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PET PIG ZONING PACKET

INFORMATION TO HELP YOU DEAL WITH LOCAL ZONING
ORDINANCES & HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION RULES EFFECTING
YOUR PET POT BELLY PIG.

Much of the documents and information contained in this packet came from the late Rebecca DiNolfi's
Pet Pig Zoning Packet and the American Mini Pig Association Zoning Ordinance Packet
www.americanminipigassociation.com

OVERVIEW

This section summarizes points worth discussing with local officials that help them to understand that pet mini pigs need to be defined and zoned just like other allowed pets. Throughout this handbook the terms mini pet pig and pot bellied pig are interchangeable and includes all pet mini pigs including but not limited to KuneKune; Juliana; Yucatan; etc. Sections that follow this overview will discuss additional points covering Emotional Support Animals and Service Animals as well Homeowners Association rules. Immediately after this overview section, there are various documents that support these points and can help you in your dealings with officials. Once you review the packet, if you need more assistance contact us by email at info@pigplacementnetwork.org or call us at 215 322 1539. You can also check the zoning info available at minipiginfo.com as well as americanminipigassociation.com.

1. Find out when the zoning ordinance section(s) at issue were passed. Read them as well. Mention that if they were passed prior to 1985 they were written before pot belly pigs were even in the US. Before 1985, the only pigs (swine) that zoning laws could cover were farm animal livestock which weigh up to 800 pounds and which are much different than the companion domestic pot belly pig which, when fully grown, are much smaller and average only 150 lbs or so.
2. Mention that soon after arriving in the US, various USDA agencies stated that they considered pot belly pigs to be pets and not livestock as did various livestock associations. Supporting documents are in this packet as well as copies of various Governors' Proclamations to that effect.
3. Discuss the suitability of pot bellies as domestic companion pets mentioning that they are the smartest or of the smartest mammals; reach the maturity of a 3-4 year old child (which is very unusual for a domestic companion pet); that they can be indoor and/or outdoor pets; that they are very clean and use a litter box if indoor pets; and that they can be walked on a leash and taught many tricks including playing the piano.

4. Look at the zoning ordinance and mention, if true, that the zoning law allows large dogs that are much larger than pot bellies including Newfoundlands, Mastiffs, St. Bernards, Bernice Mountain ,etc. Also mention that dogs and cats are predators (attackers by nature) while pet pigs are prey animals and have a natural instinct to retreat. By nature, pot belly pigs are usually less aggressive than cats and dogs.
5. Mention that many veterinarians view and treat pot bellies as pets and use supporting letters in this packet as well as getting a similar letter from your veterinarian, if possible.
6. Mention that many Livestock Associations, when asked, also view pot bellies as pets and not livestock and use letters in this packet supporting that position.
7. Mention that, according to estimates, there are over 1 million pot belly pet pig owners in the US and that many localities allow them as pets. If possible, contact nearby townships and see if they allow pot bellies as pets and mention those that do.
8. Mention that livestock and livestock feed is not subject to state sales tax while pet pot bellies and pet pot belly feed are subject to state sales tax because authorities consider them pets.
9. Mention that pot bellies are allowed to fly as pets with airlines that allow pets.
10. Mention that pot bellies stay as pets in pet friendly hotels such as Red Roof Inns..
11. Mention that some pot bellies are trained as therapy pets and can be certified as Emotional Support Animals and Service Animals just as dogs and other pets are.
12. Mention that your pet pig is registered with AMPA if it is.
13. You want officials to see your pot belly as a friendly, intelligent, clean, sweet and quiet pet. To support that, get letters from friends, neighbors etc stating that they enjoy your pet pig and why. Consider providing not only pictures of your pet pig and maybe a video of it/them interacting with you, children, neighbors, friends etc. Your goal is to bring your pet pig to life

so that officials who may otherwise find this an alien concept can see the realities.

14. If confronted with being told that “a pig is a pig is a pig”, mention that a dog is a canine and so is a wolf and that a cat is a feline and so is a tiger. Dogs, cats, and pot bellies are all household pets. Also mention that pet pigs have some differences in temperament; genetics; size and purpose than large commercial farm pigs.
15. Mention that these famous people have pet pigs too: Paris Hilton; Kendall Schmidt, Jonathon Ross, Danielle Steel, Tori Spelling, David Beckham, Denise Richards, Elizabeth Hurley, Miley Cyrus, Rupert Grant, Jon Stewart and Rachel Bilson.
16. Mention that only mini pet pigs can be microchipped because they are domesticated companion pets and other swine/animals raised for consumption can not be microchipped.
17. Keep your composure as you go through the process. There is no single approach that will work in every case. You may have to appeal the first decision you receive from an animal control or zoning officer. You want to get someone in the chain of authority to recognize that your pot belly has not and will not burden or negatively affect the neighborhood; that you are a responsible pet owner and that your pet pig should be allowed as a companion domestic pet under their zoning laws. At some point you may want to contact your elected local official for help. At some point, you may also want to bring your situation to the attention of the media to help to persuade elected officials.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS & SERVICE ANIMALS

If you have a pot belly pet pig that is certified and registered as an Emotional Support Animal you have an additional very strong argument to add to your case. The US Federal Fair Housing Act and Amendments of 1988 makes it unlawful to refuse to make reasonable accommodations to rules or policies

when they are necessary to afford persons with disabilities the use and enjoyment of a dwelling. This seems to include prohibiting certified Emotional Support Animals. This law takes precedence over and deems illegal local restrictive zoning laws that limit housing choices for persons with disabilities.

The US Americans With Disabilities Act may also be applicable and helpful especially with Service Animals.

Mention this to the officials you are dealing with. Also contact a Disability Rights Advocacy Organization located in your state as they may offer you information, advice and assistance helping you to strengthen your case.

HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION(HOA) RULES

If your HOA allows pets, especially large dogs, than you can follow the Overview section in this packet. If your HOA prohibits pets and you have a Certified Emotional Support Animal or Service Animal than use that section's advocacy points. Since you signed an agreement/contract with the HOA and agreed to its terms, your only recourse is to try to get the HOA Rules changed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Letters to Authorities

Governor's Proclamations

Letters from Veterinarians

Letters from Livestock Associations

Letters from State Taxing Authorities

Additional Info from US Government

More Useful Documents



2464 Walton Road, PO Box 498, Rushland, PA 18956

Cell 267-228-4512 Office 215-322-1539

November 11, 2019

Dear Jeffrey,

This letter discusses classifying the pot belly pig as a pet vs as livestock.

Miniature swine came to America in 1989, bred strictly for the pet market. That continues to be the case, miniature swine are only bred as companion animals.

My business, Ross Mill Farm, founded in 1990 has catered to benefiting & servicing miniature swine and their human families. Ross Mill Farm is a Boarding Facility also offering veterinary services and grooming services. We also manufacture a high quality pet pig food, treats and special made harnesses to fit the unique anatomy of the pot belly pig. We have well over 2,000 active customers that have pigs in their homes that live with a family in residential homes. And my business is on the rise with the increased number of pigs as pets. And my business only serves a small region..

Where needed, Zoning laws are changing in cities and towns throughout the country to allow the pet pig to reside in homes and yards. Many jurisdictions already allow this. If these have any restrictions at all, which many don't, those restrictions only limit the number per household or require the pig to be altered, vaccinated. etc. much the same as ordinances that govern other animal companions.

Veterinary Conferences are also teaching the unique care that pet pigs require. There are a growing population of veterinarians that treat the pet pig in the same clinics that service dogs and cats.

Social media is filled with pet pig owners sharing their experience and seeking/giving advice with other pet pig owners about their porcine family members in America as well as several other countries.

The *Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council* is aware of the changing tide and has considered the pig as a pet in their legislative efforts. Pet pig products are more available today than ever because of the demand of ever increasing pigs becoming companion pets.

On March 11, 1996 the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, they govern the transportation of swine from state to state and require swine to have a permanent identification with ear piercing tags or tattoos. USDA APHIS allows pet pigs to use a microchip during transport because they have no concern that a microchip will ever enter the food chain. On Dec.24, 1997 APHIS issued a decision stating that the potbellied pig, when they live in the United States are considered pets and not livestock.

Other governmental bodies have changed or altered their restriction and requirements because the pot belly pig is considered a pet in their eyes.

On June 8 1992, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Austin, Texas issued a decision stating that Sales Tax is due on the sell of potbellied pigs because they are not considered pork producing animals or food for consumption. Therefore as pets, their sell needs to be taxed.

I recently learned from the North American Potbellied Pig Association that a court overturned a municipality decision and ruled that potbellied pigs are pets and therefore the family could keep their potbellied pig as a pet.

Susan Armstrong-Magidson
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

POTBELLIED PIG DAY

March 1, 1998

WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians have enjoyed the companionship of potbellied pigs since their introduction to the United States in 1985; and

WHEREAS, originally inhabitants of the jungles of China and Vietnam, potbellied pigs have endeared themselves to Americans. Their high intelligence, cleanliness and unique appearances make them an ideal, and unusual, pets; and

WHEREAS, similar to dogs, potbellied pigs can be trained to do many things. Because of their intelligence, they can do tricks, be easily housebroken and even be trained to walk on a leash; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of these animals, a national Congress will bring together owners of potbellies to affirm responsible ownership through educational seminars and networking.

THEREFORE, In special recognition of the the companionship afforded by potbellied pigs and the importance of their proper care, I, Tom Ridge, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 1, 1998, as POTBELLIED PIG DAY in Pennsylvania.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-second.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Ridge".

TOM RIDGE
Governor

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Alabamians have enjoyed the companionship of potbellied and other miniature pigs since their introduction to the United States in 1986; and

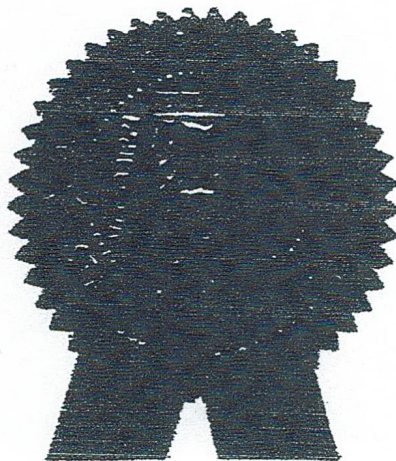
WHEREAS, originally inhabitants of the jungles of Asia, China and Vietnam, potbellied and other miniature pigs have endeared themselves to Americans; their high intelligence, cleanliness and unique appearances make them an ideal and unusual pet for the right person; and

WHEREAS, similar to dogs, potbellied and other miniature pigs can be trained to do many things; because of their intelligence, they can do tricks, be easily house-broken, be trained to walk on a leash, and are used in hospitals and nursing homes in "pet therapy;" and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Siegelman, Governor of the State of Alabama, in special recognition of the companionship afforded by potbellied and other miniature pigs and their special care, do hereby proclaim September 10, 1999, as

Miniature Potbellied Pet Pig Day

in Alabama.



*GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and
the Great Seal of the Governor's
Office at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on this 19th day of
July, 1999.*

Don Siegelman
Governor Don Siegelman

QUAKERTOWN VETERINARY CLINIC, PC.

2250 North Old Bethlehem Pike
Quakertown, PA 18951

D. C. Streams, D.V.M.
S. J. Geller, V.M.D.
R. S. Bimes, D.V.M.

Small Animal: 215-536-6245
Large Animal: 215-536-2726
Fax Number: 215-536-0226

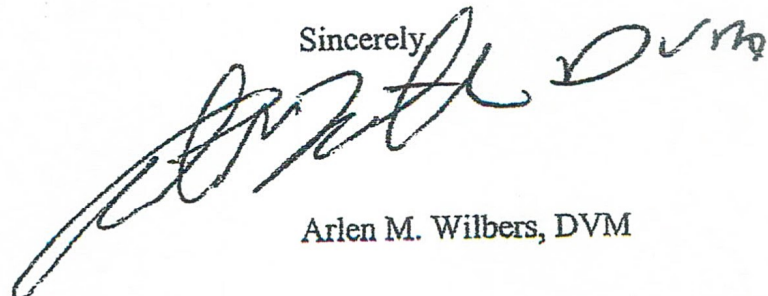
March 30, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a large animal Veterinarian with over 600 pot-bellied pigs under my care. All of these are pets and most of them are house pets. These animals range in adult weight from 350 pounds to 45 pounds. Any pig over 170 pounds would be considered unusually large. I consider 60-150 pounds to be the average adult weight for this breed and normal height being 12-24 inches.

Please feel free to contact me at 215-536-2726, if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arlen M. Wilbers, DVM'. The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and 'W'.

Arlen M. Wilbers, DVM

Delaware Valley Veterinary Hospital

400 Swedesboro Rd
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
(856) 241-1100

September 17, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that Pot Bellied Pigs are bred as domesticated animals, not as farm animals. Pot Bellied Pigs are meant to live in a home not on a farm.

If you have any further question please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Mildner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Steven Mildner

RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

of Passaic County

NEW JERSEY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

1310 RT 23 NORTH • WAYNE • NJ • 07470 • PHONE: (973) 305-5742 • FAX: (973) 305-8865

December 11, 1997


Ms. Kathleen M. Caren
Mountain Springs Lake
16 Quince Tree Lane
West Milford, NJ 07480

Dear Ms. Caren:

At your request, I am writing you regarding the classification of pot belly pigs. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 4-H Youth Development, as governed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, recognizes the pot belly pig as a domestic animal.

Although there are a variety of pig species, the pot belly has gained the recognition of a domestic animal, as it can adapt well to the human environment.

Sincerely,



Scot Scala
County Agent

Letter Date: July 6, 1995

Pennsylvania Livestock Association letter for pet pigs
PENNSYLVANIA
LIVESTOCK
ASSOCIATION

REPLY TO:
Beverly Gruber Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 5
New Tripoli, PA 1806 610.767.5026 610.767-5034 (FAX)

July 6, 1995
DVPPA
Box 590
Rushland, PA 18956

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to your question of why members of Pennsylvania livestock Association do not raise potbellied pigs for slaughter, the answer is as follows:

The quality of the meat is not up to par compared with other meats, therefore, there is no market for these pigs as a food product.

In order to create a market for this pig, extensive, exhaustive and very expensive investigations would have to be made.

It is our opinion that these pigs are only raised to be pets

Sincerely

Anthony Dobrosky
President
Pennsylvania Livestock Association

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**THE NEW JERSEY
LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION, INC**

PHONE (609) 478-4290

**Secretary-Treasurer
Mary Anne Simmons**

**R.D. 2, Box 349AA,
Monroeville, NJ 08343**

April 4, 1995

To Whom it May Concern,

I have recently been asked why we don't raise pot bellied pigs for slaughter. I can only tell you that there is no market for these pigs, the quality of meat is poor, and there is no profit as a pork product.

It is my opinion that these pigs are raised to be pets.

Respectfully,

Joseph D. Villari

Joseph D. Villari
President
New Jersey Livestock Association



State of Illinois
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Division of Animal Industries

217/ 782-4944

State Fairgrounds / P.O. Box 19281 / Springfield 62794-9281

Fax-217/524-7702

Bureau of Animal Health
217/ 782-4944

Bureau of Animal Welfare
217/ 782-6657

Apiary Inspection Section
217/ 782-4944

January 6, 1994

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is in regard to the classification of pot-bellied pigs. Inasmuch as those animals are sold by pet shops, kept as ornamental pets and are not utilized as a source of food for human consumption, this Department considers them pet animals. They must meet the requirements to comply with the brucellosis and pseudorabies regulations relative to the sale and importation of swine as stated for the state of Illinois which are administered by the Bureau of Animal Health of this Department.

Very truly yours,

BUREAU OF ANIMAL WELFARE

David R. Bromwell, D.V.M.
Chief Veterinarian

DRB/tjp

Print

Letter Date: 2/16/2005

Illinois Department of Revenue sales Tax Division

Yes there is tax as there is no exemption for pets or food.

Thank you for using our on line inquiry service.

Sincerely,
Joe Myers
Taxpayer Assistance Division

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>>> 02/15/05 05:35AM >>>
Name: Rebecca DiNolfi

Dear Sir/Madam,
I was wondering if there was a sales tax levied on the sale of the pet potbellied pig and its feed in this state? Please advise me as soon as possible thank you very much.
sincerely
Rebecca DiNolfi

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you to inquire about the taxation of pet food . Peticuliarly potbellied pig feed. Is their feed taxed and is the potbellied pig itself taxed when sold in your state? thank you for the information.

Respectfully
Rev.Rebecca DiNolfi

Question Reference #050707-000265

Tax Category: Sales Tax
Sub-Category: Sales and Use Tax
Contact Information: rdinolfi@juno.com
Date Created: 07/07/2005 06:34 PM
Last Updated: 07/08/2005 10:35 AM
Status: Waiting

Thanks for your inquiry,
Emily
Taxpayer Service & Information Center

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From: "PA Dept.of Revenue" <revenuepa@custhelp.com>
To: rdinolfi@juno.com
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2005 10:35:38 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: The taxation of the Pet potbellied pig and their feed [Incident: 050707-000265]

Thank you for contacting the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. Recently you requested personal assistance from our on-line support center.

Please do not reply to this e-mail. To update this incident, click the link below and update this incident via your Web browser.

Below is a summary of your request and our response.

To update your question from our support site, click the following link or paste it into your web browser.

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Subject

The taxation of the Pet potbellied pig and their feed

Discussion Thread

Response (Emily) - 07/08/2005 10:35 AM
Rebecca,

The potbellied pig and its food are both taxable in PA.

Auto-Response - 07/07/2005 06:34 PM

Title: Explain the differences between regulation, revenue ruling, letter ruling, reven

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Title: I was shocked to find out that I should be paying Use Tax on items purchased ove

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Customer (Rebecca DiNolfi) - 07/07/2005 06:34 PM

FEDERAL DEFINITIONS

-U.S. Code Title 7 § 8302 states “The term “livestock” means all farm-raised animals.” -Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations defines:

“*Farm animal* means any domestic species of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, or horses, which are normally and have historically, been kept and raised on farms in the United States, and used or intended for use as food or fiber, or for improving animal nutrition, breeding, management, or production efficiency, or for improving the quality of food or fiber. This term also includes animals such as rabbits, mink, and chinchilla, when they are used solely for purposes of meat or fur, and animals such as horses and llamas when used solely as work and pack animals.”

“*Pet animal* means any animal that has commonly been kept as a pet in family households in the United States, such as dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, and hamsters. This term excludes exotic animals and wild animals.”

“*Exotic animal* means any animal not identified in the definition of “animal” provided in this part that is native to a foreign country or of foreign origin or character, is not native to the United States, or was introduced from abroad. This term specifically includes animals such as, but not limited to, lions, tigers, leopards, elephants, camels, antelope, anteaters, kangaroos, and water buffalo, and species of foreign domestic cattle, such as Ankole, Gayal, and Yak.”

“*Wild animal* means any animal which is now or historically has been found in the wild, or in the wild state, within the boundaries of the United States, its territories, or possessions. This term includes, but is not limited to, animals such as: Deer, skunk, opossum, raccoon, mink, armadillo, coyote, squirrel, fox, wolf.

***Wild state* means living in its original, natural condition; not domesticated.

“*Retail pet store* means a place of business or residence at which the seller, buyer, and the animal available for sale are physically present so that every buyer may personally observe the animal prior to purchasing and/or taking custody of that animal after purchase, and where only the following animals are sold or offered for sale, at retail, for use as pets: Dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, rats, mice, gophers, chinchillas, domestic ferrets, domestic farm animals, birds, and coldblooded species.”

-USDA Animal Welfare Act & Animal Welfare Regulations defines same as Code of Federal Regulations.



Ms. Kathleen M. Caren
Mt. Springs Lake
16 Quince Tree Lane
West Milford, NJ 07480

DEC 24 1997

Dear Ms. Caren:

This is in response to your letter of December 16, 1997, requesting a copy of the definition of "Farm Animal" and "Exotic Animal" as stated in the Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations.

Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations, Subchapter A-Animal Welfare, Part 1, Section 1.1 defines "Farm animal" as "any domestic species of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, or horses, which are normally and have historically, been kept and raised on farms in the United States, and used or intended for use as food or fiber, or for improving animal nutrition, breeding management, or production efficiency, or for improving the quality of food or fiber. This term also includes animals such as rabbits, mink, and chinchilla, when they are used solely for purposes of meat or fur, and animals such as horses and llamas when used solely as work and pack animals."

"Exotic animal" is defined as "any animal not identified in the definition of "animal" provided in this part that is native to a foreign country or of foreign origin or character, is not native to the United States, or was introduced from abroad. This term specifically includes animals such as, but not limited to, lions, tigers, leopards, elephants, camels, antelope, anteaters, kangaroos, and water buffalo, and species of foreign domestic cattle, such as Ankole, Gayal, and Yak." The animals mentioned in the definition of "animal" include dog, cat, nonhuman primate, guinea pig, hamster, and rabbit.

We wish to clarify that--in most cases--we do consider pot bellied pigs as pets. A pot bellied pig is considered livestock only when these animals are in import or export status. Restrictions are imposed only to prevent disease transmissions that may affect the health status of the domestic swine industry in either the importing or exporting country. However, USDA--for all other purposes--considers pot bellied pigs to be pet animals because they are not bred and raised in this country for food or fiber purposes. Accordingly, their care and protection fall within the jurisdiction of State and local authorities.

We hope this information is helpful in explaining the status of the pot bellied pig as it relates to our regulations.

Sincerely,

Betty K. Walters

Betty K. Walters
Veterinary Medical Officer
Animal Care

Post-it® Fax Note	7671	Date	6-26	# of pages	6
To	Tina (Maurice)	From	Kathleen		
Co./Dept.	Passman-Daugherty	Co.	Prentice Hall		
Phone #	973-226-8877	Phone #	201-236-7133		
Fax #	973-228-7954	Fax #	" " - 7123		





March 15, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, there have been numerous unfortunate situations involving covenants, city or county ordinances, pet miniature pigs, and citizens bonded to those pets.

It is time to re-visit the pet miniature pig. Miniature pigs, including potbellied pigs, Julianas, Kune Kunes, and small mixed pigs, are not livestock. They are smaller breeds of swine, growing up to 250 pounds, that are kept as house pets. They are well cared for, receive proper veterinary care, proper diet, leash, litter box, and trick training. They can live to be 15 or 16 years old, and are very affectionate with their people. These pigs and their people have a human/animal bond which benefits people and communities everywhere – it teaches compassion, instills a sense of responsibility, prevents loneliness, and provides comfort to those with conditions such as autism or PTSD.

Small breeds of pigs are used in schools, hospitals, and nursing homes to provide entertainment and comfort. They are recognized and registered as emotional support animals and it is only a matter of time before they will become eligible to be registered service animals.

Proactive changes to zoning laws and HOA rules will prevent future litigation related to the Americans With Disabilities Act. These changes will also prevent the civil actions and the adverse publicity that occur when the authorities remove a beloved pet from a home

Proactive steps should be used to make everyone's pig experience happier. Requirements for leash training, housing, noise restrictions, vaccinations, composting and waste removal, landscaping and fencing, sterilization, the number of pigs, and licensing can be established before a problem develops.

It is time to get ahead of the pet pig situation and to welcome them into our communities.

Please consider zoning FOR pet pigs at this time.

Thank you,

Cathy Corrigan, DVM