

# TRONWOOD

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Dear Supporter,

Once again, as I have done for the last thirteen years, I want to wish each of you and your loved ones a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season. The Holiday Season makes us think about what our priorities are. I know that you make animals, especially our pigs one of your priorities since we get so many holiday notes, cards, packages and donations during this very important time of year. We are truly humbled by your generosity. Your holiday contributions help us to make up for shortfalls during other times of the year and for that we are so grateful. You fill our holidays with the joy of knowing we can continue to give our pigs the most important gift of all, the gift of life. I hope this will be one of your priorities again this year.

I recently read a comment from someone responding to an online article about pot belly pigs and having them as companion animals. The comment was "...honestly this bleeding heart crap is too expensive of a luxury." I do take pause at that comment and I wonder why a life is too expensive of a luxury but a smart phone or wide screen TV is not? To think that saving the life of a pig or any animal for that matter, is too expensive when billions are spent each holiday season on inanimate objects makes one put things into perspective.

At Ironwood we don't think the lives of our pigs are too expensive of a luxury. Their lives are important to us and we do all we can to provide a safe happy home for them once they have come through our gates. None of us can do all we want to do to help with so many causes, but we believe ours is a worthy one. This in no way disparages the lives of any other living being in need of assistance. We have chosen this road and we are grateful you have come along with us.

Sincerely,



Mary Schanz  
President & Co-Founder

PS: I hope you enjoy this issue about the tale of Runaway Wilbur, Charlotte's remarkable recovery, the answers to many of your Questions and meeting our Boarding Pigs. We work hard to keep you with us on the many adventures here at Ironwood. Happy Holidays and I'll see you in 2015.



**Mary With Georgia Who is Recovering From Surgery**

# Questions People Ask

**I**n the last couple of issues of our bi-monthly newsletters, Taryn and I have addressed some of the questions that visitors on tours of the sanctuary frequently ask. In July's issue I talked about why we spay our female pigs. Taryn discussed neutering the males in the September newsletter. In that one I also dealt with what foods our pigs eat and how much we use.

As we take people on tours through the various fields to meet our pigs, we always tell each pig's name and give the background stories on many of them as examples of why these pigs have



**Grandma Winnie**

ended up in a sanctuary. We always hear things like, "Does every pig out here have a name?" "How do you remember all those names?" "Where do you come up with the names?" "How can you tell the pigs apart?" Yes, all of the nearly 600 pigs each have a name. Most have come from homes where they were pets and already had a name. Others were strays or desert rescues and are named after



**Miglet**

our parents, grandparents and other family members. Some of the pigs are characters from books I've read. There have been quite a few musical pigs here...Waylon (Jennings), Willie (Nelson), Loretta (Lynn), B.B. King and his band members, Elvis as well as all his family members, Neil (Diamond), Squealy Dan (aka Steely Dan), etc. Some of the pigs are favorite students I had when I was teaching elementary school, like Hondie and Duane. We just sort of pull names from anywhere and everywhere. I even named one after my date to my high school senior prom....Danny Ray!

One of the hardest jobs for new staff members is learning who the pigs are and remembering their names. We start off teaching the names of those pigs that get daily medications. Some of the pigs are easy to recognize and have various distinguishing marks or behaviors that are memorable. Taryn wrote an article in our March 2014 newsletter about those that look alike and how we determine who is who. Many of

the pigs know their names and will come when called. They are very intelligent animals and can learn their names just as a dog or cat will. As a side note, pigs are also very independent and stubborn and will deliberately ignore you calling their name if it suits them at the moment! Each pig is unique in its own way and deserves to be recognized with a name.

Another common question is, "How long do pigs live?" When pot bellied pigs were first introduced to the United States as



**Peanut Age 21**

the latest "fad pet" back in the 70s, it was reported that they live to be 25 years old. Time and experience have proved that to be wrong. The average life span is usually 12-16 years of age. We do have several pigs in their upper teens with a few of those still doing quite well out in our larger fields. There have been a couple of our pigs that were 21 years old when we lost them and a few others that we think were around that age but didn't know for sure because they were either strays or came from another sanctuary

without background records.



Apache

Breeders of pot bellied pigs are always coming up with the latest and greatest fads....mini pigs, teacup pigs, micro-mini pigs. All claim their piggies will only weigh 40-50 pounds. Yes, that will be true if you don't feed your pig enough (which is what most breeders instruct people to do) and trust that all the inbreeding to keep them small won't cause physical problems down the line due to genetic deformities. In reality, if a pig is properly bred and fed a normal amount, you are bound to end up with an average size in the range of 120-150 pounds. Pot bellied pigs have been mixed with other breeds over the years leading to some pigs weighing in at 200+ pounds. While touring the sanctuary you will definitely see a difference in body sizes, facial structure, leg length, etc. that are evidence of a mixing of pig breeds. Pigs are very dense, stout animals and when standing side by side with a comparable sized dog, you may have a dog weighing 55 pounds and a pig of the same height at 140 pounds. In other words, regardless of what you hear from breeders, pigs are not dainty little

creatures that you can carry in a shoulder tote like you would your Teacup Poodle. They are rootin', tootin,' heavy set animals that love being outdoors where pigs naturally belong.

Another occasional question I hear that always makes me want to giggle is, "How often do you bathe your pigs?" Well, with almost 600 pigs living outside 100% of the time rooting in the dirt and rolling in mud wallows, the answer is almost never. There have been rare circumstances when we have found it necessary to bathe a pig for medical reasons. Kaylee gets an occasional bath because of her skin condition. Christine had to soak in a tub a few times due to a severe infection of the suture line after her spay surgery. Jasper needed to be bathed with a medical shampoo after suffering from



Coco & Ziggy

repeated episodes of Dippity Pig Syndrome (weird name but a real ailment). When Kelsey arrived she was constantly scratching and rubbing on everything from relentless itchiness all over. A few baths and brushing to soothe her skin was all she needed to relieve that. I know a lot of owners who have one or two pigs at their homes will bathe their pigs on a regular basis, applying lotions and

perfume afterward. That is understandable and acceptable. But if you had 600 pigs....really, would you even want to think of giving them all a bathe? Even once? Yeah, I didn't think so. For the most part, the pigs do a great job of keeping themselves clean. Their hair is stiff and coarse so it



Bathing Jasper

doesn't get matted or tangled like a cat's or dog's fur. Because of the high temperatures here during the Sonoran Desert summers, each year the pigs completely shed their coats in a matter of days then start each fall with a fresh clean coat of hair growing in.

We strive to make each of our tours of the sanctuary an educational experience for our visitors. For those of you that have never had the opportunity to come to Arizona to see our pigs, I hope that this article has shed some light on any questions you may have had about pot bellied pigs. They are wonderful, loving animals each with their own personality and deserving of the care that we are able to provide with your help and support.

---Donna

# OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, November 8th From 11:00AM to 3:00PM**

This year's Open House promises to be another fun filled day! It's going to be on Saturday, November 8th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. You are all welcome to attend and don't hesitate to bring your friends and



family along! We will have snacks and drinks available. There is no admission fee. You can have a tour of the Sanctuary, visit with pigs, purchase shirts, hats and knickknacks then relax at the Visitor Center. We will have a raffle drawing for a handmade pig quilt and jewelry. It is always a great time, so come on out and enjoy the day with us and the pigs. We love sharing our pigs and the sanctuary with you!

You should receive an invitation with a map in the mail. If you don't, please call Ben at 520-631-6015 or email us at [ironwoodpigs@yahoo.com](mailto:ironwoodpigs@yahoo.com) for directions. Below is a list of things we need at the sanctuary. If

you bring peanut butter please bring CREAMY ONLY... it spreads so much quicker and easier when making the "medicine sandwiches" for the pigs. Everyone can bring blankets (we never have enough), then if you would like to help out more, please choose from this list. (Those marked with "\*" are items we need and use the most.)

\*\*BLANKETS

\*Peanut Butter, CREAMY

\*Fig Newton Cookies (or equivalent brand)

Animal Crackers

Children's Multivitamin (NO IRON)

Mineral Oil

Flaxseed Capsules

Ensure (VANILLA ONLY)

Vitamin E Gelcaps 400 IU

Triple Antibiotic Ointment

Vitamin B Complex

Benefiber Powder - Unflavored (Not Metamucil)

The above items are things we are in need of now as well as blankets, blankets, blankets! (I know I keep repeating blankets, but....) We love you all, appreciate your support and hope to see you at Ironwood's Open House. Mark November 8th on your calendar!

## Shopping On Amazon.com is Easy

Shopping on Smile.Amazon.com is identical to Amazon.com except that for all your normal shopping including our wish list items, Ironwood Pig Sanctuary receives a 0.5% donation from Amazon. It is a super easy way to give to the sanctuary, especially if you want to give something extra for the holidays. We have numerous items on our Wish List already picked out so you'll know you are donating exactly what we need. The list is updated frequently so it's always current.

Here's how it works: On Amazon's Home page, click on "Wish List" in the top right corner and go to "Find a Wish List" then enter Ironwood Pig. You may choose items from our list and click on "Add to Cart" for each. When you have completed your selections, go to "Cart" and check out. The items you choose will be shipped directly to us. How easy is that! Thank you for all of your support.

# Charlotte's Remarkable Recovery

**I**n July Mary received a phone call from a woman who said she had a pig, Charlotte who had just had babies and that she wasn't doing well. She said that her teats were hard and that she did not have any milk. She added that Charlotte was also unable to walk. Charlotte had just had 14 babies, 9 died pretty quickly mostly from being laid on. The woman needed help with getting Charlotte somewhere for medical attention and with how to take care of the remaining piglets. Mary agreed to help with getting Charlotte to our vet and instructed her how to care of the babies.

Ben and Julian went to pick up Charlotte and then took her to Adobe Vet Center. Once Dr. Staten saw Charlotte, it was clear that Charlotte had severe mastitis. It would have been helpful for the doctors to sedate Charlotte and get a better look at her infection. However, the woman who had Charlotte was not available to give permission for anything to be done, so the most Dr. Staten could do was diagnose her and tell us what



**After First Surgery**



**Healed and Enjoying Her Wallow**

medications to put her on, which would be a lot.

The woman agreed to let us take Charlotte to Ironwood in order to treat her. When Charlotte arrived at the sanctuary after her vet visit she could hardly walk, just as the woman had said. Her mammary line was huge and hard and she had a fever. She was super sweet right off the bat and loved attention. We started by giving her some pain meds and heavy antibiotics. We also gave her subcutaneous fluids per the vet to try to keep things flushing through her system. She put up with the subcutaneous fluids for a few days.

Charlotte was put on two different antibiotics and an anti-inflammatory. She was on the antibiotics three times a day at first then she was changed to having them twice a day. Getting her to take so many pills did prove

to be tricky. It worked out that we would stuff them in melon or open the capsules into a soft food for her. This grew to be her favorite time of the day of course. We were also instructed to massage Charlotte's stomach. She was getting dry spots on her stomach, so we would also massage a cream onto her.

Within a couple of days Charlotte's mammary glands started expanding. Soon a weak spot opened releasing a large amount of pus. We were instructed by our vet to flush this area well and not to open up any other areas. We were also told to soak Charlotte's stomach in a diluted betadine bath. We were able to do this using a swimming pool. Charlotte was great about letting us flush her wounds and keep her clean. We kept her in our cooled barn with sheeted floors to keep her off of the dirt.



**After Second Surgery**

Charlotte needed to go to the vet to begin the process of debriding her now draining wounds. Dr. Page spent two hours debriding the necrotic tissue and removing

two mammary glands. Surgical packing was inserted into one of the large openings. Charlotte arrived back home with large open areas that we would need to clean often. We were told she had gangrene mastitis which is a life threatening condition and she could quickly become septic and die rapidly. The idea behind the packing was to keep a moist material in the wound so things would stay clean and moist. We were able to change the packing as needed to keep it fresh. Again, Charlotte was amazing with her attitude during these procedures.

After a few days Charlotte needed to go back to the vet since there was more necrotic tissue to be removed. On this visit Dr. Page removed three pounds of necrotic tissue and put in three drains. Charlotte returned to the sanctuary with large open sections and drains. We needed to keep her extremely clean, flushing the holes and drain sites often. This was normally easy to do unless Charlotte was in heat. In that case it was nearly impossible to do anything to her as she had other things on her mind.



There was a lot of additional necrotic tissue that would need to come off for Charlotte's wounds to heal. We sloughed some off with dry wash clothes and used silverdeen cream to soften the rest so that it would come off. It was easy to see the progress made with this. Dr. Staten was soon at the sanctuary and was able to recheck Charlotte. She was pleased with how she looked and told us to keep checking the one mammary gland that was still large. If it got harder or hot, then we would need to start antibiotics again.

Meanwhile we received word from Charlotte's previous home that the rest of the babies had died as they were not properly cared for. We had a woman who was willing to care for them, but when she went to pick them up she was informed that they had died. Charlotte's previous owner still had the boar though, whom we were trying to get to complete the rescue and ensure that no more breeding would take place there. We made arrangements for that.

Wilbur, the boar soon to be known as Zeke, turned out to be a young hog. This is a farm pig that grows very large. We typically only take in pot-bellied pigs, but we needed to resolve this situation. Donna and Bryan picked Zeke up and brought him back to the sanctuary. We made a large pen for him and gave him extra time to exercise in the yard. Of course he enjoys talking to all of the pigs and showing off. He has also been enjoying being brushed and

getting belly rubs.

We had Dr. Staten come out to neuter Zeke. To our disappointment the drugs actually made Zeke hyper rather than sedating him and we were unable to get him anesthetized for surgery. This procedure was rescheduled and his neuter has now been completed. In the



### Healed

meantime Zeke is growing and seems healthy. We have arranged a permanent home at a California sanctuary for him where he could be with other hogs.

Charlotte has continued to heal well and fast. We can notice changes daily. Her strength in her arms and legs is extremely better than it was. All of the open sites on her stomach have healed. Her last infected mammary gland has now been removed. Charlotte is happy to finally be able to play in the mud. She has a lot of energy and is still extremely affectionate. She does miss her medication times but still gets special treats every now and then. After all, she was one of the best patients and has made it through a very serious infection.

---Taryn

# Sponsor a S



**Huratio**

I was the runt of Charlotte's litter, but look at me now! I'm a big boy, as big as all my brothers and still growing like a weed.



**Stella**

My dad left me at his friend's house then disappeared. My 2 friends and I were rooting up the tortoises' homes there and weren't really wanted, so here am I.



**Riley**

I'm one of Charlotte's was born deaf. I get though and have learned an eye on my brothers up with them.

*Charlotte's five boys whom you can read about in past newsletters and some recent arrivals at Ironwood are just a few of the piggies looking for a sponsor. Your monthly donation of \$30 to sponsor a pig will cover your pig's basic needs and their share of sanctuary expenses. In exchange you will get a letter and photos of your pig along with an update and new pictures during the year. Please join our family of sponsors and help support our pigs!*



**Donna & Wyatt**

*Remember, a sponsorship makes a great holiday gift!!*

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*---Donna*



I am the only black pig Boys. I'd love to tell you adventures of moving part of a big herd.



# Special Pig!



Charlotte's Boys and  
get along just fine  
learned to keep  
others so I can keep



Bonnie

I was adopted from Ironwood  
several years ago, but my  
mom got ill and was no  
longer able to take care of  
me and my friend Clyde.



Ed

I am one of Charlotte's Boys born  
here at the sanctuary. I'm  
growing up fast and ready for a  
sponsor now.



Jango

piggy in Charlotte's  
all you of my  
ng out and becoming



Clyde

Unlike our namesakes, Bonnie  
and I have never robbed anyone  
to support ourselves. We're  
going the honest route and asking  
for your help!



Si

I'm part of Charlotte's litter and  
the spokes-pig for my brothers. I  
will talk your ear off if you give  
me the chance! And do I have  
some stories to tell!



# Runaway Wilbur

## Facebook Saves The Day

**T**his is a remarkable story about how social media plays a huge part in our lives and how Wilbur got back home on a hot July morning within a few hours of his escape.

It all fell into place for Wilbur that day. After feeding him at 6:15am that morning, as she has done for nearly ten years, Susy noticed when she was driving by his pen at 9:00am he was NOT in his pen! She said she must have accidentally not latched the gate that morning.

In the fall of 2004 Susy and Russ had driven to Payson to pick Charlotte and Wilbur up for us and took them home. They were being fostered for Ironwood by a lady in Payson awaiting a home, which happily they had now found. Charlotte passed away a few years ago from severe arthritis. Wilbur is now 15 years old which makes his tale even more surprising.

On the morning of July 26th when it was hot and muggy after a monsoon rain the night before, we got a call from a Sheriff in Oro Valley not far from our office/home in Tucson. He said they had been called about a stray pig and could we come get it. Ben said he and Julian would head out immediately for the hour drive and the Sheriff would wait for

them to arrive. In the meantime Susy had called her neighbors and he was not there, so they all



started out to look for him. She spoke with her son who said “Oh Mom, don’t even look out by the road (La Cholla) since Wilbur would never go near a road or cars.” At that time Susy was



slogging through mud and brush in her bathing suit, tee shirt and flip flops since she was on her way to her swimming class when she discovered Wilbur was gone. Of course one of her flip flops broke and at that EXACT moment she got a text from a friend on the EAST side of town. It was now 10:18am and she had been looking for over an hour. Her friend happened to be on

FACEBOOK and saw a post with a picture of Wilbur and the location at Overton and La Cholla. The post had come from his friend who lives in MICHIGAN who knew he lived in Tucson. He sent it on to Susy because he knew she lived on the Northwest side and that she had pigs.

Susy’s neighbor picked her up after receiving the text from her friend and they began to look for him in their SUV, not knowing the exact location. In the meantime Ben and Julian had already arrived and had Wilbur loaded ready to head for Ironwood, when Susy arrived. To everyone’s disbelief Wilbur had traveled nearly a mile, crossed a two lane bridge then crossed the road and had found a puddle from the monsoon rains the night before near “The Bluffs”, a large development on the northwest side of the road. Ben and Julian followed Susy home to deliver Wilbur safely back to his home of 10 years.

So follow this remarkable tale and all who played an important part to get Runaway Wilbur safely back home. First of all it had rained the night before so Wilbur was able to make his way to a mud wallow which was so important on a hot July day in Tucson. The Sheriff, who was rather amused by the whole thing, told Susy that Wilbur had

followed a woman over the bridge and that some bicyclists had lured him with some grapes to safety then the Sheriff had been called. The Sheriff knew to call Ironwood, which he did immediately. I am not sure, but knowing pigs, I would say once safely across the road Wilbur found the wallow on his own. One of those good Samaritans had taken a picture of him and put it on Facebook from his/her smart phone. The person in Michigan saw it and sent the post to Susy's friend on the East side of Tucson and Susy's friend texted her on the outside chance it was her pig. And he was! A happy ending and a remarkable story to brighten the holiday season. Once again Good People do Good Things!

---Mary

# Our Wish List

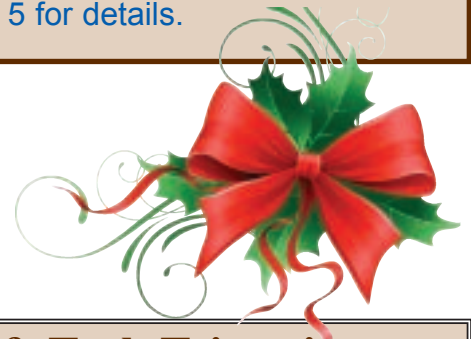
### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Postage Stamps (Forever, 49, 34, 2 cents) Other denominations can also be used
- Used Blankets are always welcome
- Children's Multivitamin - NO IRON
- Fig Newtons - Generic OK - Not individually wrapped
- Peanut Butter - Creamy Only
- Ensure or Equivalent, Vanilla Only
- Animal Crackers
- Vitamin E Capsules, 400 IU
- Vitamin B Complex
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- Acid Reducer, Ranitidine 150mg

### GIFT CARDS

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| Walgreen's | Discover   | Walmart      | Target  |
| Home Depot | MasterCard | Amazon       | Fry's   |
| Lowes      | Office Max | Office Depot | Staples |

\*\*We have a wish list on [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com). See page 5 for details.



### Wilbur's 3/4 Mile Trip



### Hoof & Tusk Trimming

Pig owners in the Tucson, Phoenix and surrounding areas can contact Donna Thomason for pot-bellied pig tusk and hoof trimming. Donna is an experienced trimmer living on site at Ironwood. Donna provides house calls for pig and goat trims. Please call 520-780-8832 or e-mail [hoofandtusk@yahoo.com](mailto:hoofandtusk@yahoo.com) to set up an appointment.



# Pig Boarding

**P**ig boarding....not as exciting as snowboarding but it can be fun. When people go out of town on vacation, on business or for other reasons there are usually plenty of places to choose from as to where they can leave their cats and dogs



Zap

or perhaps have a pet sitter come to their home. But what if you have a pig? You wouldn't want to leave your pig in a kennel with barking dogs for neighbors. And most pet sitters



Kevin Bacon

are not familiar with pigs or how to handle them. Ironwood is the answer for people in our area. We have had several pigs boarding with us this summer. It's great because we're not only able to help people have a safe place to leave their pig, but it's another

way to provide some income for the sanctuary.



Rover

Some pigs stay with us while their parents go on vacation. Zap was here for a month while Kevin Bacon stayed only a couple of weeks. Rover is a repeat customer usually boarding with us for just a few days each time. Other piggies end up staying long term. Dexter comes every year for the whole summer. This year he went back home with a new friend! His parents adopted Kelsey to be his companion pig. That was exciting!

Snausy has been here for a few months and will remain with us



Dexter

indefinitely. His family is in the process of finding a new home that can accommodate him and hopefully a new companion pig.

Toby and Max are boarding here for the same reason. Their family has had two house deals fall through at the last minute, so their stay keeps getting extended.

Fanny is another pig who has been with us because her parents



Snausy

were dealing with a job transfer and moving across the country. She ended up being with us for



Toby & Max

eleven months. We all got attached to her during that time. Fanny would greet Monica at the gate when she came to work every morning and perform her "sit" trick for a few animal crackers. We all got used to seeing Fanny out and about first thing every day. Now that she has flown to her new home in Mississippi, we all miss her waiting at the bottom



**Fanny & Monica**

of the steps of the Visitor Center hoping for a back rub or another animal cracker.

For some of our boarders, it is their first experience of being around other adult pigs. There is always a lot of “chatting” through the fencing as they get to know one another. For Zap who is an indoor/outdoor pig, it was her first time to sleep outdoors even though she was using a shelter. Her dad said that the first night back home, Zap wouldn’t come in the house and ended up spending the night sleeping in the flower

bed. It didn’t take her long though to remember the comforts of home and get back inside the house with her special blankie! We always enjoy having pigs come to board with us and watch them interact with other pigs, root in the mud or just explore the yard. There are always new experiences and new smells waiting here for them.

---Donna



## Ironwood Calendar

Our Ironwood 2015 Calendar will be ready soon. It is full of wonderful pictures of our pigs. Each month will bring a smile to your face and remind you of all the sweet faces you are helping bring smiles to. Calendars are \$17 each which includes shipping.

If you would like to purchase one, you can either pick one up at our Open House on November 8th or order one through us by using our PayPal donate button on our web site at [www.ironwoodpigs.org](http://www.ironwoodpigs.org) and indicate you want a calendar. You can also send a check or give us your credit card number in the envelope we send with your newsletter.

## Donation Drop Offs in Phoenix and Tucson

Winter is coming and we need blankets! We are always in short supply so any blankets are appreciated. For supporters in the Phoenix and Tucson areas, you can save shipping charges by dropping off blankets and wish list donations at the locations below.

There are two locations in both Phoenix and Tucson. Please note that no monetary donations can be accepted. All other material donations are very welcome and much appreciated. Don’t forget blankets since we are always in short supply for the winter.

For the Phoenix area you can drop donations off at Carolyn’s in East Mesa, AZ near Superstition Springs Mall. Give her a call at **480-981-8069** for directions. Also Susan’s in North Phoenix near E Union Hills Dr and N Cave Creek Road. Give her a call at **602-493-2524** for directions.

For the Tucson area there are two drop off points. One on the northwest side in the vicinity of Oracle Road and Hardy. Call **520-631-6015** for directions. Also Sherry’s in southeast Tucson near Swan Road and 22nd Street. Call her at **520-622-6304** for directions.

Thank you for all your support!

# Front and Back Covers



Over the past few years we have taken nearly 75 pigs from a rescue in Apache Junction, AZ, completing the task we started back in 2002 when Black Socks arrived as a baby with his four brothers, one sister and 13 adults. Two little boys who

came to be known as White Socks and Black Socks, were adopted in May of 2002. Their sister was also adopted and Huey, Dewey and Louie remained with us. Sadly Dewey developed a urinary stone that took his life, but Huey and Louie have been with us all these years.

Black Socks and White Socks were returned to Ironwood in August of 2004. They were not reunited with their other brothers since the bond had been broken but instead were introduced into our North Field where they have remained for the past ten years. White Socks has become very arthritic over the years and has been put into a smaller area within our North Field where it would not be necessary for him to walk so much. Black Socks is still healthy and active. Black Socks has found his favorite shelter and various friends join him from time to time. He is one of those who is happy by himself as well as with others. They all seem to like him and he never seems to fuss with anyone. ---Mary

Each twosome pictured here are brothers. Some were born here and others came to Ironwood very soon after the sanctuary opened and have lived here with the rest of their family all these years. Two sets of brothers were adopted from us and returned to Ironwood years later. We are just happy they have all been able to remain with each other throughout their lives.

Izzy and Moe are the youngest. Donna S. who has our



Izzy &amp; Moe



Zeus &amp; Titan



Otis &amp; Danny Ray



Wyatt &amp; Doc

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satellite facility in Maricopa saw an ad for them where she buys her feed in March of 2013. She and her son picked them up for us. The home and property were beautiful, but Izzy and Moe, about 6 to 8 months old at that time, were living in a tiny dirty pen. They are growing up to be big boys in our North Field.

Titan and Zeus came from a breeder in Texas. Their family here in AZ adopted two other pigs from us and when they divorced we not only got Gwen and Herbie back but also got Titan and Zeus. Titan and Zeus were adopted in December of 2009 and returned to us in January of 2013. So these boys have been around, but they have been lucky to stay together and now that they are back at Ironwood they will remain here with us and always be together.

Otis and Danny Ray have been with us most of their lives, since April 2002. Their whole family, dad Baldwin, mom Elizabeth, sister Betsy and other brother Elliott all still live at Ironwood. The whole family was running loose and looking for food at a farmer's hay barn. We were lucky to catch all of them and bring them to Ironwood so many years ago.

Wyatt and Doc were born at Ironwood January 1st 2008. Their mom, Bernadette arrived on December 30th 2007. Quite a New Year's Day present when she gave birth two days later. Wyatt and Doc were two of her babies who were adopted in April of 2008. But financial hardship and foreclosure forced their return to us in September of 2011 along with their older friend Amy. ---Mary

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

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



### Credit Card Donations

You can make secure One-Time or Multiple Monthly Sponsor or Sustainer donations to the Sanctuary with PayPal (No PayPal account required) using your credit card by going to the SUPPORT page of our web site at [www.ironwoodpigs.org](http://www.ironwoodpigs.org).

### Employer Matching Gift

You can easily make your donation to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary go even further if you work for or are retired from a Matching Gift company. Many employers will match and sometimes double their employees' or retirees' charitable contributions.

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

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



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