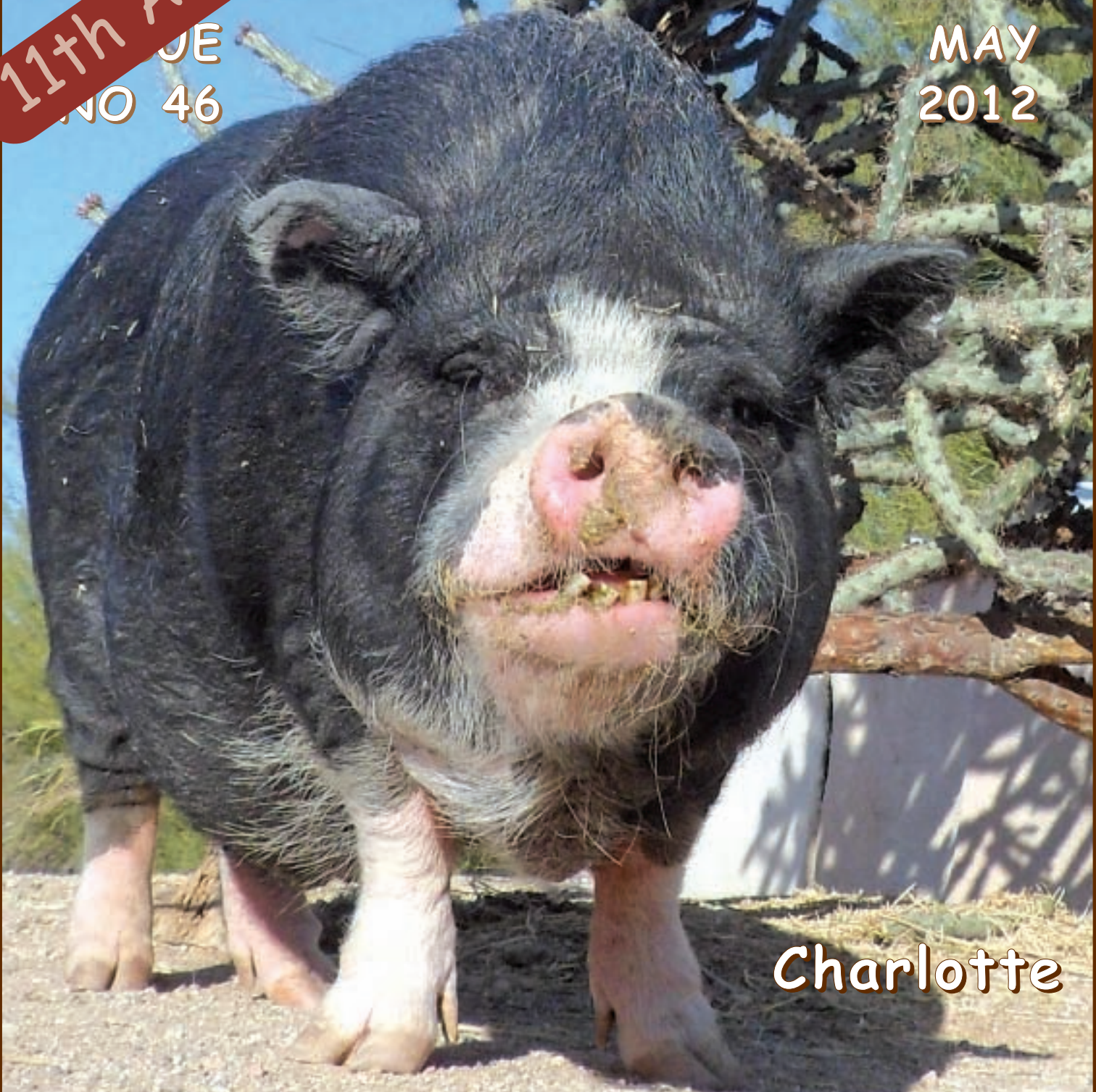


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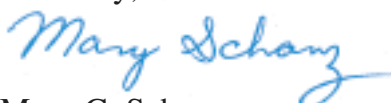
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Dear Supporter,

Eleven years ago next month we will mark the day of the arrival of Claire and Popeye, our first two pigs, who are still enjoying their lives with us in our Main Field. Our front and back covers have been dedicated to some of the early arrivals who remain with us after these eleven years. We are proud and grateful to be able to celebrate our 11th-year anniversary. It is only because of you that this has been possible. No matter how good our intentions are or how much we love our pigs, our 11 years of expansion and growth would never have been possible had you not been with us with your financial and emotional support making us a viable sanctuary for so many hundreds of pigs over these years.

Hundreds and hundreds of pigs have come to us during these 11 years. Most will live out their lives with us and a few will go to new homes. We have given each the one gift we all need, a home. A place where no harm will come to them. Where food is an everyday occurrence, bedding surrounds them on cold nights and no one sleeps in the rain. Where swimming pools and mud wallows are plentiful in the hot summers. It's so little and yet it is everything to these pigs, some arriving with bones sticking out of malnourished bodies or hooves so long they can barely walk or pigs so fat they have labored breathing and eyes that are no longer useful, hidden behind rolls of fat. We take them all and we give them a home, love, security and a routine they can depend on. It's what we do and who we are. The line between us and them is only a formality. We share every day as though it were their last or our last, knowing that one day it will be and that we have done our utter best at being there to care for them.

Sincerely,



Mary C. Schanz
President & Co-Founder

PS We recently rescued Olivia and Charlotte, two young rowdy females who lived in a small pen with no shelter and minimal shade and only one small blanket to protect them from the rain, wind and cold of the winter. We were once again reminded of the urgent need for our services and why we continue after 11 years to provide a home for these pigs in need.



Olivia, Mary & Charlotte

Marvelin' With Arnold

You may have read about me and my love, Petunia, in the last newsletter. She and I live in the backyard of one of the houses here at the sanctuary. Every day we get to go out into the "Big Yard," which is the area around all the houses and



the outbuildings. It's a huge space with lots of desert things to explore and places to go. Donna likes to use the term "going marvelin'" which she picked up from a story her preacher told about a southern family from back in the old days that would go out marvelin' after Sunday dinner. They would take a walk through the country and just examine all the wonderful things that nature has to offer. I absolutely love going out marvelin' in the Big Yard and have many favorite spots that I like to visit each day. Petunia generally stays by the steps at the Visitor Center, but I have things to check up on. Come on, go marvelin' with me!

The first stop is the Visitor Center. Not only are the stairs there a great place to rub your backside, but people come in and out of



there all day carrying food and treats. Sometimes they drop stuff (sort of on purpose!) or give me a bite of their apple or share some other goodie with me. If things are quiet there, I know another hot spot for some grub. Follow me!

There's this cool guy named Willie that brings a truckload of fruits, vegetables and bread four days a week. He always gives me something good to eat and talks to me. I like to hang around here for a bit and chat with the staff and



volunteers that cut up the produce. They're all real nice! But the snacks are limited (Mary's rule!) and I've got other duties to attend to.

Next I'm going to mosey over to..... Wait a sec, let me explain my favorite word there, mosey. I

never just plain walk anywhere and don't even think of asking me to run or even hurry. I just mosey. What a great word! And what a great life I have getting to mosey and marvel every day! So anyway, I'm moseying over to the barn to check out the stack of pools. Hey, these weren't here yesterday. It must be getting hot again if they're putting out the pools. Time for some water play!



Oh, and look over there in the little red barn where they put pigs that have had surgery and need a special place to recover. Belle is in there today. I heard she got spayed yesterday. I'll check in and see how she's feeling, give her a word of encouragement. A



little side benefit for me....the T post here is a great spot to rub my face and head. Ahhh, that feels good!

Now it's around the back of Tim's trailer and over to the place where the old folks live. Ooh, now



here's what I'm talking about with the marvelin'....check out the wildflowers I found! A fresh tasty treat along with a little grass.....yummy! But back on track to the old folks. These pigs rarely get up and visit with me but that's okay, I'll just mosey on past (there's that word again!) and go



see what Taryn's pigs are up to today. She has this big pig named Ziggy that's pretty cool. He and I do some chatting and chomping



through the fence on a regular basis. Taryn has some other pigs that live in her yard, but Ziggy is my favorite. Let's swing over to the backyard of the Visitor Center and see what's happening. Jake always talks to me but he's kinda old and doesn't come out of his



shelter much so I don't hang around for long. Oh, hey, check it out! Somebody dumped a water bowl through the fence and made a mud puddle! Nothing like a little roll in the mud to cool a guy off. But that always makes me itchy so a little side trip to Ben and Mary's stairs is now in order. Great spot to rub and scratch for a few minutes!



Let's meander over (and you thought I was going to mosey again!) to the Visitor Center and see what Petunia is doing. Still asleep under the stairs. Nothing else happening so I'll just keep moving. I like to go over to the



individual pens and talk to the pigs in there. There is always somebody out in the exercise yard to chat with. Ooh, today those four cute girls are out there! They all want to talk to me. Now that was worth the trip over here! I always go up and down the whole length of the fence to see what everybody is doing. Some of the pigs will get up and come chat with me but others don't feel too



good which is why they're in a pen now so they won't come over. I still feel I need to check up on them anyway. Let's see.....Ethel is asleep in the sun, Kamama is getting some meds or something from Taryn, don't see Lucille anywhere, Missy must be in her house, Piglet is ignoring me. Ah, kind of quiet today.

The workshop area is another place that is a must every day. There is usually somebody over here building stuff or repairing



things or just taking a break in the shade. I can usually get a few pets and back scratches over here, maybe rub my face on somebody's leg. And if you go around back where the grain is stored, sometimes there is some that got spilled on the ground so you can get a snack. In the summer there's a mud wallow and pool under the tree back there too. A great spot to rest for a minute before finishing my rounds.

At this point, I've made the circuit around the property. Sometimes, if it's not too hot, I'll mosey around the loop again to double-



check everything before heading home. You never know, I might have missed something the first time around. If I'm tired, I might go lay down by the stairs with Petunia and hang out with her a while. Or maybe I'll just go root around under the creosote bushes, eat hay scraps off the top of the wagon or play in the dirt pile. It

won't be too much longer before somebody will be calling my name wanting me to go back home with Petunia so another pig can come out and have a turn in the Big Yard. I'm never quite ready to go, so I'll mosey along at my own pace to squeeze out every second as long as I can. And I might just see something to stop and marvel at before going home. There's always something



interesting to see and do around here.

Well, thanks for going marvelin' with me! Hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!

---Arnold

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.



CHEAP ENTERTAINMENT

Sue wrote in about her version of the "Busy Ball" that she makes for her pig, Edison. She uses a 64 oz. plastic Mayonnaise jar, punching a few holes on all sides then adding some grain. Edison loves pushing his jar around the yard nibbling at the snacks that fall out! He gets some exercise and enjoyment from a simple, easy-to-make toy.



The King's Palace

You may remember reading about King Charles on the Sponsor Page in the March 2011 newsletter. He was found the previous summer along the side of the road overheated, dehydrated and dragging his back leg. Some people took him home and called us for help. King Charles has been with us since. His leg was x-rayed and found to have been badly broken and healed incorrectly but too long ago to be repaired. He was overweight and



King Charles Surveying His Domain

room for King Charles. So we decided to build him his own place. We didn't want him to be alone and just happened to have three other pigs in need of accommodations like his. Piglet and Elizabeth are two older pigs from our Main Field that are too arthritic to handle a large field any longer. Freddie is only one and a half years old but suffers from neurological problems that make



King Charles Resting

blind. The King, as we call him, had been living in one of our holding pens all this time because of his disabilities. Well, he lost some weight, learned to get around with his bum leg and was ready for a change.

We have two areas built for pigs that are in that stage of their lives where their physical handicaps make it unsafe to live in even the smaller Assisted Living Fields. Most are arthritic and unable to get around much. Both of those areas are full and there was no



Freddie

walking unstable at times, his tongue hangs out and he is, well.....a special needs child.

First came the construction of the shelters complete with carpet floors and doors. Once those were placed inside the area, Julian and Sam put up the hog panel fencing on a cold windy day with rain and sleet. On another day Jonny built a shade ramada and dug out a wallow while Lenny put in an automatic waterer with a hose bib connection. The shelters were shifted into place and shade cloth was put in above those. Blankets were added as the nights were still a little chilly. Everything was in place and ready for piggies!



Elizabeth Enjoying Her New Field

We were concerned about King Charles learning where everything is....being blind would make things harder for him. We have had a few other blind pigs that have done just fine but the King is special! There are times when he has difficulty getting up by himself. He has learned to moan until someone rushes over to help him roll over. His new home is more centrally located, so we can hear him easier and get to

him more quickly. We all have a special attachment to the King and have high hopes that he will



King Charles and Piglet Receiving Their Afternoon Fruit From Sam

adjust to and come to love his new place. Will he get along with Elizabeth and Piglet? Will Freddie, who wants to be everyone's friend, be okay with King Charles who is more than twice his size? Will the King be able to maneuver from his shelter to the mud wallow? So many



Freddie Taking Advantage of the Shade Ramada

concerns and questions that only time will tell. We were like nervous new moms bringing the baby home for the first time! Finally, on March 29th, King

Charles made his grand appearance. We had to load him into a crate and bring him over in the ATV. Freddie, Piglet and Elizabeth arrived soon after. The exploration began....new pigs, new space, new plants and new houses....so much to find and learn about. It turned out great! The King wandered all over the place, napped in the shade, played in the mud, then walked back over to the large shelter that was built for him. It was as if he somehow knew which house was supposed to be his! He spent most of the afternoon napping by his mud wallow.



Piglet

Late in the afternoon Sam and Sarah came by with juice and the evening medications. Freddie and Piglet were up and anxious to get their treat and juice. Sam had to roll the King up on his feet so that he could drink his juice. As a way to say thanks, King Charles snapped at Sam with a reminder not to stand so close. The King needs his space! Elizabeth was burrowed down within a group of creosote bushes but poked her head out to drink some juice. After everyone was satisfied they settled back down for yet another nap.

And so the first day ended with all four pigs happy and content. Over the course of the next few



Sam Helping King Charles Stay Hydrated By Giving Him Water Flavored With Juice

days there was a little bit of grumbling and raised hackles at times as they got to know one another, but overall it was a very easy transition for all of them. We are happy for all four of them but particularly excited about seeing King Charles out with other pigs enjoying some space and his freedom. It may look like an ordinary pig place but to us it's the King's Palace!

---Donna



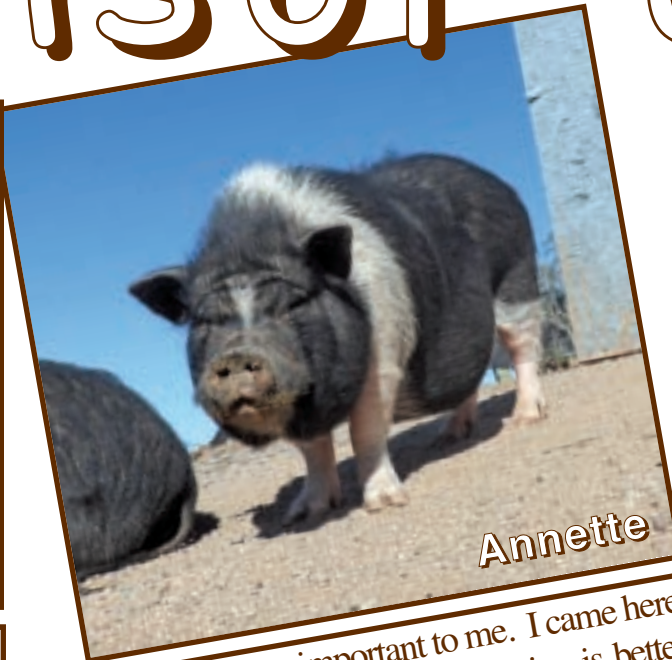
Sarah Giving Freddie His Afternoon Meds

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Kohanna

My life started as a feral pig. It took me a long time to trust anyone, but the people here have been very understanding. They have given me a wonderful big place to live where I can root, dig, run or wallow to my heart's content.



Annette

Family is very important to me. I came here with over 50 relatives and nothing is better than spending time with them. I am rather quiet and shy with people but very close to the other pigs.



Tyler

I love people and enjoy getting belly rubs. I have to come find me when you calling. My favorite naps in big piles of dirt.



Roy

I'm a little guy with bowed legs and a hunched back plus I have a little trouble eating because of chronic abscesses on my jaw. But don't let my physical appearance deter you. I am very active and love my life!



Penelope

Yes...another pig named Penelope! We're everywhere! Anyway, I like doing lots of different things like taking naps, going for walks, visiting with other pigs, eating. I would say that I really don't have a favorite thing but just do what feels right in the moment.



My name is "blossom" and I like a cherry blossom hanging out with the other pigs grazing on hay a lot of.

Special Pig!



I love to enjoy being petted and scratched. I am deaf so you might not hear me because I can't hear. My favorite thing is taking a nap in the dirt that I can nest in.



Little Joe

I have a short curly tail that makes me different from the other pigs here. I am very friendly and like being around people. Exploring is my favorite activity! I wander all over the place looking for interesting stuff.



Tucker

I am shy around people and don't really like any other pigs besides my best buddy, Tyler. I also like Joey who's a sheep. I love to dig in the dirt and root up the plants. Eating is my favorite thing to do.



Mai Ly

Mai Ly is Vietnamese for "cherry blossom" and "lion". I think I'm more of a cherry blossom than a lion. I enjoy hanging out with my girlfriends. Also, playing in the hay is something I like to do a lot.

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These pigs have shared some of their favorite activities with you. You can learn more about them and keep up with their lives by becoming a sponsor. A \$30 monthly donation will provide

their food, shelter, medical care and their share of sanctuary expenses. In return you'll receive updates and pictures of your pig. Please join our family of sponsors!



Donna

Jasmine

---Donna

Daily Medical Issues

Often our days at the sanctuary are filled with pigs' medical issues. Some days are consumed with medical needs while other days don't have any new ones. There are certain medical procedures that we deal with every day such as putting ointment in an eye or cleaning a healing wound. However, there are other situations that arise that require more attention such as abscesses or ripped ears from a pig fight.

Normal protocol for when someone notices a problem with a pig is to announce it on the walkie talkie so that Mary, Donna or I can assess the situation. We always have three different medical kits ready for use for minor needs, but we may also need to gather injections or the foot wrapping kit.



Deeanna Assists While Taryn Syringes Mineral Oil With Juice For Bodhi

Once we have the necessary items to deal with the situation we make sure we have enough people to

help. Depending on the demeanor of the pig needing medical attention and the type of issue at hand, it could take up to five people to take care of one pig.

If the pig needing medical attention isn't tame or does not like attention from people, it can be difficult to help them. When



Deeanna Gives Kamama Her Medication

this is the case we often have a few of the staff members gather boards so that we can corner the pig to doctor them. Occasionally we need to get the pig on their back for certain medical procedures. These types of treatments include wrapping injured feet or lancing and/or flushing abscesses.

Roy was recently brought into our pens to have his abscess lanced and treated. Roy does not appreciate being touched by us, so automatically we knew we'd need a few people. Also, we tend to have to board or flip any pig that



Mary Lancing Roy's Abscess While Sam Holds Him

we have to lance to make sure there aren't any sudden movements. Furthermore, we like to have a few people on hand for abscesses as there needs to be someone available to hand the medical tools to the person treating the abscess. We will continue to flush the abscess a few more times in the first week after it is lanced or broken to ensure that it is clean and draining well. Roy was a trooper and is already healed and back in his field.



Sam Assists While Mary Treats Frances' Eye

On occasion we have more tame and manageable pigs that need medical attention. In these instances it usually just takes one person to work with the pig. Often times we have a pig after a surgery that doesn't feel up to eating. We try to syringe homemade milkshakes to get nutrition into them. If they still won't take the milkshake we may have to give them subcutaneous fluids. Frances is one pig that needed both of these recently. She was kind enough to let us poke her belly to give her fluids.



Sam Giving SubQ Fluids to Frances in The Visitor Center Kitchen

Another situation that involves poking a pig is giving them injections. The reasons we may be giving a pig an injection include pain after surgery or an injury or we may be giving an injectable antibiotic for different illnesses. When we are giving injections it may be as easy as giving them the shot then giving them a cookie treat or they may be more difficult and we need to board them. Rufus is a rare one when it comes to shots. He looks forward to his weekly shot as he

gets cookie treats while we poke him. He is currently receiving



Taryn Giving a Shot to Rufus While Andy Assists

Adequan which is a joint supplement. Jesse wasn't going to submit as easily as Rufus; he required a board. We would need to get Jesse out of his house to give him his antibiotic injection when he came down with an inner ear infection. After cornering him with a board he wasn't much trouble. Of course he received a treat when we were done.



Jesse Receives a Shot From Taryn

There are also a few medical procedures that people may not realize we perform. They are often times more for maintenance. These types of things include

cleaning face folds on heavier pigs, cleaning ears and eyes and applying ointment to dry or cracked skin. A few of our pigs are missing ears from life experiences before the sanctuary. Ellie is one of these pigs. Often times her ear hole, as we call it, gets dirty and she tilts her head, letting us know. She's really good about letting us clean it out and going on about her day. We also have a few other pigs with ears



Taryn Syringing a Nutrient Drink

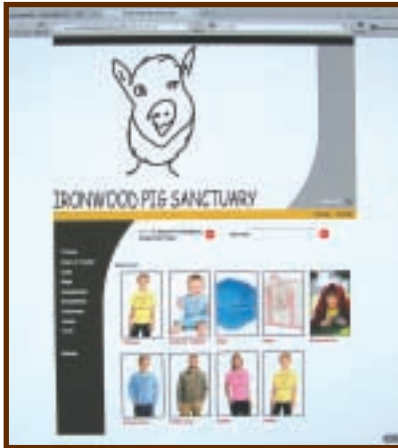
that seem to fill up with dirt quite regularly. Margarita, Hero and Ziggy are just a few of those pigs. Hero and Ziggy enjoy their ear cleaning moments while Margarita has to be in the mood.

Whether it is a small or large issue, we make sure to do our best to ensure everyone's needs are cared for every day. We keep a medical log so we can look back on a pig's medical history quickly. A lot of this is behind-the-scenes work, but it's very important and we strive to keep every pig comfortable.

---Taryn

T-Shirt and Hat Sales

Our T-shirt and hat sales surpassed what we expected and what we could handle, so we decided to move it up to the next level. You can now purchase short or long sleeve T-shirts, sweatshirts,



Ironwood Store

hoodies and hats with our logo in a larger variety of colors through our website. We will no longer be accepting orders by phone or email, but will still have items available onsite for visitors. All orders to be shipped will be

handled through our website at www.ironwoodpigs.org. You can either go to our web site at www.ironwoodpigs.org and click on the staff picture just below the Sustainer section on the Support page or type the following link into your browser:



www.companycasuals.com/iwp/start.jsp This will enable you to order exactly what you want instead of only what we have in stock at the sanctuary. Check it out and enjoy shopping!

Our Wish List

- * Gift Card to Fry's, Home Depot, Lowes, Office Max, Office Depot, Target, Amazon, Staples, or PetsMart are an easy way to give.
- * The above gift cards can be purchased on-line
- * VISA gift cards that can be used anywhere
- * Postage Stamps (Forever, 45, 32, 20 cents)
- * Used Blankets are always welcome
- * Flaxseed Capsules
- * Ensure or Equivalent - Vanilla only
- * Fig Newton Cookies or equivalent - not individually wrapped please
- * Cranberry Capsule - 2000 mg preferred
- * Vitamin E capsules, 400IU

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Sammy

Dear Supporter

If it wasn't for you we would not have been able to rescue over 1000 pot-bellied pigs during the 11 years we have been here and to care for almost 600 at the Sanctuary.

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.

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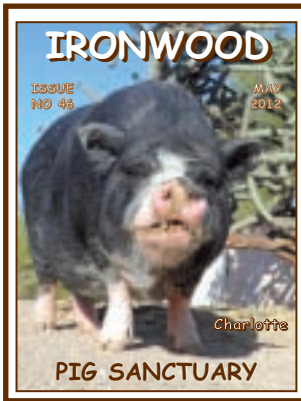
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Remember the Sanctuary in your Will

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.

Front & Back Cover



Charlotte is little but mighty. I first met her when I was volunteering at a sanctuary known as Pigs*A*Lot, now our Annex. Some people came and dumped her off since they wanted a baby pig. In fact, they wanted one of hers when she had them. Yes, she was pregnant. My guess was she

was young, maybe a few years old. At that time I did not know much about how far along she might be, but we put her in a small pen knowing that she would no doubt get beat up in the general area with all the other pigs. Not long after that when I returned to volunteer, I was told that her babies had been born and they all froze. I don't

know the details, whether she rejected them or it just was too cold for them to survive without the proper care. Soon after that we put Grandma Moses in the pen with her since Grandma was quite old and in need of protection from the other pigs. Each time we tried to introduce Charlotte into the herd she had a great amount of difficulty. Very soon after Ironwood opened in 2001 we brought both Grandma and Charlotte to Ironwood. We put them both in our newly formed special needs field, but Charlotte was much too feisty for that field so we moved her into our already established Main field. There she has lived nearly 11 years now and has always stayed right inside the gate in the group shelter with her circle of friends. Even in her senior years she is still feisty. She has never warmed up to us really but has always seemed content with her life and her place with her little herd in the group shelter.



Since this is our 11th Anniversary issue, both our front and back cover feature some of our old pigs that have been with us all these years.

lives under one of our larger shelters that house small herds of pigs, and as pictured here, he enjoys his time with his companions.

Desiree and her mother Madeline were picked up by Ben and me when we were volunteering. We got a call from the Desert Museum that two pigs were running loose right across the road in the desert. We were finally able to coax Desiree into a carrier just at dark. We were not yet open so they both went to what is now our Annex. Desiree was later injured, so we brought her to our house where she stayed until we opened. She settled right in and made pig friends but has never really wanted our companionship yet loves to stand and stretch for a treat from us.

Taylor was a young stray boar who we picked up at Animal Control on 5/27/02. He was pretty well socialized so one has to wonder why he became a stray that no one wanted back. He is a quiet boy that never makes a fuss, so many people don't take a lot of notice of him. But he is special to me and I always try to give him a pet when passing through the field. He has a lot of good pig friends to keep him company.

Harley joined us on 10/27/01. He was about 5 years old then, so he is well into years now. He loved his freedom since he spent a great deal of his early years in a crate in an apartment. For a long time he lived alone in the fields, but over time he worked his way into the herd and now

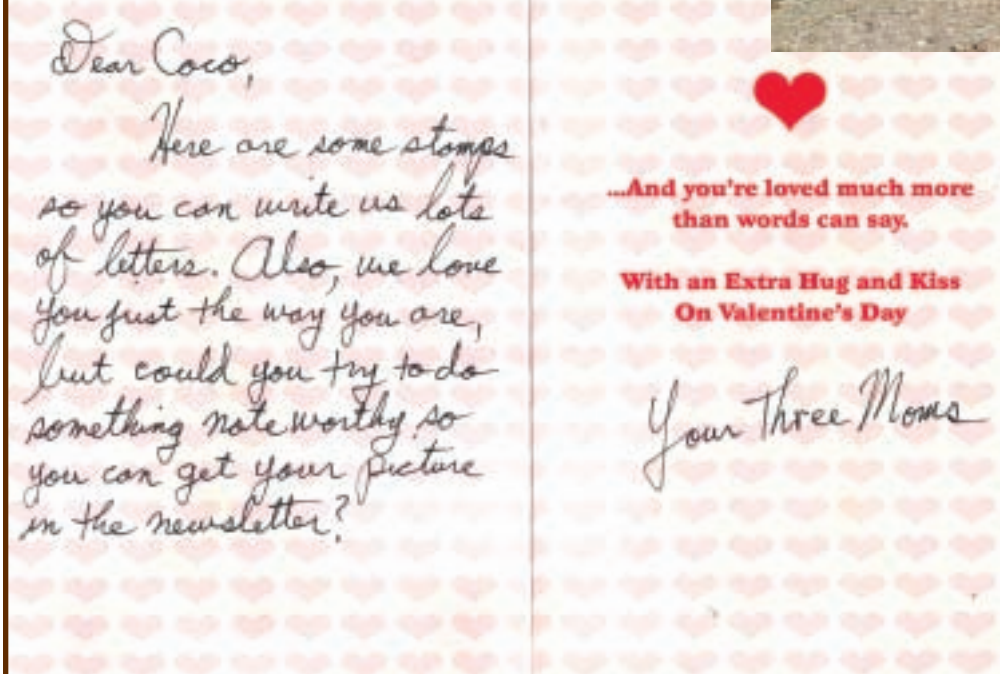
Arnold was a young fellow when we picked him up on 8/19/01. The family actually brought him to our home a few months earlier then took him home because they just couldn't leave him. However, he was getting bigger and having issues with their dog, so the decision to give him up was made by them. He was big and young and full of himself, so he became the patriarch of the field for many years. These days he is just sort of one of the gang as he has become a senior. They have all grown up together and are growing old together here at Ironwood. All strangers with their stories who have come together to become life-long buddies because there is an Ironwood.

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.



Noteworthy things I've done:

1. I have lost a lot of weight since moving here (and it has not been easy or fun!).
2. I have been a very good friend to Ziggy (I love her so much!).
3. I have learned to go into a pen at breakfast time and only eat my food instead of everyone else's (you have no idea how hard that is!).
4. I am sure there are other things, but I can't think of them right now.

---Love, Coco

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