



# IRONWOOD PIG SANCTUARY



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

August 21, 2002

Dear Supporter,

I want to thank you personally for all that you have done to help the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. Your volunteering help, donations of supplies, adopting needy pigs, sponsorship, monetary contributions, and emotional support have been and will be essential to our growth and the care of the growing number of pot bellied pigs at Ironwood.

The Ironwood Pig Sanctuary is growing rapidly and providing a good home for over 200 potbellied pigs in our care. Your support has made this growth and level of care possible. There is a lot more work ahead of us however, such as being able to hire help so that we can grow beyond the present 200 pigs. We are approaching our limit with our current level of staffing and finances and yet the calls keep coming. The decision to leave Abner or Sylvia or Clementine or Navajo behind at the Humane Society or Animal Control because we know they will be humanely euthanized and take Winston or Sassy or Emily or Bernie from homes instead, because we do not know what will happen to them if we don't take them is not an easy decision and one we hope not to have to make. Your donation of \$25, \$15, \$50, \$100 or what you can spare will allow us to continue our work providing shelter to ALL these needy loveable pigs.

We are committed to discouraging any breeding of potbellied pigs by neutering all males that come to our sanctuary and spaying all females before adoption. In the 15 to 20 years since Vietnamese potbellied pigs were imported into this country their numbers have exploded and sanctuaries across the country are filled to overflowing. Please help us end this problem by contributing to their care at Ironwood and by not buying a pig from a breeder so one day our work will be done.

Please come and spend a day with our pigs. You won't be disappointed.

Sincerely,

*Mary Schanz*

Mary Schanz  
President



P.S. As I walk around Ironwood I realize what a difference our efforts have made in the lives of these animals. You make it all possible with your generous donations.

# Update On Harley

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Harley is a sweet pot bellied pig we rescued earlier this year. You may have read about him in one of our mailers. During the days and every night Harley was kept indoors in a carrier that barely fit his large form. With some effort he would pull his legs in so that the door could be closed. He could never turn around and could only roll from side to side.

For his first few days at Ironwood we kept his old carrier in order to ease his transition to a new home. When Harley wanted shelter, he would go into his old carrier and pull his legs in so that the door could be closed once again. But the door had been removed and would never be closed again. Harley now had the freedom to come and go as he pleased.

Harley was first moved to our special needs field where he had plenty of space to roam, a number of shelters to choose from, and became good friends with Molly and Wilma Jean who he slept with at night snuggled together in a cozy shelter. But he was transferred to the main field when he became too pushy with the special need pigs.

In the main field Harley retreated initially and wouldn't come up with the others to feed. He had to start over and moved to the edges of the main herd. Where he was very social in the special needs field, he became a loner in the main field. After a period of adaptation he eventually befriended Mr. Pibb, another loner, and settled down. He now wanders all over the field, enjoying the space and freedom, and comes up for food with the others. He mingles with the herd but still seems to prefer being alone.

Stories like Harley's where we make a difference in the life of a sweet wonderful animal and see his personality develop make it all worthwhile for us. That is why we founded the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary.



Shown is Dr. Barbara Page donating her 1991 Dodge Diesel Truck to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. Ben Watkins is receiving the keys.

Dr. Barbara Page is the sanctuary veterinarian and without her tireless dedication to our cause our work would be much more difficult.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

# Who We Are

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Mary - President

My name is Mary and I am deeply involved with the sanctuary. I love animals and have always worked to do what I can for their cause. My work at Ironwood is the most rewarding thing that I have ever done. I receive much pleasure from helping these wonderful animals.

Ben - Executive Director

I love our pigs and particularly enjoy working on the sanctuary infrastructure. I designed and installed (with help) the solar system, water system, field fencing, and shelters. I also assist with feeding, caring for, rescuing, and giving belly rubs to our pigs.



Donna - Sanctuary Manager

Living out here with the pigs is like a dream come true for me. I enjoy the remote location with the beautiful scenery and quiet solitude. I've always wanted a pig and now I have more than I ever imagined! It's a lot of hard work but I love each and every pig and wouldn't trade this for anything!



Bob - Volunteer

I like volunteering at Ironwood. It gives me an opportunity to care for wonderful animals that have become unwanted for different reasons.

I truly like spending time here and sharing ideas with all of the Ironwood crew. I particularly like going on rescues with Ben. I love to travel and we have been to many different parts of AZ..



June

June and Jacqui are the most recent additions to our sanctuary. June is a part time employee without which we would have a very difficult time. Jacqui is a volunteer who is working hard to get us recognized in the community, making important contacts, and lending a hand wherever needed.



Jacqui

# Ironwood Rescues a Family

In late March the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary received a call for help from a rancher, Bill Baldwin, who had a problem on his hands with a family of 6 stray pot bellied pigs who had taken up residence on his land. They were causing problems with his animals. Since nobody in the area admitted to owning them, Bill called Ironwood to see if we could help.

We agreed to help with Ben and I making the first of three 180 mile round trips to the town of Stanfield. We enclosed 2 of his horse stalls with hog paneling in order to provide a pen in which to capture the loose pigs. We brought 8 16 foot hog panels, tee poles, wiring, and pole pounders to construct the pen. The idea was for Bill to entice the pig family into the pen by placing water and grain pellets inside while leaving the gate open, then closing the gate when the pigs arrived. With a stroke of luck, one of the small pigs walked into an abandoned dog run and we were able to catch her and return to Ironwood with her that day. That meant that the boar, a highly excitable and suspicious pig, along with the sow and 3 of the piglets remained behind.

A week later Ben called Bill to check on the progress of capturing the pigs. To Ben's delight, Bill and a friend of his were able to capture all the pigs the night before. So once again Ben and I went off to Stanfield with pet carriers on board. We were able to use pig boards to direct the 3 piglets into carriers without incident. However, when we approached the boar and sow, they were able to escape because of a weakness in the pen. Bill noticed this escape and was ready to abandon any more plans to capture the boar and sow. At one point he suggested shooting the pigs as they (especially the boar) were spooking his horses and other livestock. Ben was successful in convincing him

that another attempt was worthwhile. We strengthened the pen and returned to Ironwood with mixed emotions.



Baldwin Boys Enjoying a Dip  
With Dad Looking On

A week later Bill managed to contain the boar and sow once again. A third trip was made with Mary traveling with us for good measure. We knew if we failed this time it might mean the end for the pigs. We were able to get the two pigs into carriers without incident and loaded them onto the truck for the return trip to Ironwood. We expressed our appreciation to Bill Baldwin for helping with the rescue. Without his efforts the rescue would not have been possible. In the end it worked out well for all involved. The Baldwin males since have been neutered and the entire Baldwin family now live in the main field with each other in a secure environment where they can receive food, water, and medical attention. Betsy stays with her mother while the boys have found their own friends. It was probably Ironwood's most detailed and successful rescue to date. It was worth all the effort. -- Bob

# Pinkerton

Ironwood was designed and built to accommodate pot bellied pigs. We felt that hogs were too large and strong and not compatible with the smaller pot bellied pig. In April of this year, we received a frantic phone call from a woman in Phoenix who was desperate to find a home for her one year old hog named Pinkerton. Her daughter had her as a 4-H project and when it came time to sell

Pinkerton at auction for slaughter she couldn't go through with it. Through her tears, she explained how much she and her kids loved Pinkerton but was being forced by the city because of zoning issues to either get rid of her or turn her over for slaughter.

After trying to find another place that would take Pinkerton without success, we reluctantly agreed to take her and quickly built a hog-size shelter and hog panel enclosure in our main field in order to separate her from the other pot bellied pigs. Her thankful owner quickly delivered her to the sanctuary in May.

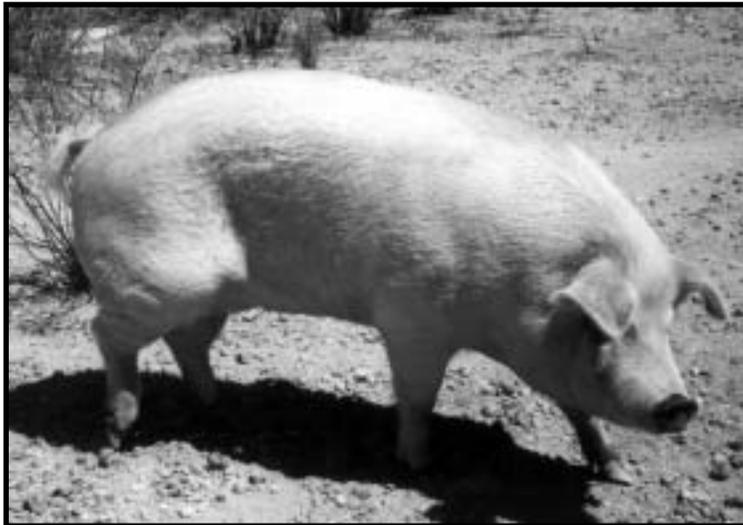
Our concerns that she might be destructive or hurt the other smaller pigs were unfounded. It turns out that Pinkerton is a very sweet pig that misses her family very much. She went through a difficult adjustment period during which she refused to eat, wouldn't get up and move around and got extremely depressed. We tried a variety of foods and treats, spent lots of extra time with her and even tried having an animal communicator from New York speak to her telepathically after we sent her picture by e-

mail. She discovered that Pinkerton felt rejected and useless now that she no longer had a family to look after. She suggested that Pinkerton get lots of people attention and move to the entrance of the sanctuary so that she can greet visitors as they arrive. And we have as many different people as possible to pet her and take her for walks around the field, which

has helped very much. Another animal communicator actually visited Pinkerton and confirmed the diagnosis and treatment.

With all of the attention Pinkerton now receives she has improved and is eating better. She now is up and about looking for her food at feeding times. She enjoys attention from

visitors and volunteers and will get up for walks more often. If you can spare some time to become one of Pinkerton's pals and help towards her continued success, please call and schedule a time to come meet her.



# Ironwood History

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## From Volunteers to Sanctuary Owners; a Short History

In December of 1998 my husband, Ben, and I saw an article in the paper by Carla McClain which featured a potbellied pig sanctuary, Pigs\*A\*Lot, in need of volunteers. That was the beginning of our being hooked on pigs. We became very involved and in the summer of 2000 we realized that the sanctuary was quickly outgrowing the 2.5 acres that over 200 pigs called home. More calls were coming in every-day to take additional pigs and we, along with Lynnette, the owner, were scrambling to accommodate them.

After much discussion Ben and I decided to open a new pot bellied pig sanctuary. We began a property search and found a parcel in Pinal County. At the same time we spoke with a long time volunteer, Donna Thomason, who had just quit her teaching career of 18 years to look for a job more to her liking. We asked her if she would be willing to be the manager at our new sanctuary in exchange for a place to live. She accepted our offer immediately. We began in earnest to make our plans.

We sold a property we owned in California to help us get started on our new, and what has become, a gigantic project. We purchased raw land with no water, power, sewer or facilities of any kind. Ben has made a heroic effort to get us up and running. And low and behold we ended up right in the middle of the hot AZ summer building our sanctuary!!! We had our first pens ready in June of 2001 and took in our first two pigs, Claire and Popeye, on June 11th. We now have 200 pigs with about 90 of them coming from Pigs\*A\*Lot and another sanctuary in Phoenix. The others are owner released and from Humane Societies, Animal Control facilities all over AZ, and many stray desert rescues.

This has been a major change in our lives and a decision that was hard to make. We are both retired and are committed to helping animals, but for me it is questionable whether the time, energy, and money needed to build and run a sanctuary is a good trade off to putting that same effort into the bigger picture of helping animals through legislation or other programs. But we have chosen this path because, after working with the pigs for nearly four years now, we have learned to love them too much to abandon their cause. It is my hope that we can stop the suffering of pot bellied pigs here in AZ, and with continued neutering and education, some day we may eliminate the need for pig sanctuaries. Many of the pigs at Pigs\*A\*Lot had become my good friends. Their quality of life would be compromised if Lynnette had to continue to take more and more pigs and yet these new pigs needed a safe place to be also. How could we not make the decision we have made?

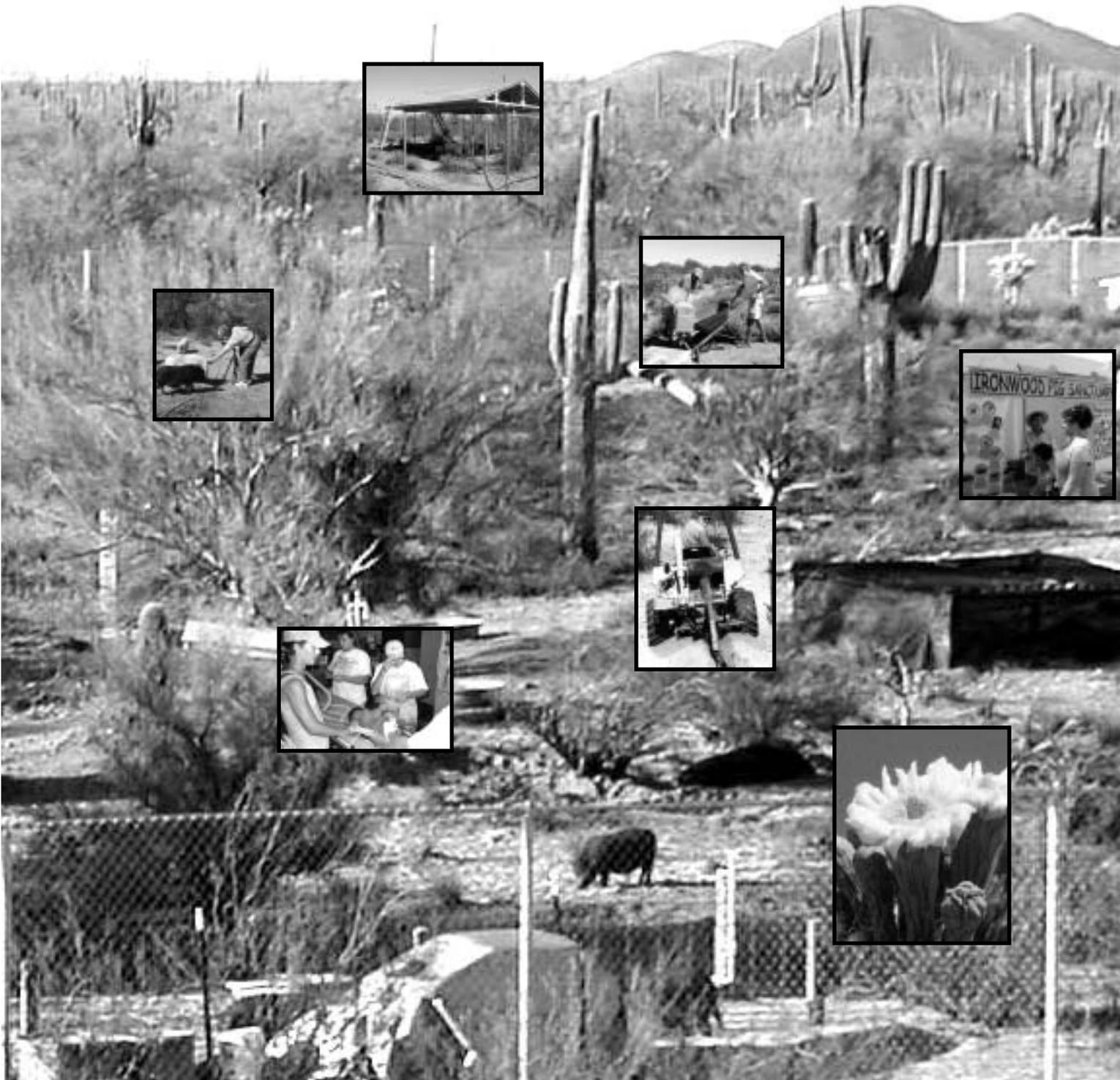
Mary Schanz  
From Volunteer to President,  
Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

### Our Wish List

Please let us know if you have any of the following items:

Extra large & giant Dog Igloo Shelters.  
All sizes of Wading Pools and Turtle Sand Boxes. Two axle Trailer with 6000 # load capacity. Digital Camera. 35mm Film. The following materials for shelters: Corrugated Roofing, 1/2 inch plywood, 4"X4"X8' treated lumber, 2"X4"X8' lumber, 2"X6"X16' lumber.

# Ironwood Becom



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# Pigs Without Parents!



A.J.  
Amos  
Angel  
Annie



Corky  
Daisy Mae  
Daley  
Danny Ray



Arnie  
Arnold  
Baby  
Baldwin  
Bandit  
Benjamin  
Bernie  
Betsy



Desiree  
Dixie Lee  
Ebby  
Elizabeth  
Ellie Mae  
Elliot  
Elvis  
Emily  
Felicity  
Fido  
Flapjack  
Franklin



Betty Boop  
Binki  
Blackjack  
Blossom



Bobbie  
Buster  
Charlotte  
Chelsea  
Chesney  
Cinderella  
Clementine



General  
Georgia  
Grandma-  
Moses  
Gretel  
Hammie



Collie

Harley  
 Hazel  
 Jackson  
 Jimmy-Dean  
 Joann  
 Kevin  
 Kris  
 Loretta  
 Louie  
 Lucky  
 Lulubelle  
 Megan  
 Mel  
 Milton  
 Miss Piggy  
 Molly  
 Mr. Pibb



*Owners, for a variety of reasons, have abandoned many of the pigs at the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. Most of these are loving animals that miss their home and would love to have a sponsor. I will send you updates and pictures of your pig throughout your sponsorship. A contribution of \$30 a month will cover all your pig's expenses including food and health care. Listed are just a few of the pigs needing parents. Choose one of them or send me a description (male, female, young, old, special needs, etc.) and I'll send you a picture with background information.*

*Thank you for making a difference!  
 Donna*

Pinkerton  
 Popeye  
 Porky  
 Precious  
 Pumba  
 Regina  
 Sammy  
 Sassy  
 Savannah  
 Spike  
 Stanley  
 Sweet Pea  
 Tammy  
 Tillie  
 Travis-  
 Magee  
 Valentine

## Sponsor One of our Sweet Pigs!



Mr. Pigg  
 Oliver  
 Otis  
 Pearl  
 Pete  
 Petunia  
 Piggy Sue

Waylon  
 Wilbur  
 Wilma  
 Wilma-  
 Jean  
 Winston  
 Zena



# Lucky Pigs!

The following pigs are special because they have sponsors!

## Pigs

Taylor  
Owen  
Milo  
Bubba  
Colonel  
Mattie  
Abigail  
Miss Saigon  
Inky  
Roland  
Claire  
Tulley  
Eddie  
Pammie  
Navajo  
Princess  
Misty  
Abby

## Sponsors

Joel  
Martha & Jeff  
Nancy, Glenn, Vianna  
Larry  
Lisa  
Tom & Colleen  
Sherry & Gary  
Judith  
Errol  
Kathleen  
Mrs. J  
Nina, Steve  
Christine  
Callie  
Denise  
Duane  
Eric & Elizabeth  
Kathleen



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# Volunteers

We appreciate very much our volunteers. Without their efforts our jobs would be much more difficult. They have helped with construction projects, feeding and watering, cleanup, building fences, working with the pigs, going on rescues, web page design, picking up produce and feed, graphic design and many other tasks.

We still need a lot of help so, if you are interested in a volunteer opportunity please give us a call. No matter what your skill I'm sure we can use your help at Ironwood. We are particularly looking for a CPA familiar with non profits for our advisory board. If you have any experience with fund raising we can also use your help. If you know someone who has to perform community service work, keep us in mind.



Please keep us in mind if you are considering a bequest. The Ironwood Pig Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization and any donation would be tax deductible.

# Florida Rescue

In March a desperate plea went out to the pot bellied pig lovers and sanctuaries across the country. The discovery of a horrible situation in LaBelle, Florida required the placement of almost 60 pigs, many of them pregnant. A 78 year-old woman and her mentally handicapped brother had gotten a male and a female pot bellied pig several years ago. The pigs bred then continued over the years to inbreed until a total of 58 pigs were found living in complete filth along with 20 dogs, chickens and 1 goat. All were covered with mange and hog lice, terribly thin from malnutrition and undersized from inbreeding. The home and yard where the animals roamed freely were knee deep in trash and excrement. The bones of a pig were discovered in the backyard while a dead puppy was just lying in the living room. The condition these poor animals were living in was disgusting and heartbreaking. That was when the pot bellied pig com-



munity stepped in and began the long process of finding homes in which to place all the animals. The females, all of whom were pregnant, were immediately taken and placed in temporary homes. Funds were raised through donations and raffles to provide housing for the pigs while they were vaccinated, treated for lice, worms and mange, then spayed or neutered. As of June, all the pigs including the babies born since the rescue efforts began, have found homes at sanctuaries, ranches and private homes all across the country. The Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

received 7 of these adorable little pigs, all males. They were brought over in a horse trailer by a man who made delivery stops in Louisiana, Texas and Arizona, with a few of the pigs continuing their journey up to Colorado. At this time, our seven, who have been dubbed with the names of the seven dwarfs, are content with spending their days relaxing in the shade, pools and mud wallows. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of many caring people who went above and beyond to help these defenseless animals, these cute little guys will live out their lives content and comfortable.

## Special Thanks

The following people deserve a special thanks for their dedication to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. We will only succeed in our efforts to provide a good home for all our orphaned piggies with the help of special people like those mentioned below.

**Jane Schwerin** for her financial support when it is needed the most. She has pulled us through more than one hard spot.

**Bob Fitzpatrick** for his tireless volunteer efforts from the beginning. He is always available for a special assignment, particularly if it means going out of town to pick up a rescued pig.

**Dr. Barbara Page** and **Dr. Christine Staten** for their dedication to our mission. Without their tremendous help with all our neuterings and sick animals and consultations we don't know what we would do.

**Jim and Gloria Zimmerman** who have helped out many times financially and have loaned us their truck on so many occasions they have to borrow it back from us when they need it.



**Saying Goodby**

**Sanctuary Sustainers Urgently Needed**

Almost everyday the sanctuary receives calls about pigs needing our help and we must always ask the question, "where will the money come from to help this one?" The answer is simple: from people who care and want to make a difference.

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

# Ironwood

The **Ironwood Pig Sanctuary** is a pot bellied pig rescue, sanctuary and adoption facility. We provide a safe home for mistreated, unwanted, or rescued pigs.

## MISSION

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.

## FACILITIES

The **Ironwood Pig Sanctuary**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in November of 2000 in Marana, Arizona, a rural community northwest of Tucson, as a result of the overpopulation of other sanctuaries in Arizona. Our sanctuary consists of 40 acres with 10 being developed exclusively for pot bellied pigs and the remaining 30 serving as a buffer or for future growth. Recently released or rescued pigs are housed in one of 24 holding pens in order to give us the opportunity to evaluate new arrivals, treat them for specific wounds or illnesses and provide the pigs time to acclimate to a different environment and to each other through the safety of fencing. Over time, the pigs are transferred from their holding pens to a 6 acre field where they can mingle with the herd yet still have plenty of room to find their own space when wanted. Individual and sharable shelters as well as mud wallows and pools are available in all areas.

## ADOPTIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS

**Ironwood** also places pigs in adoptive homes. All prospective “parents” are screened. We want to be sure that these lovable creatures are a welcome part of the family.

**Ironwood** has a number of resident pigs that have personality problems, have been abused or are too old to be adopted. Pigs not adoptable will live out their lives at the sanctuary. You can help them by sponsoring your favorite resident pig! A contribution of \$30 a month provides food and medical care. Your sponsorship gives you all the background information available on your pig, including a photo. Visit your very own pig as often as you like. They always like company and, of course, those special treats you bring.

## RESCUES

**Ironwood** accepts calls to rescue pot bellied pigs found wandering in neighborhoods or in the desert, those left in community shelters and any who are abused or abandoned by their owners. We also receive pigs from owners who are no longer able to care for them.

## BOARDING

The **Ironwood Pig Sanctuary** has a boarding facility exclusively for pot bellied pigs that provides a peaceful setting away from the trauma of barking dogs and other stressful conditions that can occur at other boarding kennels. Please call for more information about our boarding program.

## SUPPORT

Even if you can't adopt or sponsor one of our pigs, you can always come out and help. We always have an extra pooper-scooper or you can help with one of our ongoing projects or just give tummy rubs!

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*Please indicate if you are interested in adopting or sponsoring a resident pig, donating needed items or volunteering. Please include your name and phone number.*

### **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

- I am interested in becoming an adoptive or foster parent.*
- I am interested in sponsorship.*
- I am interested in donating needed items.*
- I am interested in volunteering.*

### **TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION**

\$25.00    \$15.00    \$50.00    \$100.00    Other

**Make checks payable to IRONWOOD PIG SANCTUARY**

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