



Pig Adoption Form

Welcome to the New Hampshire SPCA

Thank you for your interest in adopting a pet at the NHSPCA. We are committed to finding safe, loving homes for our homeless pigs, but we are also cautious and want the new owner to make an informed decision. For the right people, they make wonderful companion animals but for others they can become a significant challenge. 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.

Personal Information

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____ Website _____

Are you over 21 years of age? _____ Yes _____ No
If no, please have parent/guardian complete and sign the Application.

Do you have a medical condition that would limit your ability to care for the pig? _____ Yes _____ No

Property Information

Please describe your home and yard

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.

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

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

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?

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

Who will be responsible for caring for the pig? _____

PIG SPECIFICS

Age preference: ____ Baby (under 1 year) ____ Younger (between 1-4) ____ Older (4+) ____ Doesn't matter

Sex preference: ____ Male ____ Female ____ Does not matter

Color preference: ____ Black ____ White ____ Does not matter

Where will the pigs live? ____ Indoors ____ Outdoors

Are you willing to adopt two pigs who are buddies? Pigs are by nature herd animals and really enjoy the company of another pig to snuggle with, especially if they are outdoor pigs. ____ Yes ____ No

Are you willing to take an un-socialized pig? (one who has had little to no human contact)?
____ Yes ____ No

Are you willing to take a special needs pet (one who is obese and needs dieting, one who has behavior problems and needs to be worked with, one who has health problems, etc.)? ____ Yes ____ No

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 _____
Describe the living conditions you will provide.
Please be very specific about the size of the pasture:

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 PBPS? _____ 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 _____

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.

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 a pig should not be placed in a home until he is at least 8-12 weeks of age, properly weaned, and

eating on his own. Earlier placement can lead to starvation and/or aggressive behavior.

_____ 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

HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS

What steps would you take to find a lost pet?

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

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

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

What are your views on euthanasia and your animals?

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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)? _____

Do you have any questions/concerns about caring for a pig? _____

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

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. I also understand that I will be asked to provide a donation fee (\$50 to \$300, depending on the cost of the spay/neuter and other vet expenses).

Signature

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