treat
Annabelle's Skin Problems**



**Jen Prepares the
Morning Medicines**



**Michelle Feeding Pig
Pellets**



Jen, Scott, Michelle and Karen



**Karen Passing Out
Hay**

It's hard work providing for the 350 pigs at our main facility and 101 at the Annex, particularly in this hot Tucson summer weather. Our staff does a wonderful job taking care of all our critters, putting in long 10-hour days. It is a labor of love, with a number of staff members sponsoring their own favorite pigs. The sanctuary is a 7-day-a-week operation with three staff members on all shifts. They feed, water, clean up, trim hoofs and tusks, and perform important medical procedures as needed under the direction of our veterinarian. (Alex, Angie, Grant and Pamala are not shown.)

Annex Problems

As I write this article we are facing a serious problem at our Annex facility. As those of you who have been with us for some time know, we purchased the Annex two years ago in a foreclosure sale in order to save the homes of the pigs on the property. The problem is that we are not zoned to have that number of pigs on the property and now a woman who works nearby has filed

a complaint with the county. We were aware that this was always a possibility. However, our neighbors are all friendly and supportive and the sanctuary had been there for a number of years so we had hoped we would be safe for the lifetime of the pigs who reside there. As we go to press we do not know what the outcome will be. For any of you who have had even one pig that you have had to give up because of a zoning issue, I am sure you understand our trauma over this situation. We are working with a

lawyer and will fight to save the Annex. Pamala, Angie, Jeannie and Janet, Ben, John and myself have all worked hard to make improvements, cool coat all the



roofs for summer and generally keep things clean and nice for the pigs.

If necessary we will build a new field for the Annex pigs at our main Ironwood facility, which is zoned for pigs. However, this will cost the sanctuary thousands of dollars and a huge amount of energy and time that we can ill afford. We would also have to hire another employee to help care for all these extra animals. And trying to make this kind of move during our hot summer

would be very difficult. Pamala and Angie and Matan and Sky, the sanctuary dog, are all nicely settled in and don't want to move or have their pigs move. The pigs have a nice place to live in a loving environment. Some of these pigs have moved three times in the past couple of years and they do not want to move again. Please hold a good thought that our Annex will be safe.

---Mary



Rudy Came From New York



I came to the Annex when it was still Pigs*A*Lot. Some nice people who were volunteering there came and caught me when I was lost and running loose in the desert. It was hot and I was afraid but once I arrived at the sanctuary I was safe and happy. They called me Vincent Van Gogh because a dog or a coyote bit one of my ears off. I am not sure which but it sure hurt. I used to be very shy but some folks took a liking to me, including Bob, and gave me treats. Now I will eat right out of your hand. I like living at the Annex with all of my friends. I also have a nice man who sponsors me so I will have whatever I need. ---Vince

Thank Yous



Special thanks once again to Jane Schwerin who has made it possible to do another large mailing without which we would not be able to continue to enlarge our mailing list. This is absolutely essential if we are to be able to continue to care for all of our pigs and help the community as well.

John Lilly saw that we needed an ATV to help us with our many tasks

And you thought I was kidding when I tell you I thank you and the pigs thank you!! You see they really do. We thank all of our supporters whether it be by check, money order, credit card, eScrip, United Way, sponsors, sustainers, gift cards, donated items, volunteers, or any other way you decide to help us out with our large family. For those of you who have adopted pigs from us this year we are especially grateful. You may not realize it but that is a huge contribution to us by making our load a little lighter. We simply cannot survive without you.

around the sanctuary now that Donna and Justin moved on and have taken theirs with them. He made a very generous donation so we could purchase our own ATV.

Also I would like to thank Janet and Jeannie, and Angie who have become summer regulars at the Annex now that our snowbirds have flown home for the summer. Pamala and I both are so pleased to have all the extra help. Angie even made it possible for Pamala to take a trip home to visit her

family. Thanks a lot Angie.

Barbara and Anne continue to work hard to see that everyone kind enough to make a donation to us gets a note of thanks.

Bob and John continue to help out regularly and we sure appreciate being able to call on them to help with special projects and the regular day-to-day work at the sanctuary, especially in this heat.

Jim Zimmerman has decided to scale back from his very nice home and in so doing has donated



Strawberry and Janet

much of his furniture and a large number of tools that we hope to one day use to build our recovery building, workshop, and clinic.

---Mary



Abby

I came to live at Ironwood two years ago after my owners moved and wouldn't take me with them. I like people and enjoy getting lots of attention. However, I do seem to have a problem with other pigs! I get very jealous when others get attention and push my way to the center of things. Sometimes this gets me in trouble!

It's Still Hot Out There



Our hot summer desert sun can be a killer for all your critters. Please make sure that you provide them with plenty of shade and water at all times. We water our fields and pens at least 3 times a day and have automatic waterers for drinking water in all areas.

The summer is in full swing here at Ironwood. Hot, hot and hot!!

This is my first summer at Ironwood, in Arizona. And boy, what a summer it is... I have to admit there are days while out watering that I consider jumping into a wallow with a pig just to cool off, but I don't think they'd go for that. So instead, I drink a lot of water and hide out under a tree or shade cloth for a few minutes.

I am constantly amazed at how resilient the pigs really are: adapting to new situations, environments, moving into a new field and adjusting, making new friends and just enjoying life! I have learned so much from my new friends since I've been here and every day I thank them for that.

Please be sure your friends have plenty of shade and water!

So, when does it start to cool off??

---Michelle



Pretty Girl



I was found running loose in the desert with my two brothers and five sisters. We discovered this great place with a garden where we got plenty to eat. The lady who owned it didn't like us getting in there, so she made us stay in a big pen until the people at Ironwood could come get us.

---Lisa Marie

Debra and Her Pigs, Arnold & Willy, in Lake Havasu City



As part of our outreach program Ben & Mary, on a trip to Kingman to return 2 young pigs that had been living at the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary hoping to get adopted, included a trip to Lake Havasu City to trim the feet and tusks of Debra's pigs due to the fact that she was unable to find a local vet to do the job. Jake and Susanna, unable to find a home, went back to Kingman to live with their mother and father.

Heartland Animal Health

Heartland Animal Health will reduce the price of the items that the sanctuary normally purchases by 40%! This offer also applies to any of our supporters who would like to purchase products to be shipped to Ironwood. If you would like to make a donation of any of the following products to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary, please contact Heartland. The price shown is the reduced price. The sizes shown are the sizes we normally purchase. Please feel free to purchase a smaller size.

- Item E1256 Pet Pig Elder-Aide GM 5 lb \$74.97
- Item E1120 Pet Pig Survival Plus 32 oz \$45.57
- Item E2150 Pet Pig Hair and Skin Conditioner 32 oz \$29.97
- Item E3050 Pet Pig Aeromycin 5 lb \$53.97
- Item E1825 Pet Pig Vitamin E/Selenium Pellets 25 lb \$17.97

Please use this phone number for ordering: 800-325-8414
-----Thank you for all of your support.-----

RAFFLE

The Ironwood Pig Sanctuary is having a Winter raffle and we would like to solicit your support by asking for contributions of items for prizes - anything from costume jewelry to a Hawaiian vacation - it all makes for a great Winter Raffle later this year. If you run a business and can contribute that would be appreciated.

In the November issue of our newsletter we will include raffle tickets. For the Grand Prize we hope to obtain a Time-Share in an exotic vacation spot. It should be a lot of fun. Please mail any items to our office at 301 W. Spring Valley Pl., Tucson, AZ 85704. Please contact Ben Watkins at 631-6015 with any questions.

Visitors

We love to have visitors to the sanctuary. Our residents sure like the treats and the belly rubs. Whenever a group appears the pigs come forward to greet them expecting a handout. You know pigs, they have only one thing on their mind - food!

Please call ahead for a reservation prior to your visit. There are times when we either have limited staff or a medical visit from our veterinarian when we are not able to conduct any tours.

MISSION STATEMENT

The **Ironwood Pig Sanctuary** is dedicated to eliminating the suffering of pot bellied pigs by promoting spaying and neutering, assisting owners and 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.

Dear Piggy Caretakers!
 What a joy it is to find the sanctuary newsletter in the mailbox! The pictures of the piggies are so cute, I often squeal (!) with laughter at their funny faces and tubby chubby bodies. Annie (the Feb covergirl) with her sticky-up mane, Laverne and Hoss with their squinched-up faces, and Pinto (the latest coverboy) showing his little front teeth and squiggly whiskers are too precious for words!

The stories of their lives are so sweet to read, even the sad ones, since they are now so loved and gently cared for.
 If I lived in Tucson I would volunteer at the sanctuary, but a visit will have to do the next time I come to Arizona! God bless you all and the piggies!!! Ann



Loretta



The Beautiful Ironwood Tree Blossoms

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