

Ironwood Pig Sanctuary Post Office Box 35490 Tucson, AZ 85740

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Dear Supporter,

Welcome to July and summer in Arizona. These are the times that test us all at Ironwood; staff, pigs, and volunteers. We recently had a visitor from Farm Sanctuary in northern California. I wistfully dream of living with the pigs in the rolling hills of California with grass to graze on and wells with ample water. The winter temperatures are in the 40's and summer temperatures are "occasionally" in the hundreds. But lo, we are here in the desert. No grass to graze on, hauling water for months at a time, ants, flies, dirty wallows that must be bailed and hundreds of pools, bowls, and automatic waterers to clean daily. Black shade cloth flapping in the breeze creating artificial shade to make up for the shortage of natural shade that would be provided by trees in another location. Not exactly my idea of what I would call ideal for man or beast. On many, if not most days in June, July and August the temperatures will be over a hundred degrees. This requires one staff person to spend nearly their entire day attending to the older pigs, putting cold towels on them and giving them diluted juice to be sure they remain hydrated and cool. We have also installed mister systems and a swamp cooler in some of our pens and barns. To our advantage the winters are mild, the desert is beautiful, and the solitude is wonderful.

Some people have said, and I agree, this is no place for pigs to live. So one might ask why are we here in this desert with nearly 600 pigs? The answer is really quite simple. The pigs in need of a home are here. Having volunteered for nearly two years at another rescue, now our Annex, we were well aware of the need for a home for pigs in Tucson and Phoenix especially, but also throughout AZ. We considered other locations but the large number of pigs who needed our help, particularly from Phoenix, convinced us that if our mission was to rescue pigs in need, this was the place to be.

To my mind no rational person would allow pigs to breed in this environment. However since there is no law that says one cannot breed these animals, and believe me I wish there were, and we have no control over rationality, we at Ironwood try to cope with the problem created by the irrational and uncaring people who continue to breed. You, our supporters, make it possible for us to create the best possible home in this otherwise harsh environment for all of our pigs. Because of you we can meet the needs for our pigs so their lives are safe and comfortable.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Schanz

President & Co-Founder

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Socks Henry

PS: Little Socks and Henry, both recently neutered, came to us from a well meaning lady who rescued them from a neighbor who is breeding her pigs constantly and selling them. A whole year of rescuing, spaying, neutering and caring for the animals by us is undone by one human's greed and uncaring breeding.

I Miss You Katie Bird

lot of people welcome animals into their homes pets or even companions. However, a good number of us welcome them in as family members. We bond with and love them them unconditionally. We look forward to coming home to them and smile as they greet us. Here at the sanctuary we love each and every pig this way. A couple of us that live here have even taken in some of them as our personal pigs and have them living in our yards.



When I first moved to the sanctuary I brought my two pug dogs. My family quickly turned into two pugs and five pigs. My little group of pigs consisted of Karma, Katie, Rudy, Rufus and Ziggy. It took some time to get everyone to get along and accept each other, but we made it work and things had smoothed out. Ziggy and Rufus have always been loners and choose when to socialize. Meanwhile, Karma, Katie and Rudy became a tight group.

These three made quite the team.

Rudy is a special needs boy who is very kind and wants love whenever you will give it. Karma will let you pet her when she wants you to, otherwise she doesn't want you to! Katie was a mama's girl, always around me smiling and waiting for attention. These three would keep each other warm in the winter. sunbathe together and even wait patiently together for their evening vitamins. As I observed Katie with the rest of the pigs she seemed to take on the older sister role. She basically did whatever she wanted and the rest of the pigs were just happy to be around her.

Recently Katie passed away unexpectedly. To say my heart was broken is an understatement. Living at the sanctuary not only means being around the pigs all day, every day but it also means being far from town and having less interaction with people. My



parents live a couple of hours away, so my pigs and pugs make up a lot of the interaction I have. Plans I make revolve around making sure they are all fed and comfortable. I often lay outside with them when the weather permits and we sit enjoying each other's company. If I'm having a bad day I know I can make it better by having one of them sit with me. These guys keep me company and probably keep me sane!



I first met Katie when I went to pick her up from Buckeye. The house she was living at was being foreclosed and there weren't any plans on Katie moving with the family. I really started to bond with Katie when we had her spayed. She had developed an infection and needed a lot of daily medical attention. She grew to trust me and accept the attention. At one point she even crawled in my lap when we were giving her injections. I spent a lot of time with her and knew I wanted her as part of my little pig family.

Katie and I had a special relationship. She was always interested in sitting with me and even if she wasn't getting a belly rub, she would still lay next to me

as long as I would sit outside. One of my favorite things was to come home because she would always be at the gate to greet me. I remember coming home from vacation one summer and she bounced up and down on her hoofs while smiling. I couldn't ask for a better greeting. She was usually the only one that would hear my car coming and would be waiting at the gate before I even parked.

Katie quickly learned what kisses are and would snag one from me anytime she could. All I would





have to do is ask her for a kiss and her nose would shoot up in the air waiting. She would sit for her treats and would let me talk her ear off. It seemed as though she was really listening as she would often look in my eyes and act interested as I spoke. We had a very unique bond and the thought of not being able to pet her again is incredibly sad.

Losing someone is never easy, especially when they play a big role in your daily life. When you get used to seeing someone every day and get into a routine with

them, it's a shock when that is all suddenly interrupted. For us at Ironwood losing a pig takes an emotional toll. We have many pigs and they are all important to us. I would always greet Katie with this cheer, "It's a bird! It's a pig! It's a Katie!" I'll miss you Katie Bird; fly with your new friends.

---Taryn



Check Out Our Facebook Page

http://www.facebook.com/IronwoodPigSanctuary

I am one of the resident staff at the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary and I maintain our Facebook page with frequent updates about the sanctuary.

Running the Facebook page is an enjoyable time for me. I get to see people's responses to pictures and posts about the pigs. I feel like people can feel more in touch with everything here when they can see what we are doing on a daily basis. I love receiving questions and comments and interacting with everyone.

If you want to keep seeing posts through Facebook you need to be sure to 'like' posts and subscribe to our page. As many of you know, Facebook is always changing the way things work so be sure to keep receiving updates!

---Taryn

Come join our family of sponsors!

Your sponsorship of one of these wonderful pigs helps provide for the continued work at the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. You can sponsor as many as you like or sponsor one as a gift or in honor or memory of someone special to you. You will receive the history of your pig, periodic photos and updates on their life at the sanctuary.

When you sponsor a pig from Ironwood, you are creating a special bond. We understand that not everyone can adopt one or two pigs from those up for adoption. That is why sponsoring that special pig whose story touched you in some way is a popular alternative to adoption. The bond formed through a sponsorship is one that keeps you connected to the life of your special pig and gives you the rare opportunity to witness their growth over time.

You can donate by check, credit or debit card, or through PayPal. Use the enclosed envelope or go to the support page of our web site at www.ironwoodpigs.org to sign up.



Anxiety



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.

Sustainer

You can become a Sanctuary Sustainer by making a monthly donation of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$100 or any amount you choose which can be charged to your credit card, debit card or echeck each month.

Your donation will be there each month to care for the Piggies. You can use the enclosed envelope or go to our web site to sign up.

Remember the Sanctuary in your Will

We have been the recipient of bequests from many supporters. And many current supporters have included the sanctuary in their wills. These donors feel that they need their assets during their lifetime but decided to link themselves with the ongoing life of the Sanctuary by making bequests through their estate plans.

Many attorneys like to include the tax ID number in your will for the non-profit organization you are donating to. If yours does, then you must include our parent organization, The Mary C. Schanz Foundation, in your will. The EIN number is 86-0999483. We are doing business as (dba) the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. There are no administrative or other expenses associated with The Mary C. Schanz Foundation.

Update On Pop Tart

remember reading about Pop Tart's rescue in our November newsletter. (This is available on our web site if you've not seen it.) She arrived at Ironwood suffering from malnutrition. sunburn and With the lameness. right vitamins, supplements and special foods, it wasn't long before Pop Tart had filled out and her skin looked much healthier.

Once she had gained weight, we took Pop Tart to the vet to be spayed. Her surgery went well, but she had a difficult time coming up from the anesthesia. As pigs are "waking up" after surgery, they tend to shift around a lot while they are still groggy. When Pop Tart was doing this, she apparently twisted her back leg at one point, doing some



damage. It was the same leg that had given her trouble when she first arrived at the Sanctuary, but it had gotten better as she grew stronger and healthier. After her surgery, the limp was worse than ever with her barely using that leg at all. When there was no

improvement over time, we had the vet take x-rays of her leg. It showed a long break nearly up to her hip. We think that Pop Tart must have had a prior fracture in that leg from when she was living at her first home with all of those hogs pushing her around so much. Due to the malnutrition and poor living conditions at that time, it never healed properly.



We scheduled Pop Tart for surgery with an orthopedic specialist recommended by our regular vet. She went in on February 9th with lots of prayers and hopes for success. Unfortunately, when the surgeon opened her, he found such thick calcification around the bone that nothing could be done. It was much too thick to break through to reset the bone and insert pins, which had been his plan. Sadly, all he could do was suture her leg back up and send her home.

However, the surgeon did feel confident that with plenty of rest and time for her muscles to heal from the surgical incision that Pop



Tart would start to use that leg again. To what extent remained to be seen.

Over the next month, Pop Tart began her amazing recovery. At first she would hop around on three legs, but gradually she began to put that rear foot down a little. Then we saw her begin to put some weight on that leg. Soon Pop Tart was walking pretty well even though she was still limping. Finally on March 6th, Pop Tart and her three friends, Virginia, Olive and Nellie, were all taken out to their new field. They are living in the Far Northwest Field,



a small field that was already home to five other pigs. The herd now consists of nine pigs. Since Pop Tart and Virginia both have physical disabilities that make them limp, we wanted them to have a smaller field with fewer pigs to compete with. They still have lots of room to explore and wander but not so big that they'll get too far from home and be too tired to get back.

Seems that we had nothing to worry about! Pop Tart keeps





getting stronger and stronger. She is now running and putting her full weight on that leg! There is still a barely noticeable limp because that leg will always be shorter than her others. Our vet has assured us that Pop Tart feels no pain any longer. That little





piggy is so happy now! She runs and plays with her friends. Sometimes they sleep out under the creosote bushes and other times inside their cozy shelter. Pop Tart loves playing in the water and mud. Her story is one with a truly happy ending!

---Donna

Video of Pop Tart

See a video of Pop Tart running around her field during feeding.

On your smart phone download the ShopSavvy or the RedLaser app, then scan the code below. Or, if you don't have a smart phone, you can go to the Pig Profile page of our web site at www.ironwoodpigs.org and click on the Pop Tart video.



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 to set up an appointment.



Sponsor



I am tall and long-legged, definitely not a pot bellied pig. My snout is long and my ears are large and fuzzy. I love being petted, getting treats, rolling in the mud and being sprayed with the water hose. Having fun...that's what it's all about!



Hmmm...I'm not sure what to say about

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myself. I'm just an average guy. I am very

happy and love living here with all my

happy and love living here with all my

friends. I like to eat and take naps. That's

about it!



No, I'm not the move who I'm named a rooting, eating and actually my favorite That's how I keep in Hollywood calls!



I'm one of those pigs that is all over the place all the time! Mostly I'm looking for food, scraps, hay...you name it, I'll eat it. I absolutely love to eat! In fact, I overheard a person say I was food aggressive. Whatever!



I went from being a stray begging food from strangers to living here with meals delivered every morning! Awesome!! I am taller than a lot of the pigs here and have these silly black dots all over my nose.



I used to be very she but a few months a feels really good to ear scratching! N all the time!

Special



movie star Babe but that is dafter. I like walking, nd napping. Walking is orite of these activities. p in shape....just in case



y shy and afraid of people, hs ago I figured out that it od to get a back rub and an Now I want to be petted



I moved over here from Ironwood's Annex. I got my name, not because I'm the "warm and fuzzy" type, but simply because I have fuzzy hair. Well... it's fuzzy by pig standards.





I am the newest of several pigs named Charlotte here. My best friend is my sister, Olivia. I haven't lived here that long but already love it! This place is cool because there's so much room to run around and have fun.

JOIN OUR FAMILY OF SPONSORS

These pigs have shared a little bit about themselves with you. If you'd like to learn more about their lives, consider becoming a sponsor. A monthly donation of \$30 will provide your pig's share of sanctuary



expenses. In return you will receive pictures and updates of your pig. Join our family of sponsors and become a part of the group that keeps Ironwood moving toward our goal of providing a loving, caring home for pigs in need!

---Donna

Juice & Cookies Anyone?

ast fall we had asked for particular donations from people coming to our Open House. Some were food items...animal crackers, newtons and juice. The year before we had asked for peanut butter. Several people expressed concern and curiosity as to why we were using such high calorie foods with our pigs. Rest assured that each day we feed our pigs properly with grain made specifically for pigs and also alfalfa hav. That diet is supplemented once a week with fruits and vegetables brought in from a local grocery store's surplus. We have special uses for the peanut butter, cookies and juice.

We have a lot of elderly pigs that don't get up and move around much anymore. To help keep them hydrated, especially during the hot summers here in the desert where the temperatures often reach over 100 degrees, we give them water flavored with a little cranberry grape juice. This



Deeanna & Bob

entices them to drink more. The piggies love their juice! Bob waits anxiously for Deeanna to get his bowl filled. Jewels sits up and starts hollering until she gets her juice. Momma follows Jonny to make sure she gets her turn.



Jonny & Momma

The "juice rounds" are part of the older pigs' afternoon routine and they look forward to it.

We have almost 200 of our 600 pigs taking medications once or twice each day for various reasons, mostly due to arthritic issues. Almost all of those 200 take Cetyl-M, a joint support supplement in powder form. The easiest way to get that out to so many pigs is to spread a little peanut butter on a piece of bread, sprinkle on the powder, add whatever pills that pig is taking, then roll it up for an instant treat. The peanut butter helps hold everything into the sandwich to ensure each pig is getting their There are some medications. silly pigs that don't like peanut butter and that's where the fig newtons come in. It's easy to



Rob Putting a Pill in a Fig Newton

poke pills inside the cookie. They're sticky and chewy enough that most pigs can't spit out the pills. Notice I said "most pigs." There is always somebody that can manage to chew a fig newton, swallow it, then spit a pill on the ground. That takes talent! We have to pull out the big guns for those 1 or 2 pigs. I'm talking deviled eggs, oatmeal pies or honey buns. Fortunately, that



Tim Giving Pig Body a Fig Newton With Meds

usually only happens with heavy antibiotics, so it's a temporary medication and only for a few days. In general though, fig newtons will get the job done if a peanut butter sandwich doesn't work.

Animal crackers are a wonderful invention! For example, here's Pig Body whose ear was bitten and needs to be cleaned and doctored. Let Andy distract him with a few animal crackers and the pig is focused on those rather than his ear. Does Rufus need his monthly injection? Get Sam to feed him a handful while Taryn gives the shot. Quick, easy and we're done without traumatizing the pig. Trying to get scared and



Sam Putting
Peanut Butter on
Bread

skittish Annie back to her pen after her turn in the exercise yard? She'll follow a trail of animal crackers and not think twice about where she's headed. They come in handy in a lot of situations around the sanctuary.

And yes, we are aware that there are healthier solutions to the above situations. But when you're dealing with 600 pigs, you're looking for quick, easy and cheap answers that work. And yes, we have had in the past (and

will more than likely have in the future) pigs that we have to stand on our heads and do tricks to get them to take their medications. We will always go the extra mile



Karisha Giving Bert a Med Sandwich

to get the job done, but why veer out of the fast lane until necessary? We have to keep things moving, as there is always another chore and another pig to take care of.

So if you call the sanctuary to schedule a tour and ask, "What do you need that I can bring?" and the answer is juice, peanut butter, or cookies, don't be surprised. When you see fig newtons on our Wish List in the newsletters, don't be shocked. We are not feeding our pigs junk food for breakfast! If a pig is getting one or more of those items, it is an insignificant amount for a very specific purpose and not the balance of their regular diet. Be assured that our pigs' health is very important to us with their diet being a major concern.

---Donna

Shop Till You Drop

Actually, you can drop first! Drop into your chair, that is, and shop online for shirts, hats, etc. all with the Ironwood logo. It's easy! Just go to www.ironwoodpigs.org then go to our Support Page and click on the picture of our staff



sporting their Ironwood shirts and hats. Or use your smart phone below. Enjoy shopping from the comfort of your home!



Our Supporters Love Our Pigs

ne of the very nice things that has happened over the years is many of our supporters have thought of ways to raise money for us by planning events on their own. Many people will call or write giving us suggestions about what we should do. These may all be credible ideas, but I have to tell them that it is not possible for us to add one more thing to our plate that is already running over with issues.

So many folks have raised money for us without our having to do



Mary Accepting Peaks for Pigs Donation from Melody

anything extra which is really great for us since we are truly at our limit as it is. I was recently reminded of this when Peaks for Pigs raised nearly \$1,600 dollars for us without us having to do anything but accept the money!!

People hiked the peaks around Phoenix and were pledged money from family and friends. They just had their second annual Peaks for Pigs event in Phoenix and many local merchants helped to



Peaks for Pigs Raffle

sponsor it by donating items for the raffle, printing flyers and having ads in their businesses.

Rhiannon and her family attend many events and Farmers' Markets where Rhiannon and her family sell Rhia's Pigs that her whole family makes. From time to time we receive a check in the mail for the pigs from the sales they have made. What a nice surprise each time a check arrives!



Rhia's Pigs

It is impossible to mention everyone and feature a picture. However, here are many of the creative ways people and schools have been able to raise money on their own over the years. Yoga Oasis held benefits that included a vegan pot luck dinner and animal awareness speakers and videos.



Yoga Oasis Benefit

Tom and David did weekly raffles at their Venture N bar and restaurant back in 2004.



Venture N

Barbara Leasor has held garage sales at her home for Ironwood.

Marilyn and Steve of the Desert Bluegrass Association do an annual Pot Belly Pig Party to raise funds as well as a blanket drive.



One of Barbara Leasor's Garage Sales



Natasha founded Coins for Critters and says "Through the purchases of my hand-made jewelry and hair accessories, money is raised for an organization dear to my heart:



One of Natasha's Hand Made Bows

Ironwood Pig Sanctuary." Gretchen, my cousin, has for several years now made tee shirts, totes, and aprons with the Ironwood logo on them and donated them for sale at our visitor center and open house.

Ladies at customer care for AT&T collected money in their office for our pigs.

Many children and school classes have raised money for us as well. Ms. Rose, Ms. Rachel and Preschool A of Discovery Learning Center and Jacqui Lee's third grade class at the St. Clement's Episcopal School both raised money. Their students learned math and accounting skills by doing chores for money and holding bake sales then accounting for the income. Some schools have had Pennies for Pigs drives as well.

Children have used their own birthday parties as a means to raise money for our pigs. Anabelle had a Pink Pig Party for her 12th birthday and Makar had his friends bring a cash donation or a blanket for his 8th birthday party.



Anabelle's Cake at Her Pink Pig Party

Kathy, Program Director of the NIA Afterschool Program for 155 children 1st through 5th grade donated the proceeds of their art sale to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. These were all artworks made by the afterschool children and purchased by the



Discovery Learning Center



parents at their First Annual Gallery/Boutique Show.

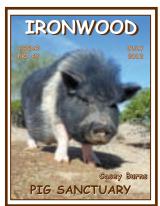
During the month of June, Beading Divas to the Rescue chose Ironwood Pig Sanctuary as their animal charity for the month. We received all proceeds from the unique bracelets that were sold for the month. All beads are donated and all the labor is volunteer to help animal charities mostly in Arizona but also elsewhere.

All of these supporters as well as WholeFoods and Eegees have raised thousands of dollars for our pigs. We are so grateful for their financial contributions and so pleased to know they all care so much for our pigs.

So many ways to say "I Love You" to our pigs! Thank you.

---Mary

Front & Back Cover



asey Burns is our cover boy this time. His story is not as dramatic as many, but very typical of why people give up their pigs when they fail to have them altered. A man bought Casey when he was a baby with the permission of his landlady. He did not have him neutered, so by the

time we took him when he was a year old, he had pretty much bulldozed the backyard. As a result the landlady told the owner he could not keep him. His name was "Gracie" when he arrived and we did not think that was suitable for this feisty little boar. Maybe he was trying to tell his owner something by bulldozing the backyard!





ometimes pigs are their own worst enemies. June and Johnny were dropped off at the Humane Society in August of 2008 when they were a mere 5 weeks old. We picked

them up and adopted them to a family in Tucson in October of 2008. Not knowing their background I assumed they were two normal-sized pot belly pigs. They had a nice home with a big area all their own with lots of shade. However, as you can see from their pictures, they have a curled tail and are quite large indeed. More the appearance of ferals. They are four years old now and have been recently returned to us because Johnny (they had changed his name to Brutus) had started to become aggressive and was challenging them. He is large and intimidating and the family had already been to the ER once from an injury incurred by Brutus which may have been accidental. So they have returned to Ironwood and are now living in one of our large fields with others of similar strength and similar breed.

ur Wish List

GIFT CARDS

Fry's

Home Depot

Lowes

Office Max

Office Depot

Staples

Petsmart

Target

Discover

MasterCard

TOOL TIME

Lineman's Pliers Wire Cutters Duct Tape 25 Foot Power Lock Tape Measure

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Postage Stamps (Forever, 45, 32, 20 cents)

Used Blankets always welcome

Flaxseed Capsules

Ensure or Equivalent - Vanilla only please

Fig Newton Cookies or Equivalent

(Not individually wrapped)

Cranberry Capsules - 2000mg

Mineral Oil

Antacid comparable to Zantac (No Tums)

BIG STUFF

Late Model Cargo Van - Full Size, rear A/C Late Model Pickup Truck - 3/4 Ton Long Bed Skid Steer Tractor Golf Cart/Utility Vehicle (Like a Gator)

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.

Sometimes when you're feeling close to overwhelmed, a word of encouragement helps. Well, here's such a word. It's not much, but it's heartfelt. Thanks so much for undertaking such a huge and very important rescue operation.

Jim Gillilan

He,

another fun

sewsletter, a real
bright spot in my
day. It laugh at

some, feel had at

some, but am always

amuzed at the volume
of care you all give,

I do wish I

were 30 yrs. younget

and sould come out

and join the fun!

Cheers,

Thirley

One of our supporters suggested this as he obtained a sponsorship as a 6 year wedding anniversary gift for his wife.

The traditional materials for the 6th year anniversary are candy and Iron with wood as an alternate material.

Get it? Iron wood



Dear Ironwood,

My husband and kids threw a big surprise 50th birtiday party for me and asked guest to do note to Ironwood instead of bringing a 1ts.

[They know me southells].

I am vegan, love all animals but especially bre pigs.

I have two progres of my own, (Maddy - 8 yrs old and Frankie 5 yrs old) I know this can help out, taking care of all those sweeties & I look forward to getting the news booklet in the Mail always. It is put together so well and pictures are unforgetable, one of these days.

Thanks for all you do! Colleca.



Apache and Andy @ Ironwood

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