

# PIG ADOPTION APPLICATION

For the right people, pigs make wonderful companion animals but for others they can become a nightmare, so please be sure and do your homework first. To help us determine your qualifications and match the right pig to your home, please fill out this application as completely and honestly as possible. It will require some time and thought on your part, but it will help us match each precious pig with the perfect home, as well as give you better insight on what it takes to prepare the perfect home. You must meet the following criteria before being considered for foster or adoption status:

- Be 21 years of age or older
- Have identification showing your present address
- All members of the household agree to foster the pet
- Have the consent of your landlord in writing to show to us, if you rent
- Have proof of zoning laws pertaining to keeping potbellied pigs in your community
- We cannot place animals in homes with children under the age of 5 yrs.

we reserve the right to refuse a foster or adoption to anyone that we feel is not a suitable candidate. Please complete the following questionnaire and email it so that

## Personal Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Hm # \_\_\_\_\_ Wk # \_\_\_\_\_

cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

Are you over 21 years of age? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you have a medical condition that would limit your ability to care for the pig?  
\_\_Yes \_\_No

## Property Information

Does your local zoning allow pet pigs? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*Many communities do not if it is against their zoning ordinances. Please check before you continue.*

•Can you provide proof that you are allowed to have a pig, i.e. leasing information, zoning laws, homeowners association approval, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

•Do you live in a: House \_\_ Apartment \_\_ Condo \_\_ Mobile Home \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

•Do you: \_\_ Own \_\_\_\_ Rent

•Do you live in a planned community? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*If you live in a planned community, you will need written permission from your homeowner's association to have a pig*

•Do you have a fenced-in yard? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

•Will your pig have his/her own pen or fenced area? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

•Will your pig share a pen or fenced area with other animals? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

•Do you have an in ground swimming pool or fish pond? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

•Do you have bird feeders in your yard? \_\_Yes\_\_ No

•Will the pig be required to use stairs to get in & out of your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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## Household Information

- Number of adults living in your home: \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of children in your home and their ages: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do all members in your household want this pet? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- Do you currently have a pig? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- If so, is this pig neutered/spayed? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Age: \_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever previously had a pig? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- If so, what happened to him/her?

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•What other pets do you currently have? (Please give breeds of your dog(s))

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•Will you pig ever be left unsupervised with dogs? (indoors or outdoors)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

•Who will be responsible for caring for the pig?

### IF INDOORS:

Indoor pigs are pigs that live primarily inside your home with daily outside yard privileges. Is your home pig-proofed? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Need more info

- Where will the pig sleep? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many hours will the pig be alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is there a safe place for your pig to stay during the day? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- Is there a safe place for the pig to spend his outside time? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

### IF OUTDOORS:

Outdoor pigs live primarily outside in a barn or special shelter with yard &/or pasture privileges.

- Do you have a well-insulated house for the pig? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- Do you have a way to heat this house in cold weather? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- Is there access to a wading pool or mud hole in summer? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- Is there a spot available with all-day shade? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Describe the living conditions you will provide.

Please be very specific about the size of the pasture/yard:

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## Vet Information

Vet Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Are your current pets neutered? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Are your current pets up-to-date on their vaccinations?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**DOES YOUR CURRENT VET CARE FOR PIGS?**

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If not, what is the name & phone number of a vet that does care for pet pigs that you will be using? Vet Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Will you allow us to contact your vet for a reference check? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, please sign here \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*It is very important to find a vet who will treat the pig before actually getting one.*

*A potbellied pig has different medical needs than your typical companion animal or even a farm pig. These vets are few and far between and could mean the difference between life and death in an emergency.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Please supply us with the name, phone number and e-mail of two references:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

•Can someone come out and check your home to be sure it is safe (properly pig-proofed, adequate shelter, supplies on hand for pig's arrival, etc.)?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

•How far would you be willing to travel to pick up your pig?

•In what way have you educated yourself on the proper care of a pig?

•Are you committed to care for the pig for his/her life. (it is estimated the lifespan of a potbellied pig can be up to 20 years)? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

•Do you have any questions/concerns about caring for a pig? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

•Most importantly, why do you want a pig as a pet?

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## **HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS**

**What steps would you take to find a lost pet?**

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**What will you do with your pet when you go on vacation?**

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**What would you do if you're pet became ill and needed expensive veterinary care?**

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**What would you do if you became ill and could no longer care for your pet?**

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**What are your views on euthanasia and your animals?**

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**For what reason, if any, would you feel compelled to give up an animal?**

**(Check all that apply)**

Housetraining problems,  Animal aggression,  People aggression

Medical expenses,  Size (too big),  Not enough time for pet due to work or new family members,  Children no longer living at home

Fence jumper/gets out of yard,  Destructive in yard/home

**Other (explain)**

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**By signing this application, you are affirming that the information provided is accurate and truthful, to the best of your knowledge. Falsification of information will result in denial of application to foster or adopt. We reserve the right to refuse adoption or foster status to any applicant at our sole discretion. We base our decisions on several criteria including but not limited to, the application answers, our follow up with the application answers, veterinary references, etc. I hereby certify that the information I have provided above is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge, and you may rely on this information to evaluate my application.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

## ***Pig Education***

**I understand that the average weight of a full-grown potbellied pig is 75-150 pounds, some smaller and some larger, and that genetics determines size. Underfeeding the pig will not change his skeletal size and will only lead to health and/or behavioral problems. Over-feeding the pig or not feeding him food specific to his species will also lead to health and/or behavioral problems.**

Yes  No  Need more information.

**I understand that rooting is a basic natural instinct and that ALL pigs will root to varying degrees. This can lead to destructiveness in the house when they are bored and do not have other outlets or if they do not get enough outside time. It can also lead to destructiveness of lawn and flowerbeds.**

Yes  No  Need more information

**I understand that dogs and pigs must be carefully monitored and should NEVER be left unsupervised together, even the most gentle dog and even if the pig and dog are best of friends. They are both animals with animal instincts. Dogs are predators and pigs are prey, and a dog can kill a pig if provoked.**

Yes  No  Need more information

**I understand that a pig can become territorial. This can include growling, snapping, charging, or even biting to varying degrees. It is most common in house pigs but can also occur outside. In the wild, pigs are herd animals, and it is a natural instinct for them to try to test their dominance and become "top hog". Behavioral modification techniques can help. Because of this instinct, children and pigs must always be carefully supervised.**

Yes  No  Need more information

**I understand that spaying/neutering of all pigs is ESSENTIAL, not only for reproduction purposes but also for behavioral and health reasons as well. An unaltered pig does not make a good house pet. An unaltered pig may also develop reproductive organ disease when older and larger and no longer a safe surgical candidate.**

Yes  No  Need more information

**I understand that it will most likely be difficult to find a competent vet who will care for my pig. I also understand that I must have a plan set up in advance to get my pig to the vet in an emergency situation. This plan should include an adequate vehicle and adequate muscle if the pig is no longer mobile.**

Yes  No  Need more information

**In the case that this pig is to be a companion for a current pig, I understand there will be an "introduction" period between the two, whereby they work it out between themselves who will be "top hog".**

Yes  No  Need more information  Not applicable

**I understand that this animal is a pig, and as such, I will allow him to be a pig. I understand that he has specific needs basic to his nature, and I will strive to meet those needs and appreciate the very qualities that make him such a unique and delightful creature.**

Yes  No  Need more information