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Dear Supporter,

As we come to the beginning of the end of yet another brutal summer here in Arizona I have decided to devote this letter to a question people often ask about why we have a pig sanctuary in this hot arid part of the country. I have addressed this before but we have, gratefully, new supporters so I wish to put this topic front and center.

To put it simply we are here because this is where the pigs are. We did not import them to Arizona. There is no one who knows better than we that this is the wrong environment for pigs. Those of us who work here suffer through the brutal summers trying to provide for the hundreds of pigs who live with us, all rescues. The last 10 to 20 years have seen record breaking temperatures here in Arizona and global warming only promises for the Southwest to be even hotter and drier in the future.

The question remains where would the 1500 to 2000 pigs we have taken in here in Arizona have gone if we did not have a sanctuary here? Ben and I have often talked about moving to a better climate but the need to rescue in Arizona would still remain. We are established here with devoted staff who have been with us for many years, many business contacts, our competent veterinarians, and a huge and expensive infrastructure. And most importantly we don't have the resources to move the 580 pigs that we now have at Ironwood. Many are old and may not survive a move.

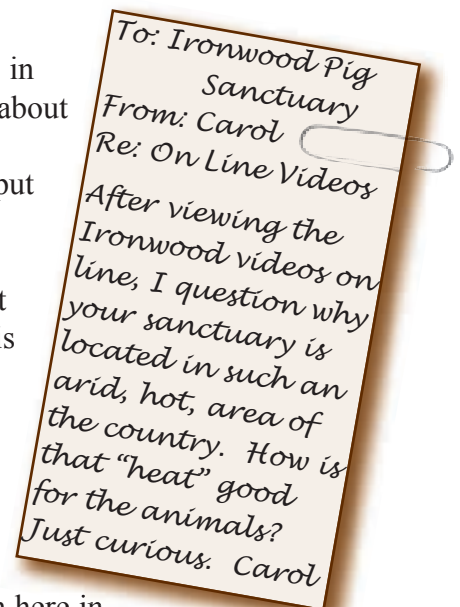
Looking at what so many in the country are faced with I feel we do have some control over our environment here in spite of how difficult and high maintenance it is. Purchasing land and building new infrastructure would be expensive beyond our means. Floods, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes and snow are weather events in other areas of the country that could devastate our entire herd. Due to global warming the weather is changing and becoming more severe everywhere. These are some of the reasons we have to dig in and try to adapt to the hot years ahead. One of our supporters recently wrote, "I am sure you must keep reminding yourselves "To Never Give Up". She could not have been more true.

The solution of course is to STOP the breeding. If that were possible there would not be hundreds or even thousands of pigs living here in Arizona where snakes and lizards thrive but pigs do not. I hope this letter has helped you to better understand why it is necessary for us to be here in spite of the hot, arid environment. We can never give up.

Sincerely,



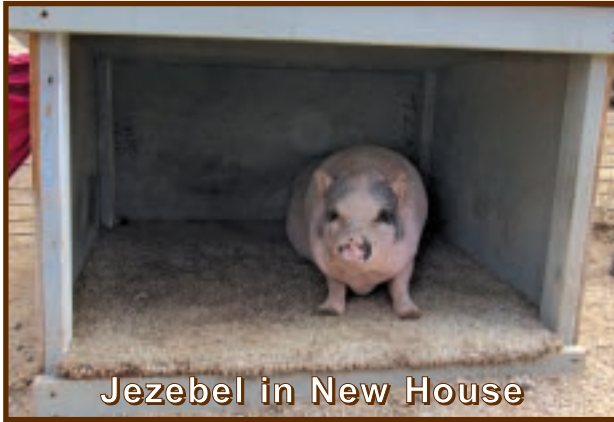
President & CoFounder



To: Ironwood Pig Sanctuary
From: Carol
Re: On Line Videos
After viewing the Ironwood videos on line, I question why your sanctuary is located in such an arid, hot, area of the country. How is that "heat" good for the animals? Just curious. Carol

The West Herd Increases

The population of pigs at Ironwood fluctuates constantly. A few pigs get adopted out. There are losses due to old age or illness. But the main reason for the change in numbers is the incoming pigs. It's been a lot this year...105 new pigs at the time of this writing. It's impossible to keep creating new fields to put all the incoming pigs in although that does happen on rare occasions. Instead groups of newcomers are chosen that have similar personalities and physical abilities. They join an existing herd that we feel is a match with the hopes that they will eventually settle in and become thriving members of that particular herd.



Jezebel in New House

physically and emotionally deal with the existing pigs. A lot of monitoring is required during the first few weeks as the pigs fight for positioning within the hierarchy, choose shelters and decide where their home territories will be. It's interesting to revisit the situation a few months later and see how relationships have developed between everyone once things have settled into everyday routines.

IN APRIL: We were a bit concerned about Craig fitting in because he was on the borderline of being too timid, but we decided to give him a chance. It was a tough start for him and he was picked on for a bit, but he found a safe area to make his home base and worked through it. Reba went right off and just blended in with the outskirts of the herd and field with very little problem. She was great at making herself scarce when trouble started brewing. The other seven proceeded to fight a lot with each other as well as with the original members of

the West herd. Maverick and Dexter in particular took a major disliking to one another. We were continuously breaking those two apart in the middle of a fight. Within a week Dexter was injured bad enough that he had to be taken out of the field and returned to the holding pens for recovery. It just wasn't going to work having those two in the same area, so Dexter would not be



Hershey & Maverick

returning. Hershey, a mixed breed pig who is a bit larger than the pot bellies, revealed an alpha personality. He ended up butting heads with nearly every pig in the



Reba

herd. Hal, Cornelius and Finn are all youngsters that really weren't lining up for the position of herd



Craig

In late April of this year a group of nine new arrivals who had already spent time in the holding pens for evaluation and observation were chosen to move into the West Field. There are some strong personalities within the West herd, namely Carl, Zoe and Scarlet. These nine were picked because we felt they could

leader but still got into their share of squabbles which is normal behavior when pigs are introduced into a group setting. In June Finn suffered a displaced shoulder requiring surgery and a long recovery. He will not be going back to West Field but will find a home with a different group that will hopefully work out better for him. Celeste is a large, pushy female that tends to be a bit lazy so she was not out looking for trouble but would definitely start some if anyone got close to her and disrupted her nap.



Celeste

IN AUGUST: Three and half months have gone by since the nine pigs moved into the West Field. Only seven of them remain with the herd. All is calm now for the majority of the time. There is still the normal little everyday bickering that occurs amongst any group of pigs, especially when they are hungry. Overall though, the pigs have worked things out and become comfortable with one another. Most of the original herd members hang out together in a nice shady area located in the middle of the field. They have a group of trees in a sandy wash as well as a



New Neighborhood

large community shelter they share and a nearby ramada with pools and wallows. A new “neighborhood” was built in April with a cluster of shelters covered with shade cloth, also with a pool and mud wallows. This is where several of the new pigs sleep. During the hot days Hershey, Maverick and Celeste spend most of their time under the shade ramada near the front gate of the field, lounging in the water there. Cornelius and Hal like to wander around more than the others. They’ll pop by the ramada for a quick dip in the water then they’re on the move again. The young boys tend to stop for short naps over in the

Hershey, Chico,
Maverick, Celeste

neighborhood shelters. It turns out that Hershey and Maverick, the two tough guys in the

beginning, have become good buddies. They are often seen napping together or just relaxing with one another.

Reba and Craig are still the quiet ones of the bunch. They both drift in and out of the main hangouts for the new pigs but spend much of their time on their own. That is typical of pigs that were raised as an “only child” in a household. It usually takes them longer to feel comfortable in a group setting or to form a



Craig, Hal, Chico

friendship with another pig because they had missed out on the social aspects of being with their litter or a herd during their formative growth stage. Reba is making more of an effort to be part of the group than Craig is, but they are both doing fine at this point. When Hal finally decides to bed down for the night, he often settles in with Craig off in his favorite corner area. Craig seems to appreciate Hal’s company.

Celeste is still being...well, let’s say unique. She enjoys sleeping a lot but can be quick to jump up and be on the move if she feels inclined. She is



Celeste & Cornelius

getting along fine with the other pigs, but there are certain people on staff that she doesn't particularly care for. Following them around and being a nuisance



Original Herd Members

is her specialty. In the mornings Celeste gets very pushy and bitey at feeding time, so she goes into one of the individual feeding pens to keep her from hurting the person who is trying to feed the herd. Hershey also has to go into "lockdown" at feeding time because he gets over enthusiastic



Hal

and climbs up on the fence to stand with his front feet on the table where the meal is being prepped. The other new pigs have done well with eating from the feeding troughs scattered throughout the field. Even shy Craig gets in the troughs with the others although it took him a while to get comfortable with that.

Some of the original herd members do mingle with the new pigs. Chico likes to visit the ramada up front where Hershey and his gang hang out. He also likes to use the house next to Craig's in the evenings. Jezebel is fond of "house hopping" and has tried out all the new shelters that were brought in. Just the other day Reba was asleep in a house in

the new neighborhood where all the other shelters were empty at the time. Jezebel walked up with no hesitation, going directly into Reba's shelter and pushing her out. How rude! Zoe will swing through on occasion just to remind everyone that she is still the boss. She does this calmly though. Zoe just has a presence about her that lets the others know she is in charge without her needing to take any physical action.

So what we thought would be a new home for nine pigs turned out



Reba

to be an excellent spot for seven. Things don't always go as planned but adjustments are made and we move onward. Thanks to your generosity Hershey,



Cornelius



Maverick

Maverick, Hal, Cornelius, Reba, Celeste and Craig now have a permanent home in the West Field with houses, shade and pools. They are part of a family now and can develop relationships with other pigs. Life is good out west!

---Donna

And Here Come More...

During April and May of 2018 little by little we were able to rescue 12 small hogs of various ages from a terrible home where they had insufficient water due to the well drying up, very little food, no medical care and deplorable living conditions. They came from a small rural town about 1.5 hours south of the sanctuary. Unfortunately, the authorities who investigated the situation deemed the home “good enough” and would not allow the remainder of the pigs to be saved. Then on June 28th we received word through the sheriff’s department of yet another matter involving 12 more pigs totally unrelated to the previous rescue but located in the same town. These pigs, a mix of pot-bellies and Kunekunes, were in a little better shape than the previous dozen, but their owner was being arrested for undisclosed charges. An investigation by the Pima County Sheriff’s Department along with



Babies Playing in Water

Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) found over 100 animals in poor living conditions. There were around 40 dogs, 50 chickens, a ferret, a snake and 12 pigs suddenly in need of new homes.



Joan Jett

The animals’ owner agreed to surrender the animals who were then picked up by PACC. The following day we were allowed to go to their facility to get the pigs only to find 11 present. It was unclear where the remaining pig ended up although we were told it went to another rescue. There was no specific information on any of the pigs as far as ages, names or medical histories.

So Ironwood became

home to 2 pot-bellied pig females, one rather skinny with overgrown hooves and the other looking to be in good health. There were 3 adult and 6 young Kunekunes. The Kunekune breed originally came from Maori, an island in New Zealand. In the native language kunekune means “fat and round”. If purebred, these pigs are larger than pot-bellies, growing to an average of 130-300 pounds. As you can see from the pictures, the Kunekunes come in a variety of colors, can have straight or curly hair and be with or without wattles on their necks. Two of the older females have obviously had recent litters and are a bit thin. The others look healthy and most of them are very social and friendly.

Ewok, Chewbacca and Lando, the only 3 males in the group, were neutered on July 3rd and all did



Faline

very well during their surgeries and recoveries. Two of the youngest girls, Bambi and Faline were spayed on July 18th. They



Minnie Pearl, Heather, Gizmo



Gizmo

also did great with the surgeries and had quick recoveries. The



Chewbacca, Bambi, Thumper

third young female, Thumper, was running a fever that day and could not undergo surgery. She was able to get that done a couple of weeks later when she was feeling better. The young pigs handle the spay and neuter operations so much easier than adults. Did you



Babies

catch the movie themes with the names? Boys from *Star Wars* and girls from *Bambi*. A character from *Gremlins* made an appearance with the adults. We

named the skinny mom Gizmo. The red haired mom is Geena, for the actress Geena Davis. And then we sort of got off track from the movie business and named the largest female Heather. The two pot-bellied ladies became Joan Jett and Minnie Pearl. The five adult females will be spayed whenever we can work them in amidst all the other medical issues and surgeries that arise on a constant basis with the nearly 600 pigs in our care.

The eleven rescued pigs are living in the holding area, grouped together in different pens with daily access to a large exercise area. Later the group will be moved to one of the larger fields to join an existing herd. Based on ages, physical abilities and dispositions, it appears as if they can all go to the same field. It will be great if the family and friends can stay together so hopefully that move works out for everyone.

In the meantime, the pigs are safe and being well fed. Most importantly, there will be no more breeding from this group. There are already way too many pigs out there that don't have adequate homes or any home at all. We can attest to that with our current population of 580+ pigs. And Ironwood is only one of several pig sanctuaries



Geena

across the country. Hopefully the dogs, chickens, snake and ferret from the rescue also fared well and found either foster or



Minnie Pearl

permanent homes. A sad situation for those 100 or so animals, but because of your generosity eleven more pigs have a brighter future ahead of them.

---Donna



Gizmo & Geena Nibbling on Bushes

Sponsor a S



Hershey

I was running loose in a neighborhood until some nice people got me into their yard. I kept busting out though, so they asked the sanctuary to take me in.



Rosie

I was found abandoned at a foreclosed home where most of the animals had died including my companion. I'm crippled now but thankful to be alive and at Ironwood.



Dennis

I came here with [unclear] were supposed to being spayed and [unclear] brothers beat me u [unclear] leg so I stayed her



The pigs pictured here have different backgrounds and different stories, but one thing they have in common is that they all need a sponsor. Pick your favorite and then for a \$30 monthly donation, you'll receive a letter and pictures of your pig. Later in the year you'll get another letter and new photos to keep you connected to your pig's life. Come join the family of sponsors today!



Donna, Thumper, Bambi

---Donna



I was forced to ha [unclear] owners could eat t [unclear] goodness they didn [unclear] and "got rid" of us. [unclear] mate, but the childre



Special Pig!



with my family. We
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and neutered but my
ne up and hurt my
here to be safe.



Teddy

My owners got evicted from a rental home and left me and 2 friends behind living in complete filth with no shelter. Now I've got lots of houses to choose from. It's great!



Cornelius

I was a stray that ended up at the county shelter who then put my sister and me in a foster home, but that lady got tired of keeping us. I'm glad we came here!



Shakira

have babies so my
at them! Thank
didn't like the taste
us. I did lose my
ldren and I are safe.



Pansy

I lived very happily in a home with 3 other pigs until our dad got real sick. He made sure we all got to Ironwood and would be taken care of before he passed away.



Reba

A girl bought me off Craigslist then gave me to her mom who really didn't want me. I was living in a tiny pen with nothing to do. Mom felt sorry for me and got me to the sanctuary.

Our Wish List

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

****Used Blankets are needed year round.****

Ranitidine Acid Reducer, 150mg
 Ensure Or Generic, Vanilla Only
 Vitamin E Capsules, 400 IU
 Peanut Butter, Creamy Only
 Children's Multi-Vitamins, NO Iron
 Canned Pumpkin
 Flaxseed Oil Capsules 1000 plus milligrams
 Stool Softeners
 Fiber Powder (NOT Metamucil & NOT Orange Flavored)
 Prunes
 Glucosamine/Chondroitin, capsules or tablets
 Sheets (NO pillow cases)

GIFT CARDS

Master Card
 Discover Card
 Fry's
 Home Depot
 Lowes
 Office Max
 Office Depot
 Staples
 Walmart
 Amazon
 Walgreen's

The easiest way to provide for the pigs' current needs is to order from our **Amazon Wish List**. Please make all your purchases including your personal purchases on **smile.amazon.com** and designate Ironwood Pig Sanctuary as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of all your purchases to Ironwood.

Blanket and Donation Drop Offs

It is still hot here but cooler weather will come this way and the piggies will want to snuggle up in their blankies! The need for comforters and blankets is an ongoing need, so please keep collecting them! There are two locations where you may drop off blankets and other material donations from our Wish List (no monetary donations can be accepted here).



Stephano

In the Phoenix area, please drop off donations at Carolyn's in East Mesa near Superstition Springs Mall. Call 480-981-8069 for directions.

For northwest Tucson, please go to Ben and Mary's near N Oracle Rd and W Hardy Rd. Call 520-631-6015 for directions.

**If anyone is interested in becoming a donation drop off site for the west side of Phoenix or the east side of Tucson, please contact the sanctuary at ironwoodpigs@yahoo.com or call 520-579-8847.*

Planned Giving



A planned gift is an investment in the future of your favorite charity or charities that ensures the means to continue that charity's mission into the future. Donors are encouraged to make a bequest in a Will or Living Trust to benefit the charity of their choosing.

Planned giving offers a wide variety of benefits to you as you plan to accomplish your charitable and financial goals. Benefits may include: personal satisfaction in providing for the continued mission of your favorite charity or charities, income tax savings, avoidance of capital gain tax or federal estate tax, reduction in the administrative costs of settling your estate, and a reminder to your heirs of your dedication to your favorite charity or charities.

Thank you for considering the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary in your estate plans. The Mary C Schanz Foundation is doing business as (dba) Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. For your Will please use both names (although it is okay if you've already used only the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary name), the post office address from the back cover and this tax identification number for the Foundation: 86-0999483. Your support makes it possible for us to give a loving home to the almost 600 Pot-Bellied Pigs in our care and is very much appreciated.

Your Employer May be Able to Double Your Donation

You can easily make your donation to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary go even further if you work for or are retired from a Matching Gift company. Many of our supporters have doubled and sometimes tripled their donation by receiving a matching donation from their company. For a list of the larger matching gift companies please go to the bottom of the Support page of our web site at www.ironwoodpigs.org. Even if your company is not on the list it pays to check with them because this list does not include all matching gift companies. All you need is a form from your company to include with your donation.



Shadow

You can make One-Time or Multiple Monthly Sponsor or Sustainer donations to the Sanctuary with PayPal (no PayPal account required) using your credit or debit card by going to the Support page of our web site.

Comanche's Field

Back in May of 2007 we took in a group of 18 feral pigs out of New Mexico. The eight youngest were spayed or neutered then adopted out. The ten remaining adults were also altered then moved out to a new field built specifically for them.

It was very large to give them plenty of space to roam since they were all wild and accustomed to having a lot of room to run. That field was called New Mexico. By 2014 that herd had not only decreased in size, but the pigs were older and much calmer than they used to be. Their field was downsized and a portion of it renovated to become Comanche's Field. Comanche was one of the New Mexico males and had recently passed away, so the new field was named in his memory.

In February of 2014 eight pigs became the first to live in Comanche's Field. Of that herd of eight Scooby, Belinda, Goliath, Snooky, Henry Bien and Piggie Smalls are still living there. Within a month Speedo and Jack Jack had to be moved to smaller areas due to medical issues. Over the next few months more new pigs were added until the herd topped out at 20 pigs. Currently there are 15 pigs left in the herd.



It's a good sized field with plenty of space to handle more pigs but this particular group was probably the worst behaved bunch we've ever dealt with. Whenever new pigs are mixed together there are always fights and skirmishes as they work out a pecking order, establish territories, choose shelters, etc. It can be a difficult adjustment period lasting several weeks, but these pigs took FOREVER to settle down. Since the summer of 2014 we have never added any more pigs to that herd because they were so vicious to one another for so long and we just didn't want to make any of the new pigs go through that nightmare. (Nor did we want to experience all that again!)

Hamlet, a people friendly little guy, was one of the worst. He fought with the other pigs continuously but wasn't really very good

at it. He was injured numerous times despite our efforts to maintain some order in there. Snooky wasn't much better behaved than Hamlet in those early days. She ended up losing a piece of her ear in one of her battles. Then Macy came along and kept things stirred up even longer. To this day when the

feeding team arrives at Comanche's Field which is the first one fed each morning, the first task is to put Macy in her individual feeding pen before she can start pushing the other pigs



Macy

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Ready to Eat

around and causing trouble. It's so strange because she is one of the sweetest, gentlest pigs at any other time of day. Macy loves to be petted and just melts at your feet for belly rubs, but when she's hungry her evil side really comes out in a hurry!



There are two "neighborhoods" in the field, one in the front section by the entrance gate and another in the far back. Shelters are grouped together under a large shade ramada with a pool and mud



Maddie & Henry Bien



San Tan

wallow in the center. In the back Hope and Maddie, half sisters, are the core of their group. Their friends Henry Bien, San Tan and Dewey all lounge around in the shade with the girls for the majority of the day. They play a sort of mix and match game when

going into the houses. Sometimes Henry Bien and Hope snuggle inside one house while San Tan and Maddie are in another. Other times 3 or 4 of them will be in one of the larger shelters together. They get along great with one another and are completely at ease with sharing their homes. Dewey is a bit fussy about people being in his house though. If his blankets need to be shaken out or tucked back inside, you'd better not try it if he's at home!

Dewey is rather possessive and doesn't like it when you touch his stuff and has been known to snap if you try. San Tan is a very vocal boy. He starts yakking out complaints to people before they even get close to his area. He loves his piggy friends but is not at all comfortable with people being close to him and will certainly give you an earful about it too. Jasper also lives in the back of the field but is a bit more independent, spending a good deal of his time off doing his own thing.

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Jasper

Gracie and Belinda are similar to Jasper in personality. They too like having their own space and time to themselves. Yet all three



Snooky & Piggy Smalls

pigs do mingle with others in the herd at times. I've seen Belinda get a belly rub from Piggy Smalls



Goliath

or hang out with Jasper in the wallow by his house then go off and sleep by herself in a secluded shelter tucked up under a palo verde tree. Gracie will go for

weeks staying in a house off in the corner alone then suddenly go back to using one in a row of occupied homes where she has close neighbors. Scooby and Goliath are best friends and



Friends
Goliath & Scooby

usually share a house together. Sometimes they sleep in one of the homes in the front neighborhood or if they want more peace and quiet, will go to a shelter in the middle of the field. Macy, Piggie Smalls and Snooky have laid permanent claim to the cutely decorated houses by the field entrance. However, they are open to sharing their homes with Simon and Hamlet who drift in and out of that area.

A few of the pigs are fed in individual pens for various reasons...too shy to compete in the troughs, on a diet,

need extra time or can't behave (that's you, Macy!). The rest of the herd eat their grain from troughs and bowls and are free to go from one to another as they please. We do monitor the pigs during their feeding time to ensure that no one is hanging back or getting pushed out of a trough. All the pigs get their fair share. Afterwards, alfalfa hay is spread out in clumps across the field for all the pigs to graze on at their leisure. They tend to have their favorite spots to eat their hay. Some of them are on medications that are handed out wrapped in peanut butter sandwiches. The "med pigs" will



Handing Out Meds

gather around the person giving out the goodies, some of them even sitting on their haunches to receive their treat. They get so excited about their meds! Getting that sandwich is the highlight of their day!



Feeding Pens

The herd in Comanche's Field may have had a rough and tumble start to their lives together but these days things are mostly laid back and comfy. Thanks to you Snooky is happily napping in her house painted with pretty flowers. Because of your generosity sweet Belinda is cooling off in the pool while San Tan, Maddie, Hope and Henry Bien pile in a wallow together. Your support allows Dewey to have his private place to stash his blankies and gives quiet Gracie choices of homes for when she needs her own space. The piggies of Comanche's Field appreciate everything you do for them. Thank you!

---Donna



Belinda



Feed Troughs

Front & Back Cover

The Long Road Home



Titan and his brother Zeus were the cutest little guys when we first met them when we went to do a yard check for our pigs Gwendolyn and Herbie who would soon be adopted from us and go to live with Titan and Zeus. But it was only a few short

months later when the family split up and Titan, Zeus, Gwendolyn and Herbie all came home to us in August of 2009. Soon thereafter a family from New Mexico came here and was very excited about adopting Titan and Zeus. After a yard check by pig owner friends in New Mexico, the boys both traveled to New Mexico to their new home. But kids grow up and go off to college and interest is lost so the boys came back to Ironwood in January of 2013. Now they are home with us forever. They are still the cutest guys as they approach their senior years and live a comfortable life with their herd in the North Field. They don't want to do any more traveling.



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Milo was also a traveling boy. In May of 2015 Ben and I met up with a lady from the Riverside County Animal Control and transferred 6 pigs to our van from hers and brought them to Ironwood. They were all young and all strays but not a family. Jezebel was very pregnant and gave birth to 8 babies here at Ironwood so 6 became 14 new pigs for us. Once they were all spayed and neutered we released them to fields where we felt their age and personalities fit best. Milo, Cole, and Sioux along with four other young pigs were released to Tina's field and later into our large North Field. In these three years they have grown up to be big pigs and Milo is the biggest and most demanding of the group. He loves to push on us as we carry their feed bucket back to their smaller area where they once lived. They are all young healthy pigs who enjoy the freedom to run and play and are safe within the confines of Ironwood and will never be stray again.



Zeus, Titan's Brother



Milo (On Right) With Friends

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