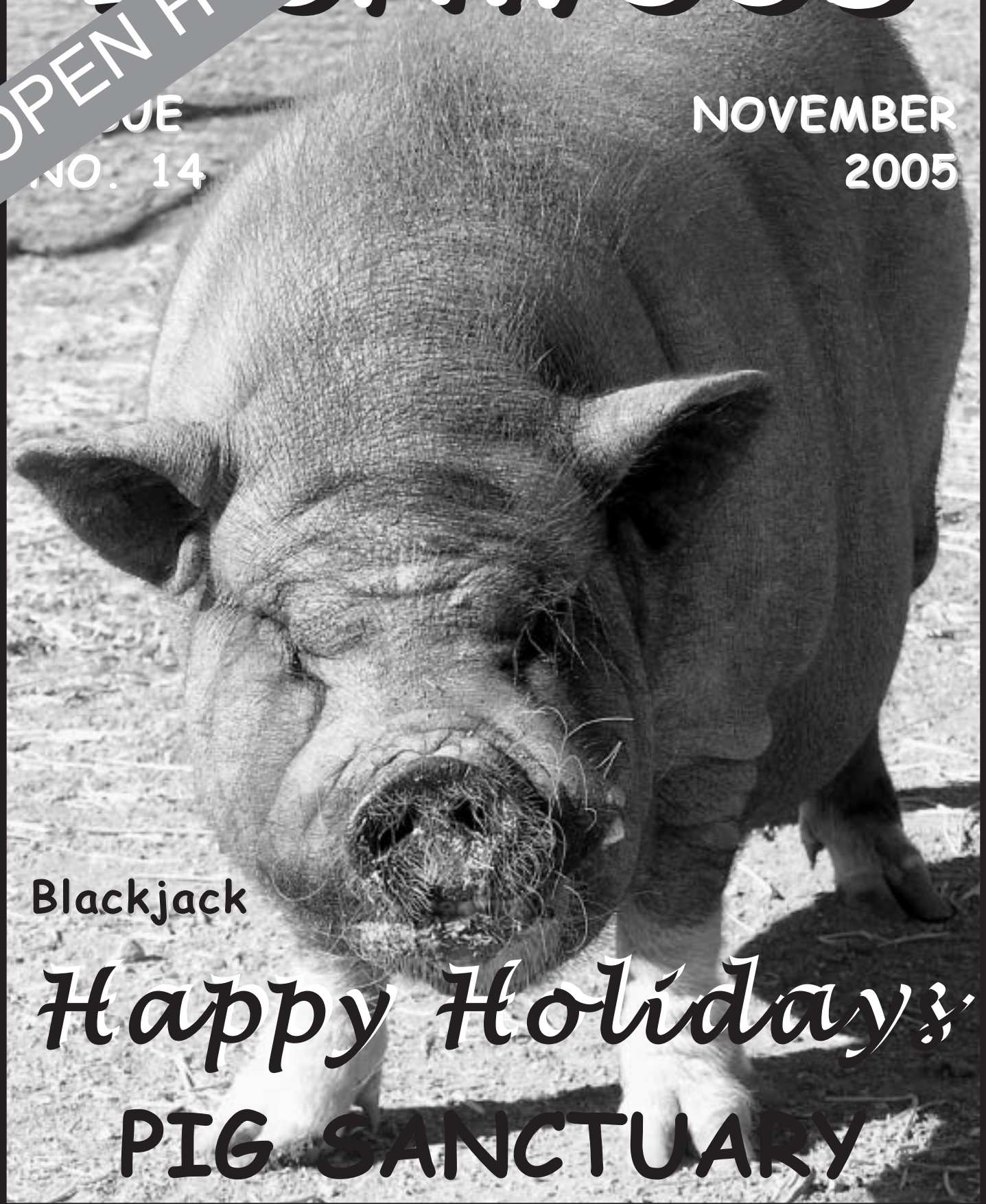


OPEN HOUSE

# TRUCKEE SUNWOOD

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Blackjack

*Happy Holidays*

PIG SANCTUARY

**Ironwood Pig Sanctuary  
34656 E. Crystal Visions Road  
Marana, AZ 85653**

November 1, 2005

Dear Supporter,

These have been excruciatingly difficult times for people and animals in our country. Never in our history has there been such a heroic effort to rescue so many animals in dire conditions as in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. I am sure many of you have been personally involved or watching in horror from the sidelines, as we have. Our thanks to all who have helped in unbearable conditions, and our condolences to all who have lost their dear friends in this disaster.

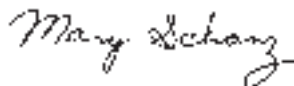
There were pigs rescued, and thanks to organizations and individuals from nearby states, we did not have to make the hard decision about who we would not take in locally to make room for hurricane pigs.

All Arizona summers are difficult, but this has been the hottest I have ever experienced and even through the month of September we experienced temperatures as much as 10 degrees above normal. We have been so very grateful to have our well, and our tanks full of water, especially since there have been three brush fires this summer in our area. Supporters from around the country called to see how we were surviving when they heard of our extreme heat. I am happy to report we all did survive and are looking forward to the fall and winter coolness.

Our work remains monumental. Although we did not have the task of taking over the animals from another sanctuary, as we have for the past two summers, we are supplying food for about sixty pigs at another sanctuary and this alone has added a tremendous burden to our load. Many calls continue to come in for pig releases, and we are forced to do a triage. Those in immediate danger or at risk come first, while those who are unwanted, but still have a home, must wait. Read about many of our recent rescues in this issue.

Please help our pigs by buying raffle tickets to win one of our great prizes and help all pigs in Arizona by contacting Arizonans for Humane Farms. Have a happy, healthy Holiday Season and we will see you next year. We are here because of you.

Sincerely,



Mary Schanz

PS: Chandler, pictured here with me, was rescued from the University Medical Center. He was a medical research pig who never saw the light of day or rooted in the dirt the first year of his life. He is now living out his life enjoying the sun, the wallows, and his pig friends with us at Ironwood's Annex.





# Gene Simmons and Dynamite

**A**t Ironwood we receive pigs in all sizes and shapes, but two recent arrivals were such a great contrast I just had to tell you about them and how they managed to come to Ironwood.

Gene Simmons, named after the Rock Star, came to us from Animal Care and Control (ACC) in Phoenix. Gene's owner had died from her injuries in an automobile accident and this dear



**Gene Simmons**

little pig was in the car with her. He was amazingly not injured. He was wearing a tag with his name and NV address and inscribed on the tag was "Loved A Lot." He is such a loving little boy full of himself and life and has now gone to a wonderful home north of Phoenix.

By contrast Dynamite is one big boy. He has big tusks and is so hairy he looks like a buffalo. On a Wednesday we received a call from a woman who had moved from her property the Monday before and was looking for a vet

to euthanize her seven-year-old boar that she had since he was a baby because she could not find a home for him. My husband asked what she would do if a home or vet could not be found and she said she would hire someone to come and shoot him. I guess that was her ticket for us to say we would take him. We picked him up the next day on the return from a trip to deliver three boarded pigs back to their happy owners.

Things were complicated by the fact that he was running loose on five acres and his owner canceled her appointment to meet us there because she had other things to do. Lucky for us, Roi, Sally and Delta's parents offered to come help us once their piggies were safely back home.

It was nearing dark when we arrived at the property, which was more like an estate, than a home. The four of us had a real challenge to corner him in order to get this very large boar with these long tusks into the crate we



**Dynamite**

had brought for him. But with luck and determination we had him loaded before dark and were heading for Ironwood, thanks to the help from Joe and Kathryn! He was so stressed he hyperventilated all the way home.



**Gene Simmons with Gary at his new home**

The next day Jen, one of our employees, said he was whimpering. She sat with him to reassure him he was in a safe place now and would never be threatened again. As she talked softly to him he settled down for the first time.

Gene and Dynamite's lives will never be the same, but because of you and us working together they will both be safe and have a loving home.

---Mary

# Meet Our Pigs



**Snickers** is a beautiful little pig that came into our lives for the second time this August. This past spring we received a call from his owner and she said she was moving and had two boars she could not take with her. We offered to move her pigs and build her a pen at her new home if she could keep them. One of her boars go out of her yard and was never seen again. Snickers was still with her and she was being evicted and moving the next day. She had gotten him four years ago when he was a baby from someone who had won him in a Raffle!!! He has been recently neutered and is waiting to go to a new home or to be released to one of our fields if he is not adopted. He is very shy but also very sweet. Snickers is probably wondering what happened to his good friend and glad he did not go with him when he escaped.



**Sandy** was brought to the Humane Society, along with a number of other animals, when her owner was found dead. The Humane Society released her to us once it was agreed by the

family that they did not want her. Sandy was very frightened at first but now she really likes to get petted and loves to be out of her pen roaming around the property. She was going to go home to live with Sushi but Adam went instead since Sandy can be a bit aggressive with new pigs. She would really like a home to go to with a lot of space to roam around in.

## Little Debby

is a very friendly little girl who was found wandering around near Three Points after the first summer storm. Some kind people picked her up because a loose



Pit Bull nearly attacked her. They could not keep her with them since they also had dogs that would not be nice to her and they passed her on to friends who could keep her temporarily. They tried to locate her family by putting signs around and in stores, but her family could not be located so she found a home at Ironwood. She loves to have her belly rubbed and is a mild mannered little pig.

## COVER

**Blackjack** was stuck in a truck. He was rescued by some people when we were volunteers for Lynnette, the previous owner of the Annex, and was left in the truck for two days until Lynnette went to rescue him. The people were afraid of him and did not know how to handle him. We brought him to Ironwood along with six other special pigs shortly after we opened. They were all timid and had grown thin because they could not compete with the herd for food. We built a special field for the seven thin pigs and they all still live together in the West Field along with six pigs rescued from Florida and 12 from an Apache Junction sanctuary. Blackjack is still very timid and to this day has to eat outside the field so he can be assured of enough food.



# IRONWOOD RAFFLE!!

**FIRST PRIZE:** Win a week's use of a vacation condo in an exotic resort of your choice around the world! You pick the resort and week (subject to availability). One or two bedrooms with full kitchen available. The prize does not include transportation, food or other expenses. Resorts are limited to those covered by RCI and are subject to available dates. \$1750 Value.



**SECOND PRIZE:** Win the use of up to a 4-bedroom furnished cabin for a weekend of your choice, including a boat and motor, at Sojourn Cottages in the beautiful 1000-island region of upstate New York on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. Cottages are cute and clean and are completely furnished to allow you to enjoy a carefree holiday. Subject to available dates. \$260 Value.

## **MANY OTHER PRIZES AVAILABLE:**

- \* Psychic reading by Walt the Wizard either in person or by phone. \$100 value.
- \* Brand-new in box HP InkJet color printer model 3845. \$100 value.
- \* A number of pieces of very nice 14-carat jewelry.
- \* Other jewelry, women's watches, and jade pig earrings.
- \* One year of sponsorship for the pig of your choice.



We have many great prizes - all donated by supporters so your raffle ticket donations all go to help the animals, not to buy prizes!

**And, as always, the biggest winners will be the animals!**

Drawing will be held January 2, 2006 at Ironwood and winners notified by mail and in our February Newsletter.



# 2006 WINTER RAFFLE TICKETS

Here are **YOUR 2006 Raffle Tickets**. Please print clearly and fill in every ticket you send. You can use your address label if desired. Tickets may be copied if you need additional tickets for yourself, relatives, or friends. Please cut the tickets apart before sending. **\$2 Suggested donation.** The **Grand Prize** is a **condo for a week** in an exotic resort of your choice anywhere in the world. See page 6 for details. Drawing will be held at the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary January 2, 2006.

## 2006 Winter Raffle ticket. \$2 Donation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional) (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

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# The Queen of Mean!

**W**hen a new worker starts training at the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary, one of the first tasks is to shadow an experienced employee during feedings. This allows the neophyte to gain an awareness of where pigs get fed, who needs extra food, attention or medicine during feeding time. During this time the newcomer will also be told which pigs to watch. “He’s a biter,” or “She can be a little bitey” are phrases spoken often during the course of the day.

Before I tell you about Ebony, I want to emphasize that the mean pigs are not always mean. They are very much like people you know and meet every day. They have different personalities depending on various factors, which include food, weather, other pigs, or people. The sweetest pig will nip your calf for a treat and the most aloof pig will suddenly become the most gentle if offered a little piece of fruit.

That said, when I began working with the pigs last March, I was told to ‘watch out’ for Ebony. She is a small pig in our Assisted Living Phase II field. With her short legs, swayback and splayed feet, she certainly doesn’t look very dangerous. But when the treats came out, LOOK OUT!

Ebony was raised as an only pig from a very young age. She was loved unconditionally and was spoiled rotten. She lived indoors and was often seen with her hooves brightly painted a feminine and equally garish shade. She ate from a velvet pillow... This may be an exaggeration, but you get the point. One day, Ebony’s owner

was no longer able to care for her, and she was brought to a sanctuary. Ebony was not happy. She was fed in a pen because she would bite anyone who came into the field. Not one person could enter the field and escape untouched by Ebony. She was



classified as an ‘aggressive pig.’ When the sanctuary went into foreclosure, Ironwood purchased the property to keep a home for the 100 pigs there. This became our Annex. Mary scooped up Ebony and brought her to Ironwood. She was placed in a field of older pigs along with some friends she had made, Charlotte, Tippy, and Jack. Today, the four of them eat while separated from the rest of the pigs in the field because they are slower and would have a hard time competing with the others for their food. And because they are slower, it takes a little something extra to lure them back into the field at the end of feeding — animal cookies!

Early in my employment I threw some cookies in front of Ebony to keep her occupied while I put the others back in the field. Inevitably, she would run out, and get a little too close for

comfort, determined to get another cookie. The next thing I noticed was that Ebony would wait by the front gate to chase me down the hill to her feeding area. It became difficult to walk in the field while she was awake and wandering around.

One day, while she frantically ate the cookies that I threw on the ground to get her little pointy teeth away from my hand, I leaned down and began to pet her. Her sparse fur was smooth and soft. She froze, and I jerked my hand away. Then I saw the fur on her back stand up. This, much like a dog’s wagging tail, is either a sign of aggression or pleasure. She didn’t swing around to bite my arm, so I continued to pet her. Her fur then stood up even higher, and she began to sway. The next thing I knew, she had flopped

over, and I was giving a belly rub to one of the ‘meanest’ pigs around. The next night, I brought some strawberries for her. She took them with the gentlest lips. She didn’t seem to have a mean bone in her body.

Now, I pet her when I get to the gate, and instead of chasing me she runs ahead to her feeding area. And when she gets her cookies, she leaves her teeth out of it. If I have extra time, I sit with her and scratch her ears before going back to work.

Sometimes, we at the sanctuary play a fantasy game, which could possibly be called “If You Could Adopt A Pig, Who Would It Be?” There are always many different answers for each of us. Gentle, mean, big, small, talkative, or greedy; we all have our favorites. But at the top of my list is always Ebony.

---Karen

# One of Our Pigs Would

Amos  
Anna  
Arnold



Baldwin  
Bennie



Betsy  
Betty



**Margarita**

Biff

Gilbert

Blackjack  
Black Socks  
Bonita  
Bradley

Gracie  
Harley  
Harriet  
Hart

Chi  
Chorizo

Hondie  
Hunter



Chrissy  
Clarece  
Daley  
Debbie  
Dewey  
Dixie Lee  
Doc

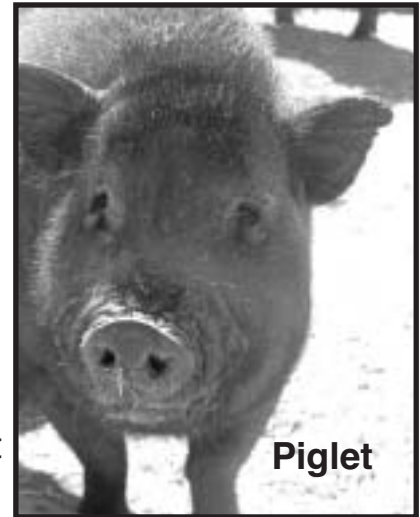


Duane  
Ebby  
Edith  
Edwin  
Ferdy

Irma  
Jackson  
Jethro  
John Coffey  
Jolee  
Jumper  
Kane  
Latasha  
Lennie  
Little Hamlet  
Little'Un  
Loretta

Louie  
Lucy  
Major  
Mai Ly  
Mama  
Mamacita

Margaret  
Melba  
Millie  
Miss-  
Piggy



**Piglet**

Missy  
Morgan  
Mr. Pigg  
Otis  
Pearl  
Pepe  
Pete

Petunia  
Phoebe I  
Piglet  
Poindexter  
Popeye

**Welcome to all of our new sponsors!!**

Thank you all for being such a wonderful and important part of the lives of our pigs here at Ironwood! All that we do would not be possible without all of your support!

If you would like to join our family of sponsors, please use the enclosed envelope with the pig of your choice. Here is a list of pigs that need sponsors. A monthly donation of \$30 will help with the cost of food, water, shelter and healthcare needs. In return, I will send you periodic letters and pictures of your pig so you know what is going on in your pig's life.

Thank you again for all your support!  
Michelle



**Zeus**



# Love You as a Sponsor!

Porky  
Pretty Girl



Angel

Princess

Michelle



Oliver

- Profit
- Roger
- Rosie
- Sally
- Sandy
- Scarlet
- Scout
- Shannon
- Shelton
- Shirley
- Sophie

- Spike
- Squiggy
- Stevie
- Susie
- Sweet Pea
- Tillie
- Verdell
- Wallace
- Waylon
- White
- Socks
- Willard
- Woolly Bully
- Wrinkles
- Zena
- Ziggy

And There are  
Many  
More...



Piggy Sue



Lucy



NoNo





## Arizonans for Humane Farms

### LANDMARK ARIZONA BALLOT MEASURE LAUNCHED TO BAN ABUSIVE FACTORY FARMING PRACTICES

Signature Gatherers URGENTLY Needed

[www.yesforhumanefarms.org](http://www.yesforhumanefarms.org)

#### Please contact:

Arizonans for  
Humane Farms  
PO Box 3095  
Tempe, AZ 85280  
Phone: 480-449-  
7644  
Fax: 480-449-7648  
[info@yesforhumanefar](mailto:info@yesforhumanefar)

A groundbreaking ballot initiative is now underway in Arizona to outlaw the cruel and intensive confinement of pregnant pigs and veal calves on industrialized factory farms. Volunteers must gather 200,000 signatures to place a measure on the 2006 November ballot. **Your help is needed!**

Hundreds of volunteer petitioners are needed immediately to collect the 200,000 signatures needed to make this initiative a reality in Arizona!

We urgently need your participation to make this vital effort a success for animals.

For all of our supporters from Arizona, I hope that you will be able to help out with this initiative. Every signature counts. Some great things have happened for animals in AZ through the initiative process, like banning cock fighting and banning leg hold traps on public lands. Now lets help the pigs and calves!! -Mary

## We Appreciate our Volunteers!

I always save some space in our newsletter to thank everyone who helps us. Thanks to all of you who make financial contributions. Believe me, if it were not for you, there would be no need for those who come to rake the poops, deliver the blankets, build the shelters or do all the other tasks needed to help give our pigs a happy and healthy home, because there would be no home for all of our pigs. No matter how much or by which means you contribute, we so appreciate and depend on your help.

Thanks to Donna and Bob who come every Wednesday and spend their time focused on one thing, raking the fields. Donna said she needs her

piggie fix and we are glad to have her help. Ironwood is a lot cleaner these days due to their efforts.

Please know that all of you who have helped in some way with building Phase III, cutting towels, chopping fruits and veggies, cleaning the visitor center, picking up blankets, or have helped in any capacity to ease our load are so appreciated.

And last, but certainly not least, we want to thank all of you who have contributed to our winter Raffle. We hope it is a big success and don't forget, the piggies are the real winners!!!

---Mary

# More on Our Annex

**I**n our last issue, August 2005, we told you about our problems at our Annex. Three months later we are still uncertain about our future there. We have contacted our County Supervisor and she may be able to give us some help. For now we are on hold for three to six months while the possibility of a new ordinance is explored. I thank all of you who have written to wish us well.

Pamala and Angie continue to care for all of our pigs at the Annex and I join them for work projects. We are looking ahead to build new shelters to replace some of our old ones with the coming of fall. And of course we should have the winterizing complete by the time you read this.

----Mary



**Chandler & Margarita**



**JT**



**Petunia III**



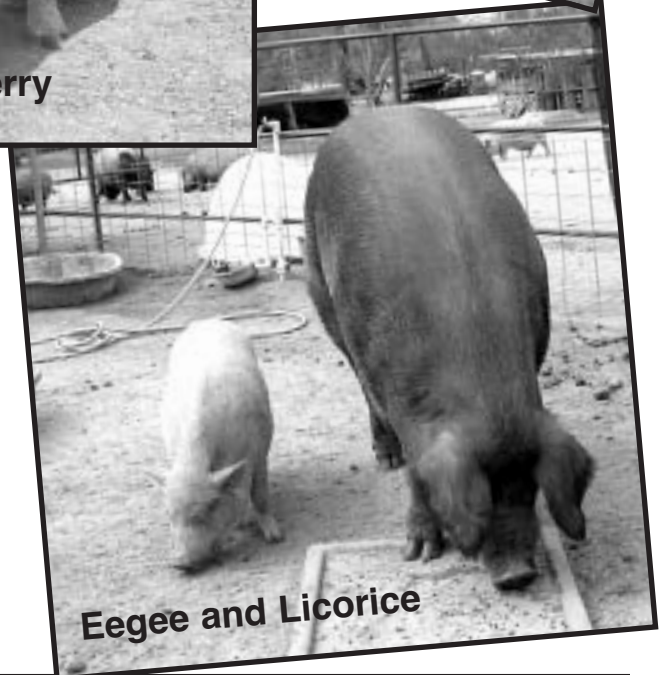
**Mr. T-Bone**



**Strawberry**



**JT, Cid, and Tiffney**



**Eege and Licorice**



# Open House!



One of Mary's Open House Tours

**D**on't miss our **Open House on Saturday November 12, 2005**. Hours are from 11:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. It is a great opportunity to meet our sweet pigs and other supporters. There are tours of the sanctuary, refreshments and snacks. Free Admission.

The pigs love the attention with belly rubs and petting. Please refer to the invitation card you received in the mail for directions. All roads to the sanctuary will be marked with signs only on the day of the open house. From Phoenix get off of I-10 at exit 219. From Tucson get off at exit 236. Do not use any of the mapping programs such as MapQuest because they do not give correct directions. We are looking forward to your visit. Come and have a good time. The pigs will love it!

## Winterizing Your Pig

**T**he cold weather is fast approaching. The nights are getting cooler and the piggies will need something extra to keep them warm. Here at the sanctuary, we will soon be rolling back some of the shade cloth to let in that warm winter sun. We're making sure that each shelter is watertight to prevent the cold winter rains from soaking the pigs and their bedding. Pigs like a warm shelter to burrow into when the cold sets in. We use dogloos (known around here as pigloos). These igloo-type shelters are great and are available at major pet stores. We have also built many wooden shelters similar in design to doghouses. We make sure that the shelter is not too big so that it doesn't get too drafty inside. We hang carpet with slits in it across

the doorways to cut the cold winds.

We stuff the shelter with Bermuda hay. Be careful with straw, however. We found during our first winter that as the pigs would bury themselves in the straw, they were getting the corkscrew-shaped pieces stuck in their eyes and we ended up treating several pigs for eye infections. The wood chips or Bermuda hay are safer choices for bedding.

Blankets! Pigs LOVE their blankets! Always make sure your pig has at least one blanket. They will nest and burrow down inside their blanket or just roll themselves up in it

completely. We've seen pigs carry their blankets out into the sun during the day then drag them back into the shelters at night. So just remember these three things as you winterize your pig's home: cozy shelter, bedding and blankets. Don't forget that all your animals will enjoy a warm dry shelter this winter.



Valentine In His Winterized Shelter

# Assisted Living Phase II & III

**M**ost of our pigs enjoy the freedom of being in a large field which provides them the space to explore and the option to choose their friends. However, some of our pigs are not able to cope with a large field and cannot compete for food in a large herd due to ailments or old age. These pigs are kept in spacious pens with the opportunity to spend time each day in our large exercise yard. We often put these pigs out with others so that they can have company and develop friendships.

Two years ago we decided to make a smaller field for only these disabled pigs and called it the Assisted Living Field. This

field was so successful that last year, with the financial assistance of Francis Schilling in memory of

and called it Phase III, with Francis Schilling's help.

Our aging population of pigs really enjoy these fields. Some choose to stay near their shelters while others will explore the entire field.

Thank you Francis for your support in building these two fields. The pigs there are happy to have their own space where they can mingle and pick their own friends.



**Assisted Living Phase III**

his recently departed wife, we built the Assisted Living Phase II Field.

Once again we found our pens filling with ageing pigs that needed a field of their own, so we developed an unused section of the Assisted Living Phase II Field

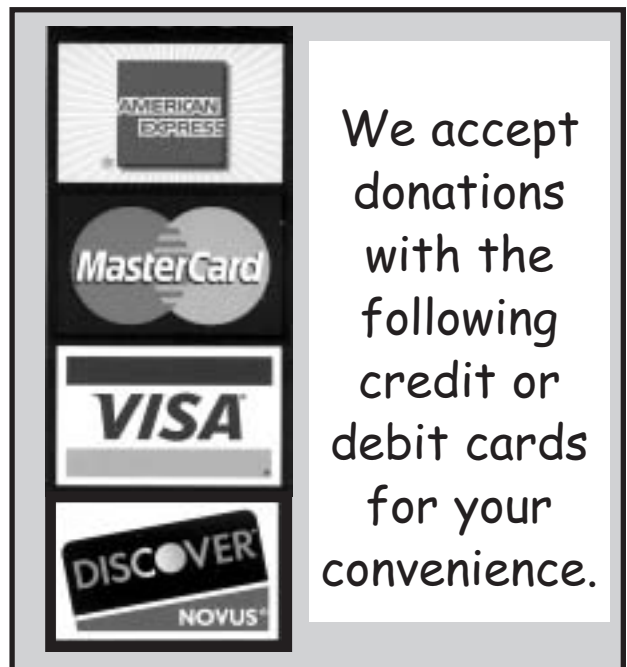
The Assisted Living Phase II and III fields are dedicated to the memory of Kathleen Schilling.

**“She surely was an angel - or as good as angels be.”**

## Medical Needs

### Make a donation directly to our vet!

For those of you who like to donate directly for the pigs' care, we now offer a means for you to make a direct donation to our veterinarian, Dr. Page, either by credit card or check. Please send checks to Adobe Veterinary Center, 14175 N. Hawkeye Dr., Tucson, AZ 85742. Please indicate on your check that it is for the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. For credit card donations please call (520) 203-8529. Thank you so much for all of your support.



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

## Little Faces

As I sit quietly on the ground  
 Little faces gather around.  
 Curious snouts high in the air  
 Wondering who has settled there.  
 One, so brave, inches closer  
 Wagging his tail to win me over.

I reached out slowly for him to see  
 That from this hand a friend can be.  
 Scratching his head he grunts a sigh of relief.  
 He is home now in loving arms with me.

Ronald C. Caldwell

## Our Wish List

### THINGS WE CAN ALWAYS USE:

- \* Water Hoses
- \* Heartland Products (See Below)
- \* Desitin Creamy Zinc Oxide Ointment
- \* Scissors
- \* Stamps (37 cents)
- \* Small Wading Pools & Turtle Sandboxes
- \* Shade Cloth (Black Preferred)
- \* Many Used Blankets
- \* Doghouses & Igloo Shelters (Large Preferred)
- \* Gift Card to Home Depot, Target, Walgreen's
- \* Vet Wrap

### SHELTER MATERIALS:

- \* 1/2 Inch 5 ply, 4 ft x 8 ft Plywood
- \* 8 foot 2 x 4's
- \* Kool Coat

### REALLY BIG TICKET ITEMS:

- \* Clinic/Recovery Building
- \* Tractor with Backhoe
- \* Recent version of QuarkXpress (MAC)
- \* 5th Wheel, RV or Travel Trailer

### OTHER

- \* Running Vehicles in safe condition that we can resell

## *Heartland* Animal Health

Heartland Animal Health 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  
 Item E2150 Pet Pig Hair and Skin Conditioner 32 oz \$29.97  
 Item E3050 Pet Pig Aeromycin 5 lb \$53.97

Please use this phone number for ordering: 800-325-8414  
 -----Thank you for all of your support.-----

## Visitors

We love to have visitors to the sanctuary. Our residents sure like the treats and the belly rubs. Whenever a group appears the pigs come forward to greet them expecting a handout. You know pigs, they have only one thing on their mind - food!

***Please call ahead for a reservation prior to your visit.*** There are times when we either have limited staff or a medical visit from our veterinarian when we are not able to conduct any tours.



# 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.



## A Former Ironwood Resident Is About To Make The Big Time



### Pudgy has her own calendar!

In the winter of 2002, Pudgy was adopted from Ironwood and has since made a stir at the little farm at which she reigns! The 2006 Pudgy calendar features Pudgy in a new light... as a cowgirl, a princess, and a biker "Babe" (pun intended!) to name a few. To learn more about Pudgy, or to order your 2006 calendar just in time for the holidays and New Year, you can visit her website at:

<http://www.pudgypoo.com>

Or Call Us At 520-440-5996

Most importantly, a portion of the proceeds from Pudgy's calendar benefits Ironwood Pig Sanctuary!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS PIGGIES & PIG LOVERS.  
 "I WAS AN UNWANTED PIGLET AT AGE 6 WEEKS AND WAS DROPPED OFF AT A BREEDER'S RESCUE IN PLACE. I HAVE ONE FLOPPY EAR & ONE BROWN EYE-ONE BLUE EYE. MY HUMAN MOM ADOPTED ME AT 8 WEEKS OF AGE. I AM NOW 3 YEARS OLD AND 68 POUNDS. I'M A HOUSE PIG WITH MY OWN BLANKETS ON THE LOUSET. I AM PARTLY AND LEARN TRAINED. I LOVE TO RIDE IN THE TRUCK (UP FRONT WITH THE SEAT BELT ON) AND GO VISIT FRIENDS (ANIMAL AND HUMAN). I'M VERY SOCIAL! MY FAVORITE TREAT IS BANANA SLICES. I PARTICIPATE IN OUR TOWN'S ANNUAL PET SHOW EVERY YEAR. HAVE HAD 40 ARTICLE WRITERS WANT ME IN OUR TOWN PAPER, AND APPEARED ON ANIMAL PLANETS "PET STAR" I DO TRICKS AND PLAY FETCH. I KNOW I AM A VERY LUCKY (IF SOMEWHAT SPOILED) PIG. I LEARNED OF YOUR ORGANIZATION THROUGH OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS - CINDY STALKER & FAMILY. I WANTED TO BEAD LIG BLANKETS (SINCE I LOVE TO SURROUND MYSELF) BUT MOM SAID SHE'D WRITE YOU A CHECK INSTEAD - IT WOULD GET THERE FASTER. PLEASE USE IT FOR WHATEVER YOU NEED. I WANTED TO SHARE MY STORY SO YOU WOULD KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER PIG LOVERS OUT THERE! LOVE TOMES (PIG) & VIT (PIG MOM)

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