



Pigs

Welcome to the New Hampshire SPCA

Thank you for your interest in adopting a pet pig from the NHSPCA! We are committed to finding safe, loving homes for our pigs. Pet pigs make wonderful companion animals for an owner who is informed and prepared to welcome this special animal into their home. **To be considered for a pig adoption, we ask that all applicants have thoroughly researched pet pig care and training.** Please be certain that your home and yard is set-up to accommodate a pet pig **BEFORE** completing an adoption application.

*Please fill out this application as completely and honestly as possible. All applications **MUST** be submitted with photos of the enclosure, outdoor pen, indoor rooms and any other areas the pig would be residing.*

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

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

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you over 21 years of age? Yes No

Are you aware of the financial and time commitments of owning a pig? Yes No

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

Are you willing and able to commit several hours a day to the care and training of your pig?
 Yes No

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

1.) Is your property zoned for pet pigs? Yes No

(Many communities have zoning ordinances that do not permit residents to own pet pigs. Please check with your town hall, police department or Animal Control Officer before continuing with this application.)

2.) Do you live in a: House Apartment Condo Mobile Home

Other: _____

3.) Do you: Own Rent

4.) Do you live in a Planned Community? Yes No

If YES, you will need written permission from your homeowner's association to keep a pet pig.

5.) Do you have a fenced-in yard? Yes No

If yes, please describe your fencing type, dimensions and lay-out: _____

6.) Will your pig have his/her own pen or fenced in area? Yes No

Please describe: _____

7.) Will your pig be required to use stairs to get in and out of your home? Yes No

Please describe: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:

1.) Number of adults living in your home: _____

2.) Number of children living in your home & ages: _____

3.) Do you currently own a pet pig? Yes No

4.) If YES, is this pig spayed/neutered? Yes No

5.) Age of your pig: _____ Sex: _____ Name: _____

6.) Have you owned a pig previously? Yes No

7.) Do you have other pets and if so, what breeds, ages: _____

8.) Who in your household will be responsible for caring for this pig? _____

PIG SPECIFICS:

1.) Age preference: _____

2.) Sex preference: Male Female Doesn't matter

3.) Where will the pig live? Indoors Outdoors

4.) Are you willing to adopt two companion pigs together? Yes No

(Pigs often enjoy the company of another pig, especially if they are a bonded pair or live outside.)

5.) Are you willing to adopt a special needs pig? Yes No

(This includes pigs with dietary restrictions, health problems and behavior problems.)

INDOOR PIGS:

Indoor pigs live primarily inside your home with daily outdoors time.

1.) Is your home currently pig-proofed? Yes No

(An adoption counselor can provide you with more information on pig-proofing your home.)

2.) Where will this pig sleep? _____

3.) How many hours will this pig be alone in the house each day? _____

4.) Will this pig have a safe place to stay during the day? Yes No

Please describe: _____

5.) Is there a safe enclosure for this pig to spend time outdoors? Yes No

Please describe: _____

6.) Will this pig have a quiet space where he/she can stay to be away from other pets or strangers?

Yes No

OUTDOOR PIGS:

Outdoor pigs live primarily outside with 24-hour access to a secure barn or insulated shelter with a fenced-in yard.

1.) Do you have a well-insulated shelter for this pig? Yes No

Please describe: _____

2.) Are you able to provide this pig with additional bedding, an alternative heat source, or blanketing in the winter months? Yes No

3.) Will this pig have access to a kiddie pool, mud hole or wading pond in the summer? Yes No

4.) Is there a place in your pig yard with shade 24 hours a day? Yes No

5.) Please describe the living conditions you will provide this pig including the type of fencing, shelter, dimensions of the yard and proximity to other outdoor animals: _____

VETERINARY INFORMATION:

1.) Name of veterinarian: _____

2.) Address of veterinarian: _____

3.) Phone number of veterinarian: _____

4.) Does your current veterinarian provide services for pet pigs? Yes No

5.) If NO, what veterinarian do you plan to use for the care of your pet pig? _____

6.) May we contact your veterinarian? Yes No

7.) Are your current pets spayed/neutered? Yes No

8.) Are your current pets up to date on vaccines and veterinary care? Yes No

*It is very important that you are established with a veterinary practice that accepts pet pigs.
Most small animal vets will not care for pigs and it is crucial that you have access to an
experienced pig veterinarian in the event of an emergency.*

REFERENCES & DETAILS:

1.) Please provide us with the names, numbers and email addresses of three references:

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ How do you know this person? _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ How do you know this person? _____

3. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ How do you know this person? _____

2.) Will you give our Farm Program Manager permission to inspect your property at a pre-determined appointment time? Yes No

If NO, please explain: _____

3.) Are you committed to the care of this pig for the duration of his/her life? _____

4.) In what ways have you educated and prepared yourself for pig ownership? _____

5.) Why do you think a pet pig would be a good addition to your family? _____

PIG EDUCATION INFORMATION:

The following are several key aspects of responsible pet pig ownership.

Please read carefully and initial next to each bullet point.

- _____ I understand that the average weight of an adult pet pig varies and may be between 50-175 pounds. I understand that underfeeding a pet pig will not change its physical dimensions or make it smaller and that this will likely result in various health and behavior complications.
- _____ I understand that pet pigs partake in species-specific behaviors such as rooting, chewing and relocating furniture, and that these are natural behaviors that may become destructive if a pig is bored, under-stimulated or frustrated.
- _____ I understand that pet pigs may develop behavioral issues for a variety of reasons and that these issues may manifest in aggression, destructive tendencies, biting or snapping and pushiness. In the event that these behaviors should develop and become too difficult to manage, I agree to notify the NHSPCA immediately for assistance and coaching to overcome these behaviors.
- _____ I understand that pet pigs are naturally territorial creatures and may become defensive of their space, bedding, toys or companions.
- _____ I understand that pigs, dogs and children should NEVER be left together unattended. Pigs have body language that clearly communicates what they are feeling and more often than not, children are unable to read these signals appropriately.
- _____ I understand that introducing a companion pig to an already established pig is a process that requires time and patience. Two pigs meeting for the first time will engage in dominant and testing behaviors to determine who is the "top hog". I agree to discuss the introduction process further with an adoption counselor.
- _____ I understand that the animal I am applying to adopt is a pet pig, and as such, I will allow him/her to be a pig. I understand that pet pigs have unique needs basic to their nature and I will strive to meet those needs and appreciate the very qualities that make him/her a unique and loving companion animal.

I, _____, hereby certify that the information I have provided above is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, and the NHSPCA may take this information into account while evaluating my application.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, CLEARLY UNDERSTAND, AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS ADOPTION APPLICATION AGREEMENT.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*When completed, please return this form to the NHSPCA, c/o Carrie Fyfe, Farm Program Manager:
104 Portsmouth Ave, Stratham, NH 03885, fax number: 603-778-7804, or email to farmprogram@nhspca.org*