

Senior Issue

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Margaret

Happy Holidays
PIG SANCTUARY

**Ironwood Pig Sanctuary
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Dear Supporter,

I wish you a happy, healthy Holiday Season that is nearly upon us. I would also like to invite you to visit us and all of our pigs on November 13th for our third annual Open House here at Ironwood. We would love for you to meet our pigs and see how they live here at Ironwood.

We have decided to honor our senior citizens in this issue. We realized as we went through our records that we have nearly 50 pigs that are 10 or older and probably several more over ten whose ages are unknown to us. We have two assisted living fields, a special needs field, and a few special pens where our old folks live comfortably. See more about our very special members of the Ironwood family in the accompanying articles.

Things are not getting settled after our flurry of activity this past summer with the addition of St. Matilda's 46 pigs. It is true that our newcomers have adapted to their new home and have worked out most of their conflicts. Little Kandy was even lucky enough to go to a new forever home. However, we continue to be extremely busy trying to place new releases in homes, attend to the many medical needs that occur caring for so many pigs, preparing the shelters of all our pigs for the coming winter, and all the many other routine jobs that must be done every day. In addition, our Annex facility was damaged by the August 19th monsoon storm this summer which has left us rebuilding and replacing shelters and our storage shed. I can really sympathize with all of our Florida supporters!

Running a sanctuary with an excess of 440 large animals that are not always easy to handle is a monumental task. Thanks to our competent and dedicated staff, we are able to meet the needs of our pigs. But it is only with your help that we are able to continue to raise the funds necessary to support our sanctuary. We cannot do it without you so please, won't you stay with us and continue to enjoy updates on the lives of all these sweet pigs.

Sincerely,

Mary Schanz
Mary Schanz



Oreo & Mary

PS: As we have prepared this newsletter with articles and pictures of so many seniors I feel blessed to be able to offer these old souls a place to peacefully live out the remainder of their lives. I thank you all.

Mary Schanz, Ironwood CoFounder, Hurt in Auto Accident

Mary Schanz, the cofounder and president of the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary, was involved in a serious auto accident returning from the sanctuary Sunday evening October 10th.

Mary's Corolla wagon was struck by a pickup truck on the narrow winding dirt road the locals call Power Line Road around 5:30 pm Sunday evening. Mary suffered a shattered tibia at the knee joint requiring surgery where two plates were used to hold her knee joint together. Mary also suffered a broken right hand, a nasty cut on her left arm requiring 40 stitches and numerous bruises.

Mary's car, dubbed the pig mobile because of all the rescued pigs that

it has transported, was totaled. She was in the hospital for 6 days and then relocated to a rehab facility for an additional 8 days.

This is a critical period for the sanctuary because of the need to prepare for winter. Mary will not



Mary Arriving Home!

be able to work for at least 3 months and her efforts will be sorely missed. She worked 3 ten hour shifts along with all her other work networking, writing and coordinating thank yous, and other sanctuary business.

Donna, the sanctuary manager, and staff have pulled together to pick up the slack from the loss of Mary.

The sanctuary is now looking for an additional employee to replace Mary. The additional expense for this new employee is straining the financial resources of the sanctuary. Your financial and volunteer help is greatly appreciated, particularly at this time of need. Thank you for all of your support.

Our Wish List

THINGS WE CAN ALWAYS USE:

- * Sunscreen
- * Heartland Products
- * Stamps (37 or 60 cents)
- * Pool Repair Kits
- * Wading Pools & Turtle Sand Boxes
- * Shade Cloth (Black Preferred)
- * Blankets (Used are Great)
- * Dog Houses & Igloo Shelters
- * Gift Card to Home Depot, Target, Walgreen's
- * Green Scour Pads for cleaning our pools
- * Tools, Skil Saw, Portable Drill
- * Newer Vacuum Cleaner
- * Tarps

SHELTER MATERIALS:

- * 1/2 Inch 5 ply Plywood
- * 8 foot 2 x 4's
- * Storage Shed or Small Building

REALLY BIG TICKET ITEMS:

- * Clinic/Recovery Building
- * Tractor with Back Hoe
- * Water Well
- * Recent version of QuarkXpress (MAC)
- * 5th Wheel, RV or Small Mobile Home
- * 30KW Generator

Open House

Please Come You all are Welcome!

The Ironwood Pig Sanctuary's Open House last year was a great success with over 700 visitors! However, we and the pigs were overwhelmed and missed greeting many of our loyal supporters because we were too occupied with the great influx of visitors. This year the 3rd annual Open House, **Saturday, November 13, 2004 from 11:00am to 2:00pm**, will be exclusive for our supporters. Mark your calendars and if you are in the area please stop by. There will be free food and drinks, tours of the sanctuary and visits with the pigs, as well as the beautiful scenery. And who knows, some little piggy may grab your heart. Please call (520) 631-0894 (Ben), (520) 631-5851 (Mary) or (520) 631-6015 (Donna) if you need directions. There will be signs directing you to the sanctuary at the Marana exit #236 on I10 for those coming from the Tucson area and at the Picacho Peak exit #219 for those coming from the Phoenix area. Come early and stay late. Bring your family and friends. We are looking forward to your visit. Please let us know if you plan on coming so that

Oreo, My Old Man, Old Man

For months I have planned to do an issue with a special tribute to our seniors. My very special friend, Oreo, 14, did not make it for this issue. On August 18th Dr. Page helped him to cross over since he was not ever going to be well on this earth again. For those of us who work at sanctuaries there are always some who touch our hearts and stay there forever. As pigs go he was no beauty. He had protruding teeth, a long hairless rat-like tail, and didn't mind taking a swipe at your leg when he had a mind to. But in his little pig body was a soul and spirit that I will never forget. His feisty devilish eyes sparkled when he would bump me with his snout because I was not fixing his food fast enough. But he never failed to fall over for a belly rub the minute I reached

down to pet him. We buried him next to our visitor center in a colorful blanket to match his personality and with doggie bones that Frank always



brought him when he visited. He will remain forever part of my life and part of our Ironwood family and a reminder to me why I do this.

--- Mary

we can make sure we have plenty of food, drinks, snacks, etc. The pigs LOVE the attention. If you can't make the Open House please come when you can. You will love your visit and so will the pigs. Please call in advance for an appointment and directions. The direction signs are only up for the open house. Don't use the internet map programs. They are incorrect.

COVER

Margaret came to us as one of the 46 rescued pigs from St. Matilda's sanctuary near Phoenix. She is a shy, sweet old girl who likes quiet attention.

Meet Our Pigs



Bandit -----

I've known Bandit for many years before he ever made his way to Ironwood. When Mary, Ben and I all volunteered at Pigs*A*Lot before opening Ironwood, Bandit had the reputation of "that scary pig in the back pen". It was difficult to clean his pen because he kept attacking anyone who went in there. One person would distract him with a good back scratching with a rake while the other would quickly clean. Bandit had been placed in that pen because he was always getting beat up by the other pigs. He was not pleased with this arrangement and took it out on anyone who came near!

We brought Bandit to Ironwood thinking he might be happier here. And he is! He was placed out in one of the big fields and after the usual initial fights to establish positioning within the herd, Bandit was just fine. He turned into this

lovable pig begging for belly rubs. He no longer had problems with people or other pigs. A year later, Bandit was moved into Assisted Living, Phase Two due to his age and arthritic problems. He is 13-15 years old and still going strong! Bandit shares a shelter with Stevie, grazes for hay with the rest of his small herd, stands at the gate and begs for his medicine and yes, still enjoys back scratches and belly rubs.



Lucy -----

In our last newsletter, there was an article about the rescue of a group of pigs from St. Matilda's sanctuary near Phoenix. Lucy is one of those 46 new pigs. We had actually met Lucy before when she stayed here at Ironwood for 10 days back in May of 2002. She has had a rough life. In the spring of 2002, there was a discovery in La Belle, Florida of a group of pigs living in extremely horrible conditions at an older couple's home. The couple had previously purchased Lucy and her mate, Samson as pets. In a few short years, there were 57 pigs living in total squalor. The pigs were in the

yard as well as in the couple's home. Everything was filthy and dead pigs were scattered both in and out of the house. All the remaining pigs were suffering from malnutrition, mites and worms.

A huge effort was made by "pig people" around the country to first get the pigs to better living quarters nearby, then to get them all spayed, neutered, vaccinated, wormed and whatever other medical attention was needed. Then came the job of placing them in permanent homes. Several sanctuaries across the country agreed to help by taking in a few. Half the pigs were loaded in a horse trailer and transported across the country to the southwest area. Some were dropped off in Texas. Some arrived at Ironwood on May 21, 2002. We took in 7 of the group while another 7 remained here to be transported to St. Matilda's later. Others continued on to Colorado.

Lucy and Samson ended up at St. Matilda's and now both are living here at Ironwood once again. Lucy is very shy of people and other pigs. She had problems eating from a trough, so is now fed individually from a bowl away from the other pigs. She spends her time hanging out with Samson and some of their offspring in the back section of the field, which they have claimed as theirs. Lucy is very healthy and in great shape for a 12-year-old gal with the kind of background she's got.

--- Donna

-----Ironwood Seniors-----

With the end of 2004 fast approaching we felt it was appropriate to pay a special tribute to our seniors, of which there are many. They are some of our favorites and best known to all of us since they require extra attention, treats, and medicines due to their age. Also many of these pigs were part of the initial potbellied pig rage and came to us as dear companion animals who, because of changes in their caregivers' lives over 8 to 10 years, have found themselves in our care. Many were very spoiled piggies in their early lives and have become some of our most endearing residents. Others were sadly cast off by their caregivers and though their social nature belies the fact that they were once well cared for, they were found abandoned or left behind in animal shelters. Below you will read a few of their stories.



Abigail, the pig of many moods. She can be sweet and lovable, wanting belly rubs and pets. She can be gnawing on the gate, threatening to eat you if you dare go through. She can stand patiently in front of you waiting for an ear scratching. She can be quietly walking past, then swing around and head slam your shins. With Abigail, you never know what to expect, yet we all love her. The pigs in Assisted Living have all accepted her as a member of their herd. She can often be found napping in the corner of the barn with Winston, Bubba and Norman or sharing the shade under the ramada with Emily and Swiney.



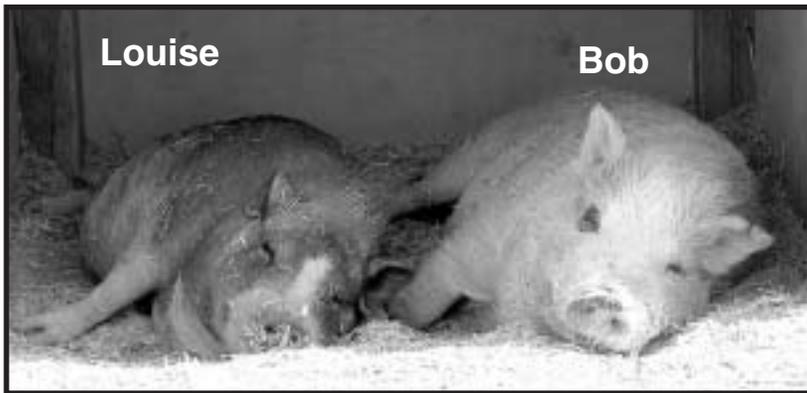
Charlotte arrived at Pigs*A*Lot very overweight and I was told by Lynnette that she became very depressed and refused to eat for nearly three weeks. When I volunteered there we always fed her in a small pen because she could not cope well with the herd. When we purchased the property Charlotte was there and in very poor shape. She was thin and dehydrated. I think she had given up trying to cope. We took her home to Ironwood and she, along with Ebony, Manny, Jack and Tippy have formed the Annex five who live in one of our Assisted Living fields and are all doing well together.

Iggy and Izzy are two 11 year old brothers who have been at Ironwood for almost 2 years. They lived at their previous owners' place of business, but when the business was sold and the owners moved, the pigs were left behind. The new owners took good care of them, but really had no interest in keeping them. So, here they are living out the rest of their lives in comfort. The boys are never far apart and are the very best of friends. They have a wonderful sponsor named Errol who sends them animal crackers. Lucky pigs!



Iggy

Izzy



Louise is an adorable, sweet old gal who moves like a sloth. It takes her forever to walk towards her food bowl and eat. We have to stand guard over her while she finishes because the other pigs are much quicker and will come to take her food. Louise is very much in love with Bob, who in turn, is devoted to her. The two of them spend much of their time together. Don't they make a cute couple!

Joann was rescued by Ben, Lynnette, and Mary when they were volunteers at Pigs*A*Lot. A lady found her wandering the street and took her in. She was a potter and her name was Joann thus our Joann got her name. She had become very thin and had a large mammary tumor. We brought her home to Ironwood in Nov. of 2001. We spayed her and removed the tumor, which was indeed cancerous. She later developed two more tumors and Dr. Page removed those as



well in April of this year. Joann recovered from both surgeries and continues to do well. She also has a wonderful sponsor who lives in Colorado. Joann is very sweet and one of Mary's favorites. She likes people a lot but is not too fond of pigs.

Manny was yet another pig from Pigs*A*Lot. Manny, Mo, and Jack were living at Pigs*A*Lot when we first started to volunteer there. I don't know their ages



exactly but they were certainly not youngsters in 1998. When we purchased the Annex property we took Jack home to Ironwood with us. He and Manny both had large abscesses on their faces. We later took Manny home for treatment and he has stayed with us since he has needed repeated veterinary care.

Pearl has been with us for three years, another victim of divorce. The usual story of the wife leaving home, the husband is "stuck" with her pig and doesn't want it, so now Pearl is living out the rest of her life in our Assisted Living field. Before going to the field, Pearl was a foster mom for two baby girls that needed the warmth and comfort of another pig. She did an excellent job and is still best friends with one of them, Sylvia who lives in the field with Pearl because of her physical disabilities.



My Swiney-Love

My favorite senior, Swiney, is almost 14 years old and lives in our Assisted Living field. He arrived at Ironwood in March of 2003 with his sister Mabel and his adopted brother Grunt after their owner released them. When I arrived in March of this year, Swiney was one



of the first pigs that I met. Early on my first training morning, he introduced himself to me by purposefully wobbling right into the Assisted Living feeding station.

He almost pushed me aside as he eagerly sought his fortified breakfast. He hadn't been feeling well recently and had lost interest in eating. As a result, his meals had become a specially prepared gooey concoction of grain, puppy chow, fruits and veggies, and either peanut butter, yogurt, or cottage cheese. With such pig favorites, it was no surprise that his appetite was returning. He immediately plunged his snout into his dish and started eating.

Looking back, I'm not surprised how quickly I came to love Swiney. He charmed me completely on that first morning. Was it his large bat-like ears or the way his tongue was hanging out? Was it his polite patience as he waited for me to scoop up his leftover mush into bread for his dessert sandwiches? Maybe it was his speed-wobble into the feeding station and his stubborn refusal to

budge when breakfast was finally over. Whatever it was, my time



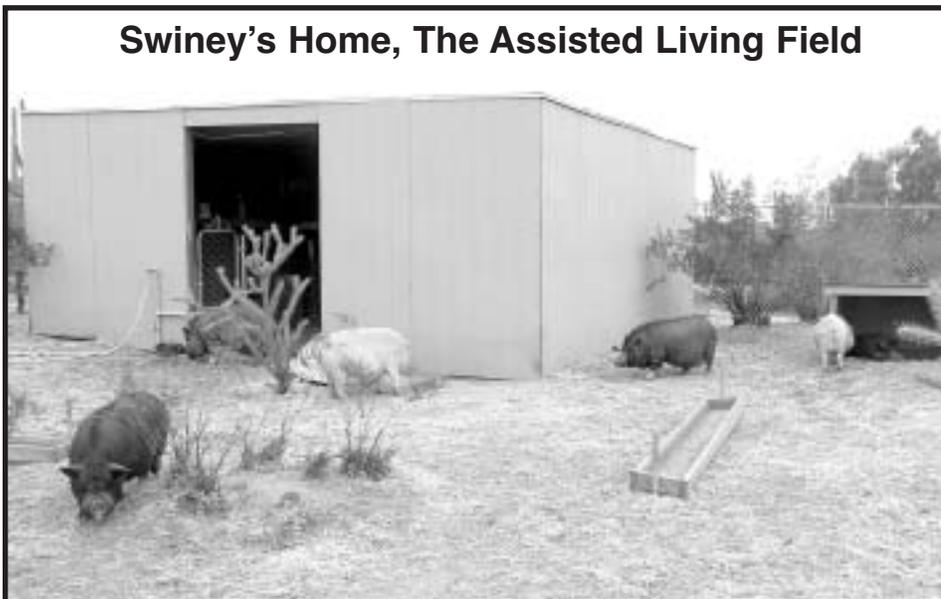
with Swiney quickly became my favorite part of the day.

To a wise observer, all the signs of love were in the air. I would always be the first to volunteer to feed his field. I started saving apple and banana from my own breakfast for his special recipe. I would miss him terribly on my days off. I guess it was pretty obvious to everyone by the time I started officially referring to him as my Swiney-Love.

Happily, I can report that my Swiney-Love is as fat and sassy as ever. His fortified diet helped him so much that after a few months we eased him back to just grain with some fruits and veggies. He didn't hold it against us too much. He still waits at the gate every morning and every evening for the race to the feeding station. He still almost bowls me over if I don't get in before him. And yes, of course, his tongue still hangs out.

---Jess

Swiney's Home, The Assisted Living Field



Sponsor A Pig!

Amos
 Angel
 Anna
 Baldwin
 Bandit
 Bennie
 Bentley
 Betsy
 Blackjack
 Black Socks
 Bonita
 Bradley
 Buster
 Charlie
 Charlotte
 Chesney
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 Chorizo
 Chrissy
 Clarece
 Clover
 Clyde
 Collie
 Daisy Mae
 Daley
 Danny Ray
 Desiree
 Dewie
 Dixie Lee
 Doc
 Dorothy
 Duane
 Ebby
 Edith
 Edwin
 Ellie Mae
 Ferdy
 Franklin
 Gilbert
 Gracie
 Gretel
 Grunt
 Hamlet
 Hank



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Harriet
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 Hondie
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Tulip

Kris
 Latasha
 Lennie
 Little'Un
 Loretta

Precious
 Pretty Girl
 Princess
 Prissy



Profit
 Roger
 Rosie
 Rosalyn
 Sabastian
 Sally
 Samantha
 Sambo
 Scout
 Shannon
 Shelton
 Spot
 Squiggy



Stevie
 Tai-San
 Tasha



Tillie
 Tina
 Tippy

Tulip
 Verdell
 Vinnie
 Wallace
 Walter
 Riley
 Wanda



SPONSOR PAGE

With the sudden increase in our population this summer, our sponsors are more important than ever. Thanks to all of you who have been with us in the past and welcome to those just now joining our family of sponsors. We couldn't do this without your monthly donations to provide food, water, shelter and health care for all these piggies. Thanks a million!!! Donna

P.S. If you want to help out, \$30 a month for the pig of your choice gets you letters and pictures about your pig and its background.



Clarece

Hoss
 Huey
 Hunter
 Irma
 Jackson
 Jethro
 John Coffey
 Jolee
 Jumper

Louie
 Lucy
 Mai-Ly
 Mamacita
 Manny
 Margaret
 Melba



Mai-Ly

Missy
 Momma
 Monty
 Morgan
 Mr. Pigg
 Otis
 Pearl
 Pepe
 Pete
 Phoebe
 Piggy Sue
 Piglet
 Poindexter
 Popeye
 Porky

Waylon
 White Socks
 Willard
 Woolly Bully
 Wrinkles
 Zena
 Ziggy



Donna & Princess

Harley

Kane



And There are
 Many
 More...

Thank You!

Thank you Ironwood Pig Sanctuary crew. I would like to thank Donna, Jess, Justin P., Justin G., Justin N., Michelle, and Pamala at the Annex for pitching in and helping out so much during my time of recovery from my car accident. The sanctuary continues to function well in my absence due to the efforts of those above.



Tom

Mary

A big thank you to David and Tom of Venture N for doing such a great job of raising over \$2,000 for the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary through their fundraising efforts at their bar in downtown Tucson. In addition they are ongoing supporters by sponsoring Ernie and Will and have donated camper shells that the pigs love as shelters. And thanks to Cerise and Opie (her social pig who loves events, particularly where food might be had) for joining us for the final fundraising night.

Thank you to Cerise, Opie and Carolyn for representing Ironwood at an event at Armando Park.

We appreciate the efforts of Carlos and Brandi Rico for coming to adopt two pigs from us and in the process volunteered to spray paint our new 10,000 gallon water tank and our two 1,500 gallon tanks. In addition he was able to get the pain donated from Dunn Edwards. Nice going, Carlos!

Also thanks to Sally and Otto for the great job they did covering the chairs in the visitor center. They look great.

Thanks to those folks who donated a large load of corrugated metal roofing. I am sorry but your name escapes me. The roofing is greatly appreciated, particularly for the annex shelters where we lost many roofs during an unusual windstorm this past summer.



Carlos Painting Tanks

Dean Norcutt and Stacey Doolittle kindly donated a 1989 1-ton Chevy panel van to the sanctuary. We picked up the van in Phoenix and used it

immediately to transport a released pig to Ironwood.

On large item donations, lastly but not least, Jim Zimmerman has donated his 1993 Ford 3/4 ton pickup truck to the sanctuary. Jim's truck, which we have borrowed so much in the past, now has a legitimate reason for being at the sanctuary.

I so much appreciate everybody's



concern and help after my auto accident. Especially Roberta Vanderslice for her help in getting the news out to the media so that we were able to get volunteer help for our winterization efforts and donations to hire an additional person to replace me. And Laura Bayley and Barbara and Bruce DuPlisse for their above and beyond efforts helping with the mailing. And everyone else who has helped with the mailing, newsletter, thank yous, and Jacqui who has helped me personally dealing with my recovery.

--Mary



Vinny

Winter Is Coming!

My friends and I just spent all summer digging and rooting and making all these neat holes inside our shelters. Some of them were so deep that you could see out from under the bottom of the shelter! But then it started to get cool at night and having those gaps no longer seemed like such a great idea. So here comes this machine, dumping piles of dirt in front of all our shelters and then



people slaving away with shovels to move the dirt in and fill up the holes. Interesting to watch, but we weren't invited to play in the



dirt. Next, the slaves came back with mounds of bedding hay, stuffing each shelter full. It was kind of funny because they were sneezing and complaining about the dust and we just couldn't wait for them to get out of our way and let us start nesting! Then it got even better....blankets! Wagon



loads of blankets! Now, everybody knows how pigs love blankets. And the slaves were great about making sure that every shelter had at least 2 blankets. The big shelters got at least a dozen! You would think filling in the holes, mounds of hay, and blankets would be enough, but these slaves think of everything! While we nestled in our comfy new surroundings, they were out there rolling up shade cloth and hanging carpets up on every doorway and around all the big shelters. The carpets are great because they really stop the wind, plus it makes a great hideout.



Spike

Nobody can see us now! Bring on the winter. We're ready! (And we never even had to lift a hoof to get it done!)

--- Spike

Don't forget to provide a dry warm shelter for ALL your pets this winter.



Chelsie

My Cranky Friend Tulley

When I started at Ironwood, the most approachable pigs were my favorites. The friendly pigs that would walk up for belly rubs and beg for treats were the ones I could imagine myself adopting. On my days off, I would spend time with these pigs. My relationship with the less approachable pigs was strictly business. As long as they were eating and healthy, I was happy. My attitude rapidly changed when I met Tulley.

Tulley is one of our senior pigs at Ironwood. Needing medication for epilepsy and arthritis, Tulley is located in our Special Needs field. He was released from a parochial school after having several seizures that frightened the children. I began to bond with Tulley during feeding time. Because of his special needs, he eats outside of the field away from the other pigs. Hungry

and impatient from waiting, Tulley will usually be sleeping next to the gate. He is notorious for spitting out his medication even though we hide his pills in



bread. He is so skillful at eating the bread and spitting out the pills that he often gets several slices.

Even though Tulley receives individual attention, he enjoys his independence and can be cantankerous. If Tulley is in a

bad mood, we have to be cautious around him lest we be attacked. He has a tendency to be extremely cranky before and after a monsoon. He has also been aggressive when nearing a seizure. However, courtesy of the medication, he hasn't had a seizure in a year.

Regardless of Tulley's disposition, seeing him wait for his food cheers me up. Whenever he allows me to give him a belly rub I feel privileged knowing that he doesn't always tolerate affection. Just seeing him acknowledge me when I greet him touches me. While I still enjoy spending time with the gregarious pigs, I find it easier to relate to Tulley. I too enjoy my personal space and can be grumpy. With Tulley I don't have the stereotypical owner and pet relationship, I have a friendship.

---Justin P.



Community 301

Community 301 is a non profit organization in Tucson that provides day care and community involvement for the patients in their care. The organization has been supporting the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary for over two years by stuffing our return envelopes into our newsletters. This is a time consuming task that would take us many hours to perform. Community 301 holds a special session each quarter where under the guidance of their staff they stuff all our envelopes in a two day session. It is wonderful for us and they enjoy it as well. We try to support them with equipment donated to us that they might need. Recently we donated a computer and printer.

Raising Funds Through eBay Giving Works

You can list items on eBay Giving Works and donate some (or all) of your proceeds to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. Check them out at www.missionfish.org

Privacy Policy

Donations and Sponsorships are Ironwood Pig Sanctuary's most important sources of support, and Ironwood's relationship with its supporters is the highest expression of our mutual commitment to the Ironwood mission.

Periodically, in order to increase our supporter base, Ironwood rents from other organizations lists of names and addresses of potential supporters. However, you can be certain that Ironwood does not exchange, rent, donate or sell our supporter list to any other organization.

Ironwood will not rent lists from organizations where such an association may harm the goodwill and trust between Ironwood and its supporters.

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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!

Why not **organize** your class or office and **sponsor** one of our sweet pigs. Please check out page 9 for a pig you just can't resist.



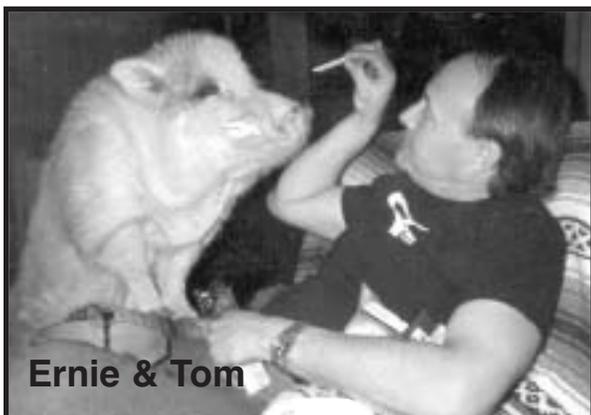
We accept donations with the following credit or debit cards for your convenience.

Become a Sanctuary Sustainer

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

Ernie

We are occasionally called to help take a pig to the vet when the caregivers are unable to make the move themselves usually due to the size of their pig. Dr. Page, our



Ernie & Tom

sanctuary veterinarian, called to ask us if would take Ernie, Tom and David's pig, to her for emergency surgery. Ernie had a blocked urethra and needed

immediate relief. Mary and Pamala picked up Ernie in Catalina and assisted Dr. Page in the surgery. Unfortunately, even though the initial surgery was successful, the blockage reoccurred and Ernie had to be euthanized a few days later.

Because of our efforts to help Ernie, Tom and David became great supporters of the sanctuary by sponsoring two of our pigs named Wil and Ernie, donating two camper shells that the pigs love for shelters, and holding the fundraiser that Mary talks about on the thank you page.

An accidental meeting for a common cause has resulted in forging a wonderful long-term relationship.

"We'll be Friends Forever, won't we, Pooh?" asked Piglet. "Even Longer," Pooh answered.

Networking Update

As part of our networking we got involved in a rescue of 13 pigs in Kingman, Arizona. We found another organization that was willing to take the pigs except that they had no infrastructure for pigs. Ironwood made a long trip, hauling hog panel, T-poles, and tools in order to build two 1600 square foot pens, one for the 7 males who would be neutered before arrival and the other for the 6 females. Ironwood also participated in the relocation of the pigs from their temporary home to their permanent home a couple of weeks later. We are happy to say that the males have been neutered and all the pigs are adjusting to their new long-term home. Thanks to all those in Kingman, particularly Roy T., and to Bob F. from Tucson who made the overnight trip with Ben to help build the pens.

Dear Ironwood Angels,

Mom said I could take the money in my piggy bank to give to your pigs--from one pig to another. Although I don't travel much any more, just to my vet and when we go to the vacation cabin, mom and dad said they are going to come see you all some time next year and spend a couple days pooper scooping. Both mom and dad read your article on pig aggression and thought it was helpful, although I don't believe I am aggressive--just determined. Well, give your piggies a belly rub for me and I'll keep them in my prayers. Love, Rosie

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.

Persephone: We adopted Persephone aka “The Fatty” (Peanut) back in November 2003. She is the daughter of Frances, a stray who arrived at the sanctuary pregnant. In just her first year of life, Fatty has brought such a joy to our lives that we cannot imagine our family without her. Fatty has 3 sisters ... a cat named Luna and two dogs named Pandora and Brandywine. She is very intelligent and has learned to come, sit, lie down and dance on command (actually, the dog taught her to dance). Fatty is so loveable and has such a sweet disposition your heart just melts when she is near. She keeps us to a strict schedule and waits every night for a belly rub from John before she goes to bed. Fatty turned one year old on Sept 7, 2004. We celebrated her birthday with family and friends. We love her so much we wanted to make a donation to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary as a thank you for all the hard work you do everyday to care for these wonderful animals. We wish we could give more, and will do so when we can, to show you our gratitude for your undying efforts in seeing these loveable pigs have a healthy and happy future.

--Tanalei & John Carvalho



Heartland Animal Health

Heartland Animal Health has made a very generous offer to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. They 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

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