



Adoption Application

Personal Information

Name	
Street Address	
City, ST, ZIP Code	
Cell (or Home) Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Do you have a medical condition that would limit your ability to care for the pig?	
Are you over 21?	YES ___ NO ___
If no, please have a parent/guardian complete and sign the Application	

Property Information

Housing Information

___ House

___ Apartment

___ Condo

___ Other (please explain):

Do you rent or own?	RENT ___ OWN ___
Does your local zoning allow pet pigs?	YES ___ NO ___ UNSURE ___
	<i>*Many communities do not, and they have the legal right to come to your house and confiscate your pet if it is against their zoning ordinances*</i>
Do you have a fenced-in yard?	
Will your pig have his/her own pen or fenced area?	
IF INDOOR	
Is your home pig-proof? *ok to ask for more information*	
Where will your pig sleep?	
How many hours will your pig be alone each day?	

Is there a safe place for your pig to stay during the day?	
Is there a safe place for your pig to stay during the night?	
IF OUTDOOR	
Do you have a well-insulated house for the pig?	
Do you have a way to heat it in cold weather?	
Is there access to a wading pool or mud hole in the summer?	
Is there a spot available for all day shade?	
Describe the living conditions you will provide. Please be very specific about the size of the pasture.	

Household Information

Number of adults living in the house	
Number of children living in the house and ages	
Do all members of your household want this pet?	
Do you currently have a pig? If so, age/sex	
Names and type of other pets?	
Have you ever had a pig? If so, what happened to them?	
Who would be responsible for caring for the pig?	

Pig Specifics

Age Preference?

- Baby (under a year) Younger (between 1-4)
 Older (4+) Doesn't matter

Sex Preference?

- Male Female
 Doesn't matter

Color Preference?

Black

White

Doesn't matter

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

Not at this time, maybe
in future

No

Vet Information

Vet Name	
Phone Number	
Are your current pets neutered/spayed?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Does your current vet care for pigs?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNSURE <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>*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*</i>	

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 their skeletal size and will only lead to health and/or behavioral problems. Over-feeding the pig or not feeding them food specific to his species will also lead to health and or/behavior 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 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 they are 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 reproductive 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

I understand that this animal is a pig, and as such, I will allow them to be a pig. I understand that he has specific needs basic to their nature, and I will strive to meet those needs and appreciate the very qualities that make them 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 could no longer care for your pet?

What are your views on euthanasia and your animals?

General Information

Please supply us with the name and email of two references

Can someone come out and check your home to ensure it is safe for a pig?	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?	
Do you have any questions or concerns about caring for a pig?	
Why do you want a pig as a pet?	

Agreement and Signature

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. Donation fees are \$200/piglet (under 1 year) and \$100/pig (over 1 year). Please ask for donation fee if adopting multiple pigs.

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BETTER PIGGIES RESCUE PERSONNEL USE ONLY

REVIEWED BY: _____ DATE OF REVIEW: _____

APPLICATION STATUS: **APPROVED** ___ **NOT APPROVED** ___ **PENDING** ___

HOME INSPECTION COMPLETED: **YES** ___ **NO** ___

REASON FOR DENIAL (IF APPLICABLE)	
APPLICATION CONCERNS: (IF ANY)	

SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER: _____ DATE: _____