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Dear Supporters,

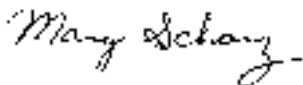
As I write this letter I have taken time to reflect on what it means to be celebrating our third Anniversary. I remember Donna asking about when were we going to have pigs to take care of, and a slight fear on all of our parts that we may be building this new sanctuary and not be able to fill it. If only those early fears had been a reality. How could we have been so naïve? We now have over 360 pigs and are struggling to maintain our numbers at that level.

But we do think we are making an impact. The calls to take in new pigs are not quite so numerous. We make an effort to neuter every pig we have an opportunity to neuter. Our belief over these years remains that only through spaying and neutering can we truly make a difference in the lives of these sensitive and endearing creatures. But along the way to population control we provide the best home we know how for every pig who arrives at Ironwood. It is only with your continued support will we be able to do this. Won't you please stay with us and see us through to our next anniversary celebration!!!

You will read about all that has been happening here at Ironwood in the articles in this issue. I would like to mention that the Annex continues to progress as well. We now have a new roof on the barn, many new troughs are in place, the outside of the house is being painted, and several new shelters have been built. But there is still much to do, and with time, patience, and your continued support we will complete our projects.

Three years have gone by so quickly and we have seen many changes here at Ironwood. We have learned so much about the needs of our pigs; physical, emotional, and medical and we have changed our sanctuary structurally to try to meet those needs. In these three years we have seen some youngsters mature and some of our mature pigs grow old. Our focus has never changed, nor will it. We are committed to providing a home for pigs who are abandoned, abused, neglected, or unwanted, and to being the best caregivers we know how to be.

Sincerely,



Mary Schanz
Co-Founder

PS One of our volunteers once said to me when she dies she wants to come back as a pig living here at Ironwood!!



Oreo & Mary

THREE YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

It's hard to believe we've accomplished so much in only three years! I think

back to how proud we were to finish our first set of eight holding pens. We were so excited to begin getting pigs. We quickly filled those first pens during June of 2001. First came

Claire and Popeye, soon followed by two stray pigs found in the streets of Tucson, Taylor and Owen. Then there were owner releases of Misty, Tulley, and Blossom. Another pair was running loose in the desert, Eddie and Flapjack. Then came a litter of twelve 5-week-old babies! I thought I had my hands full back then!

Misty was extremely sick during that time. She required a lot of attention, needing to have food and medicine forced into her mouth by syringe. One of the babies kept hopping through the fence to be with her. That baby, later known as Collie, gave her comfort and something to focus on. Her complete recovery was a long time coming, but she is now happy and healthy living out in the field, in charge of her own

little group within the herd.

Of the twelve babies, two are still with us, Collie and Charlie. In fact, they both live in the large shelter housing the group of which



Pen "A" Under Construction

Misty is the queen. Several of the babies were adopted while the others went back to their original home after all the males were neutered. Blossom is no longer with us, having developed serious uterine problems. During spay surgery last spring, a huge abscess was discovered in her ovary. It had adhered to her intestinal wall and was impossible to remove. She is still missed and often thought of. Of the original group of pigs that first came to Ironwood, only three are not yet sponsored (see their stories on page 5, Meet Our Pigs).

Tulley, an epileptic pig, lives in our Special Needs field while the others are all together in our Main field. These pigs have seen a lot of changes during their time here. During our first few months, we spent what seemed like every waking moment building,

building, building! Two more sets of holding pens were completed for a total of 24 pens. These were entirely filled by early September. Meanwhile, our nearly six-acre field was being fenced in. Shelters were put together and readied for pigs.

Finally, in mid October of 2001, our first group of pigs was brought out into the field. It was a big event for all of us! Water lines had been temporarily laid above ground to provide for the "privileged few" living in the field. Then came the huge job of installing underground water lines throughout the entire field area. The pigs thoroughly enjoyed helping with this task! They thought all that dirt had been dug up strictly for their entertainment.

After three years, I look around and see the many additions we've made: an extended exercise yard for the holding pens, the Assisted



Claire, Our First Pig

Living field for the "old folks" and recently Assisted Living, Phase Two (because we got even more old folks!). The field is now divided by hog panel into six different fields where pigs are placed according to their physical

Three Year Anniversary Cont.

and/or emotional needs. We've added a 5th wheel RV to provide housing for another on-site worker. Our population has grown to over 360 pigs, including those 78 still at the Annex. We've come a long way in a short time. None of this would have been possible without the help of



Starting Our Field Fence

all our volunteers and supporters. Our anniversary celebration is for you as well as all our pigs!

We still have dreams of more to come! Our hope is to have a clinic and recovery area at the sanctuary. Here our pigs could be examined, prepped, have surgery and recover all in a temperature-controlled environment without the hassle and trauma of being transported into town. Extended fields, more pigs, more housing for on-site workers and out-of-town volunteers, more pigs (did I already say that?!). the need is there and waiting.

--- Donna

Please Visit Ironwood!

We would love to have you visit the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary and want to make your visit as enjoyable as possible. We have a great sanctuary and are proud to give you a nice tour. That is why we ask you to call and schedule your visit in advance so we can make sure that we give you the attention you deserve. If you are an out of town visitor please schedule your visit ahead of your arrival. We may be busy feeding, spending a day with our veterinarian doing medical rounds, a day of neutering or spaying, short staffed or working with a group of volunteers and not able to give you a tour.

Saturday and Sundays are the best days to visit from 10am to 2pm since we have additional staff on those days. We don't want to miss your visit and understand that you may be passing through the area or are an out of town visitor and it is convenient to stop, so please call ahead to make sure that we can accommodate your visit.

Don't forget the summers are hot here and the pigs stay hidden most of the day so try and plan your visit in a cool month.

So stop by, have a good time, and give belly rubs to our sweet pigs.



Annie & Kids at Ironwood's November Open

COVER

Piggy came to us severely underweight and malnourished with skin sores over her body. She was a year old and we were her third home. With our love she recovered and became a happy, healthy piggie. She has adjusted well to her life at Ironwood and enjoys being with her friends in our northeast field.

Meet Our Pigs



Owen

Owen had been wandering around Oro Valley. A couple had seen him several times and were nice enough to set out food and water for him then call us for help. Upon his arrival he was very nervous and afraid of people. I would sit in his pen so he would get used to me. He would make this pathetic sound, "Oh, oh, oh" over and over again. We just began calling him "Oh, Oh, Owen". Owen had numerous problems that kept him in a holding pen for longer than usual. He developed an infection from his neuter surgery, later became very lame and had to be on medication, then had an abscess that had to be drained and treated for a while. Finally, everything cleared up and Owen was able to join the other pigs in the field. He has done well out there. Owen is still shy but is now approachable and enjoys getting pets and back scratches. He has chosen to live in one of our large shelters with a group of about ten pigs, including his beloved Loretta. During his first few months in the field, Owen fell in love with Loretta. He would follow her around and talk to her constantly in

a singsong voice (I'm sure he was singing love songs to her!) They've settled down with their friends like a comfortable married couple. Owen is lucky and very happy to have found Ironwood as his home.

Popeye -----

June 10, 2001. Our first two pigs arrive at Ironwood, Claire and Popeye. They came from the same home. Their owner was no longer capable of caring for them. Popeye, the smaller of the two, was friendly but shy. He would plop over easily for a belly rub though! The two pigs remained in our holding pens until October of that year, awaiting the completion of the fencing, shelters, and water for the field. Popeye and Claire had the honors of being the first two pigs to be ushered down to the new field. Popeye has become very independent since his move. He hangs out with a small group of pigs in the back. They



enjoy sharing one of our large shelters. Claire is also part of this group, staying together with Popeye. Although Popeye still enjoys belly rubs and attention, he doesn't seek out people. He seems very content with just being a pig!

Collie -----

Collie first entered our lives when he was only 5 weeks old. He arrived at Ironwood along with his 11 brothers and sisters during our first month that we were open for pigs. The litter was only with us temporarily from another sanctuary so they could be weaned from their mom. A month later all the boys were neutered and vaccinated. Half



went off to adoptive homes while Collie and the other half remained with us another 6 weeks. The babies were a joy to watch! Collie and five other piglets went back to the original sanctuary. A couple of months later, Collie developed a badly infected ear from a bite wound and was sneezing and congested. A volunteer from the other sanctuary brought Collie back to Ironwood for treatment, this time to stay. The ear healed but was deformed from the wound, so now he has a unique half ear that makes him easy to identify among the herd. Collie is a very gentle, shy pig that when approached slowly and carefully, enjoys being petted. He especially loves being rubbed along his cheeks and under his chin.

Summerize Your Pig

Preparing the summer accommodations for your pot bellied pig is a serious endeavor. Inadequate shade or water may seriously harm or even kill your pig, especially in summer, and just because your animal is able to tolerate lack of shade or water doesn't mean that they aren't stressed and very unhappy. Pigs need a shady retreat throughout the day, a wallow, and plenty of water. In fact, shade and plenty of water should be available all year to your special friend. I once observed a pig seek out a

small shady area on a cool winter day in Phoenix. They need to be able to choose their environment to suit their needs; shade or sun, wet or dry. And also inspect your pig's environment throughout the day to make sure that there is adequate shade, the wallow isn't dry, and there is plenty of drinking water. Here at Ironwood we water our pigs three times a day in summer and provide sufficient all day shade so that all our pigs can find shelter. Come out and visit and we will show you how we handle the summer heat.



Bentley

Morgan

A Shade and Wallow Ramada in Our North Field

**Do you want to adopt a pig?
Start with a trip to the sanctuary.**

The first step in adopting a pig (or even better, two pigs!) from the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary is to visit the sanctuary. You will receive an educational tour of the facilities, with advice and ideas along the way on fencing, shelter, shade, water and pig behavior. This visit gives you a chance to meet our pigs and see the variety of sizes, colors and personalities. When you have decided that you want to adopt a pig or two, and maybe even picked out the ones you want, we will visit your home to advise on fencing, shade, shelter and water as well as how a pig or pigs will fit in with other animals in your household. Once everything is prepared and in place to provide a safe environment, you can pick up the pigs of your choice or we'll transport them to your home if needed. The adoption fee of \$30 for males and \$60 for females will cover vaccinations, worming and the spay/neuter surgery. We're ready to help you provide a happy, healthy home for your new piggies!

Come and Stay at the Sanctuary

Jeannie had visited Ironwood last year and wanted to return for a week of volunteering. She stayed in the spare bedroom in the visitor center and spent the week working at the sanctuary. Craig flew in from Santa Monica for a few days of work and also stayed in the visitor center. Perhaps you would like to stay at the sanctuary and volunteer for a week or two or three or what ever time period you are interested in. Meredith will be visiting from New Mexico and volunteering June and July at Ironwood. Please give us a call or write to inquire about our accommodations and available times.



Sushi

The pig who didn't make it to the pig sanctuary.

Sushi came into our lives as the result of a postcard sent by the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. The informative postcard told us how we could

contribute to the sanctuary or sponsor a pig. It sounded similar to sponsoring a refugee child and Donn and I were especially “tickled” when we read about “special needs” pigs. The pigs almost sounded human!

We began our information search on the Internet about pot bellied pigs. They sounded like fascinating creatures. However, several sources stated that pigs and dogs were not a good mix. Since we have five dogs, three of which are very large, we wondered if we could safely have a pig. In addition to the dogs, we have four horses and a pony, a duck and four chickens, six cats, pet rats and a guinea pig. Except for the rat/cat relationships (food chain issues), all of our animals get along well. In fact, we have come to the conclusion that our animals do not know that they belong to different species. They coexist peacefully.

Conversations began between us and Mary and Ben. Through them we found out about Sushi. We contacted her owners who had to find a new home for her as they were moving and Sushi was going to be placed at the sanctuary. Donn and I went to visit Sushi and felt that she would be comfortable at our home. A few days later our grandson, Billy, and I went to get Sushi. Within a few days, Sushi was right at home. She established appropriate limits for the dogs and they have gotten along well with few exceptions. In these cases, Sushi lets them know who is in charge.

Her best friends are the duck and chickens and PJ, the cat who lives under the feed shed. She “sits” with the dogs when it is treat time and “helps” feed the horses. Sushi loves her igloo and turtle pool and has several favorite spots around the yard. She is quite the conversationalist and loves to be brushed.

Sushi's favorite person was my husband Donn. He always wanted to write the story about the “pig who never made it to the pig sanctuary”. He talked about this when we attended the open house in November 2002. Donn never got to write the story. He died on August 31, 2003. Sushi waited by the gate for him for quite a while; she knew how much he liked her. Sushi is doing fine now and her story has been told.

Karen Thompson

One of our Pigs Would



Donna & Neevis



Big Buster



Stanley



G. G.



Harriett



Rudy Two Toot



Pinto



Love you as a Sponsor!

Sponsors are special people!

I love it that so many of our pigs have moms and dads from around the country who support them. Some of our sponsors send or bring treats, blankets, etc. Others have come out to meet and visit with their pig (several from out of state!) Many sponsors have visited the sanctuary first to choose a pig to sponsor.

I look forward to adding new sponsors to our growing group of supporters. You can choose from those pictured here or send me a description of male, female, special needs, etc. and I'll choose one for you.

Being a sponsor means providing a monthly contribution of \$30 to cover your pig's food, health care expenses and share of sanctuary expenses. In exchange, you'll get pictures and updates about your pig throughout the year. This can be set up by check or credit card, paying monthly, quarterly, yearly, whatever works for you.

Join our group of special sponsors. It's great to see so many of you supporting our efforts to have happy, healthy pigs! Thanks!

Donna



Piggy Sue



Tillie - Then and Now

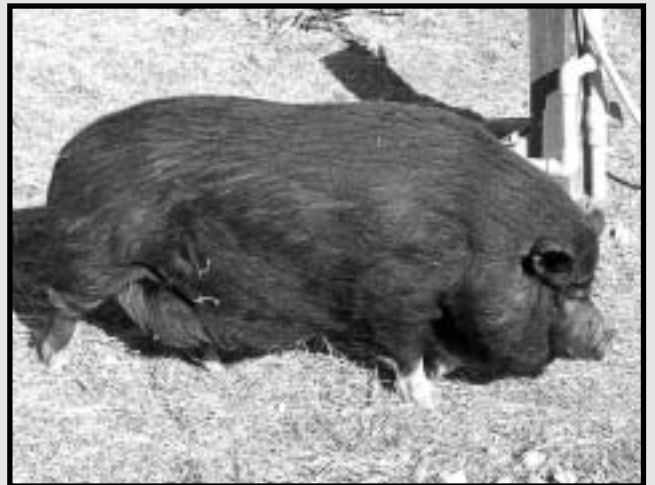
In July of 2001, just a month after we had opened Ironwood and taken in our first pigs, we got a call from a nice couple in Sonoita who were looking to place Tillie in a new home. The husband was about to begin kidney dialysis and they would be spending a great deal of time in Tucson and did not feel that they could continue to care for her. Tillie had been purchased at a swap meet when she was a tiny baby two years earlier



by their daughter and she ended up with mom and pop. On August 10th we went to bring her home to Ironwood. The summer monsoons had made the countryside green and Tillie lived in a nice big yard with a wonderful large house to keep her cozy. There was only one problem with this picture. Tillie, at only two years old, was grossly overweight. She had been fed dog food, and canned dog food at that. The pictures you see are of Tillie when she arrived and how she looks

now that

she has lost weight and lives in our special needs field with many friends that she has made. It took many months of feeding her a reduced diet of potbelly pig food and then normal rations before she had lost enough weight to get around well enough to leave her pen and join friends in the field. Tillie was always, and remains a shy girl, but she wanders around her field and lives happily there. Once again a reminder that pigs are happier and healthier when they are not overweight.



Our Wish List

THINGS WE CAN ALWAYS USE:

- * Heartland Products
- * Stamps (37 or 60 cents)
- * Pool Repair Kits
- * Wading Pools & Turtle Sand Boxes
- * Shade Cloth (Black Preferred)
- * Blankets (Used are Great)
- * Dog Houses & Igloo Shelters
- * Liquid Yucca
- * Gift Card to Home Depot

PRICEY THINGS WE WOULD LOVE:

- * Corrugated Metal Roofing
- * 1/2 Inch 5 ply Plywood
- * 8 foot 2 x 4's

REALLY BIG TICKET ITEMS:

- * Clinic/Recovery Building
- * Late Model Cargo Van
- * 26,000 GVWR Flatbed Truck
- * Tractor with Back Hoe

Assisted Living Phase II, The Kathleen Schilling Memorial Field

The idea was born one morning last fall when I arrived at Ironwood. Donna and June had just finished feeding Assisted Living Phase I and were contemplating all the other lame and elderly ladies and gents, several that we had brought from the annex, who were now living in pens and needed a better home. They said we needed Assisted Living II and already had picked out the ideal spot for it. I said I would have to let the idea sink in and present it to Ben, who was by now convinced we had completed our large projects. As the fall wore on and the new abandoned pigs began to arrive, Hoss, Sally, Mickey, Pinto and



others, it was clear that they would never go out into one of the large fields. Assisted Living I could not accommodate all of these new folks plus the Annex seven, Ernie and Will, Phoebe and Gilbert and Miss Wanda, seventeen in all.

So all the elves went to work and Assisted Living II came to life. Ben bought the materials and the fence was soon up with the help of Ben, John, Nathan, Justin, and Kevin. Jim was busy at home fabricating the shelters and Julia and Nathan soon had them painted. Bob and Pamala helped with others to assemble the shelters and put the roofs on. The water system was soon in with the help of Francie, Jennie and I and Aaron and his dad, Andrew. Donna filled in all the details with hoses, a feeding station, pools, hay,

blankets, feeding pans, and carpet doors for the shelters. Once the shade ramadas were up we were ready to put the pigs into their new home. The first day the pigs whined and cried at the gate because they didn't want to

move from their cozy homes where they felt secure. But within a short while they had all found a new cozy home where they felt comfortable and safe and they no longer had to be restricted to an hour or two a day in the exercise field before returning to their pens. So an idea became a

reality and we feel the pigs are much better off because of it.

Sounds easy doesn't it? But the truth is this field took a great deal



of effort on the part of many people and I would like to thank them all for helping to make it become a reality, and before the hot Arizona summer arrived. All of the pigs will be much more comfortable in this field with spacious shade ramadas and wallows than in their small pens this summer. We even included a smaller emergency field complete with water system to be held in reserve.

This field was made possible by a generous donation from Francis Schilling in memory of his wife Kathleen. We learned after the planning of this field that his beloved wife had passed away. She was one of our very first sponsors and had a great love of animals of all kinds. We are so sorry for the loss of your wife Francis and we are so grateful for your continued support.

Thanks to Those we Never See

Iwould like to say a very special thank you to those of you who donate to us on a regular monthly basis and yet you never receive a thank you note from myself or one of my volunteers who help me with my notes, and maybe not even a sponsor letter from Donna. We never see you in person to thank you either, but believe me you are VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. You are all of our monthly credit card sustainers. All monthly contributions are so very important to us. They help us to meet our monthly bills when our contributions drop off. So even though you do not hear from us directly; when the tons of grain arrive or the hay truck drives up or Dr. Page or Dr. Staten comes calling we say thank you to our silent contributors.

Cindy Berger and the folks at the Handi Care Adult Program, Community 301 are regulars now preparing our newsletter for mailing. Thanks you guys! It makes it so easy for me now that I don't have to worry about one

more issue to try to get organized.

Deanna, Laura, Francie, and Jess helped to make a horrendous job much easier when we sorted and distributed mounds of donated medical supplies from our local hospitals and veterinarians that had been accumulating in our storage bin. We saved what we could use and the rest was donated for wildlife rehab, spay/neuter in Mexico and Costa Rica, and Border Links of Tucson. All good stuff that would have otherwise been put in our landfills.

And thank you all who continue to help us on a regular basis by donating items, loaning us your truck, Jim, helping to build new fields, make troughs, repair roofs, John, pick up pigs or apples, rake pig poops, write thank you notes, help at tabling events and others. It all adds up to running a well oiled sanctuary.

And finally a thank you to all of the foundations that have given us much needed grants for shelters, food and medical expenses over the past two years.

THANKS

Jeannie, Our Spotted little Lady

Iwas in the midst of our morning feeding on Thursday, March 25th, when the phone rang. The voice on the other end said there was a baby pig running loose down by her horse barn and she had been coming and going for three weeks. A week ago when she arrived she was dripping blood from wounds around her neck and on her body. She disappeared and the lady thought she had gone off to die, but much to her surprise she returned to her horse barn that Thursday and she needed help to rescue her.

Jeannie was visiting and volunteering from Colorado and although she had planned on leaving that day, she offered to stay over a day and help me rescue her. On Friday morning we arrived with carrier and boards. The owner, Jeannie and I tried for a couple of hours to catch our illusive girl, but she soon outsmarted us and was off into the woods once more. We left the carrier with the hope that she would return, and Sunday morning I got the call. Marsha said she was hungry and she had managed to coax her into the carrier. Within minutes I was on my way. Jeannie arrived at her new safe home and quickly went for a swim in her new wading pool. Her wounds had to be

treated daily for over a week and we put her on antibiotics



and treated her for mange. A coyote or dog had grabbed her by the neck but somehow she had escaped them and was well on her way to recovery within days.

She is spotted; black, tan, and orange. Unlike any pig I had ever seen, but I knew she was not a potbellied pig. We are told from those in the know that our "little" Jeannie, named after our volunteer Jeannie, will soon be the size of our Pinkerton. We have quickly made arrangements for her to be spayed while she is still a manageable size. She would sure like a home of her own, but maybe Pinkerton and Lucky would like another companion. She is safe now and starting to trust.

---- Mary

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By joining as a sanctuary sustainer, a monthly contribution, be it \$1 or \$1,000, will be charged to your credit card. 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 your support!

Beyond the Borders of the Sanctuary

How Chester Stays Home and Angus Loses his Pighood.

Part of our mission here at Ironwood is dedicated to eliminating the suffering of potbellied pigs by promoting spaying and neutering and assisting owners and sanctuaries. To that end we have often been involved in activities beyond the sanctuary. We have transported pigs for people who are moving to a new location or have transported pigs to a vet for people who have sick pigs. We transported Ernie for Dave and Tom when Ernie was very ill. In the end, sadly, Ernie had to be euthanized and we took him to the Pet Cemetery of Tucson for them. Dave and Tom have become great supporters of ours and they now sponsor our brothers, Ernie and Will. They also donated two camper shells that have since been taken to another location where we were helping to provide shade and shelter for a number of other pigs.

I recently got a call from a man and woman who said Chester needed to come to the sanctuary because the man had lost his job and they were unable to afford him any longer. I asked them if they cared for their pig and explained to them that we were full and only open for emergencies. When I determined they did care for their pig, who had been rescued off the street, we decided to include a little fundraiser for him at the Animal Fair at Reid Park that we were attending. The last thing we wanted was to take a pig out of his home where he was wanted. We raised enough money to provide feed for Chester and to neuter him. Chester went back home and he now continues to share his life with the geese, dogs, chickens and other critters who have become his friends. Charlie was also neutered on that day and was returned to his home where he lives with a woman who cares for her pig but is on a disability and could not afford to have him neutered.

Angus is a small, very handsome black and white

pig who has long been fathering many piglets here in the Tucson area. We have seen ads in the paper for piglets before and always wished we could somehow find a way stop this pattern. We had called the number more than once and had not received a return call. We neutered a piglet for a man who had purchased his pig from one of the litters a while ago and based upon his sketchy directions we had made an attempt to find the location of the family who owned Angus without success. Then we received a break mid February. We saw an add for babies “in time for Valentine’s Day”. Ben called on the ad and went to the property. He soon found out the owners were willing to have Angus neutered and they no longer wanted their four sows to have more babies. Bingo!! We made



Chester

the arrangements and Angus soon lost his manhood and we sighed a sigh of relief. It is not clear that the sows are not pregnant again but we can hope. Thirty-five piglets were born in February. Maybe that will be the last 35 piglets to be born to Angus and it is one small step toward solving the problem of potbellied pig suffering and filling more sanctuaries full of unwanted pigs. That memorable day we also neutered two of the boys from those litters, one of which had already been given up to us after only two weeks in his home. Ruffino has been adopted to a new home. This is the tragedy that results in the continued breeding of these pigs.

Thank you Dr. Page and thank you Deanna for your help. Without the help of our generous vet it would not be possible for us to reach out to the community and neuter these pigs. Your continued support also makes this happen.

Thank you all. --- Mary

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.

Heartland Animal Health

Heartland Animal Health has made a very generous offer to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. They 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 E3050 Pet Pig Areo-Mycin 5 lb \$ 7.77
 Item E1120 Pet Pig Survival Plus 32 oz \$45.57

Heartland can be reached by the following means:

website: www.healthypigs.com
 e-mail: sales@healthypigs.com
 phone: 800-325-8414

Saying Goodbye

This month we are saying goodbye to two of our good workers. Justin Glysson, who started at Ironwood a year ago and Kevin Haggerty, who started in December and came here to work the winter.

Justin lives less than two miles down the road and was a great help to us during the morning and afternoon feeding. He was always willing to help, whatever the need. Justin is now 16 years old and wants to take the summer off before planning his next work experience.

Kevin came to Tucson last winter looking for a job and a place to stay. He came to the right place and has lived and worked at the sanctuary since his arrival. It was always nice to have him around, particularly when we needed help with one of our emergencies. Kevin plans to travel up the west coast starting with California, and eventually getting to Alaska, and see where his next adventure begins.

Thanks a lot for your hard work and good luck with your next life experiences. We will miss you both.



Bella

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