

WHEN YOUR PIG IS SICK...

Your vet will need detailed information in order to diagnose and determine the course of treatment for your pig. This form can be used so your vet can get accurate and appropriate information to help treat your pig. This is a basic assessment of your pig to help with details that you may not see as significant. Make several copies so one is always available when you need it.

Basic info:

Pig's Name: _____
Age _____ (Or how long you have had this pig) Weight _____ Temperature _____
Body condition: _____ Thin _____ Normal _____ Obese
Sex: _____ Spayed/neutered _____
Vaccinated: _____ (y/n) Which vaccinations given? _____ When? _____
Last dewormed? _____ What medications were used/doses? _____
When was your pig's last exam _____ Regular medications/supplements given? _____
Last time your pig ate/drank (date & time) _____
What meds or vitamins/supplements do you give, if applicable? _____

General health:

Indoor/outdoor/combination? _____ Temperature of living quarters? _____ Any recent illnesses? _____
Availability of shelter: _____ Appropriate shelter _____ Fresh water _____ Pool or wallow _____ Shade _____ Climate controlled
Regular diet consists of: _____ Frequency _____ Amount _____
Access to toxins? _____ Household or plants? _____ Any new foods introduced? _____
Other pertinent information: (Example: Exposure to new pig) _____

TAKE PIG'S TEMPERATURE (rectally) every 6 hours and document it!!!!

	VERY LOW	LOW	NORMAL	ELEVATED	VERY ELEVATED
F:	95-96	97-98	99-101	102-103	104 & up
C:	35-35.5	36-36.6	37.2-38.3	38.4-39.5	40 & up

Onset of illness and symptoms:

SYMPTOMS and WHEN FIRST NOTICED date/time _____ AM _____ PM _____
What was your pig doing prior to these symptoms occurring? Does anything make the symptoms better or worse? _____

***EATING:** _____ Eating well _____ Slightly off feed _____ Refusing food altogether _____ Eats some food, very particular
***TEETH:** Does your pig have difficulty swallowing or chewing? _____ Any broken teeth? _____
Does your pig have regular dental cleanings? _____ Any issue with the teeth/gums? _____
***DRINKING:** _____ Drinking well _____ Drinking less _____ Not drinking at all _____ Will only drink: _____
***LETHARGIC:** _____ Active _____ Slightly _____ Moderately _____ Down/not up at all _____ Seems tired/lazier than normal
***LESIONS/SPOTS/HIVES on body.... This could possibly be Erysipelas, must treat immediately!**
Any lesions? _____ Y/N Description of lesions _____
***BREATHING:** _____ Normal _____ Slightly rapid _____ Labored _____ Open mouth/panting
***COUGH:** _____ None _____ Slight/infrequent _____ Frequent/hard _____ Productive _____ Nonproductive/dry cough
Describe...dry cough, gagging, etc. _____
***NASAL DISCHARGE:** _____ None _____ Slight drainage _____ Heavy drainage _____ Occasional drainage
Describe discharge _____ Clear/watery _____ Clear/thick _____ Yellow/green & thick _____ Blood-tinged
***URINATION:** _____ Normal frequency and amount _____ Reduced _____ Straining/little or no passing _____ Excessive
Color of urine _____ Watery clear _____ Light yellow _____ Med. yellow _____ Dark/Amber _____ Blood-tinged
***DEFECATION (POOP):** _____ Normal frequency and amount _____ Reduced _____ Straining/little or not passing feces
Describe manure: _____ Normally formed balls _____ Tube-like _____ Very soft/unformed
_____ Diarrhea/some control _____ Watery/no control _____ Mucous noted in feces _____ Worms noted
Describe color: _____ Normal green/brown _____ Black _____ Light green/yellowish/greyish _____ Blood-tinged _____ White colored

***VOMITING** indicates a problem. Pigs do not normally vomit, as a dog or cat might. A single incident may be due to choking. It could also indicate your pig ate something that the body is trying to eliminate. Multiple incidents indicate something more serious and could indicate a blockage of some kind. Note if the vomit appears to be:

___ Undigested ___ Partially digested ___ Each time your pig eats ___ Occasionally ___ Infrequent/rarely

***ABDOMEN:** ___ Normal/soft ___ Full/firm ___ Distended hard ___ Unusual shape (lumps/bumps)

Reaction when palpated (pushing inwards) ___ None/not painful ___ Some/uncomfortable ___ Strong/painful

***HEAD/EARS:** ___ Head tilt ___ Recent bath or pool time ___ Doesn't seem to hear you ___ Hearing seems fine
___ Drainage from ears ___ Head pressing (against walls) ___ Traumatic injury ___ Wound

***EYES:** ___ Blind ___ Suspected blindness ___ Unable to see ___ No issues with vision ___ Excessive eye drainage

***LAMENESS (ability to get up and move around):** ___ Slight ___ Moderate ___ Severe ___ Will not bear weight
Swelling? ___ None ___ Moderate ___ Severe
Heat/Hot to the touch? ___ None ___ Moderate ___ Severe
Onset? ___ Sudden ___ Gradual/progressive ___ Chronic/ongoing

***BACK INJURY POSSIBILITY:** ___ Difficulty walking ___ Spine may curve ___ Unable to stand ___ Falling down

***BEHAVIORAL CHANGES:**

___ Acting aggressive ___ Lethargic ___ Not responding ___ Normal Behavior ___ Seems to be in pain

___ Other (please explain) _____

**** Dippity pig syndrome is a condition that pigs get and may appear to be a back injury. Symptoms range from mild to severe, including screaming and falling down. Pig will “dip” his/her back in pain. Lesions, typically like tiger stripes may appear on back that may simply look like wet spots. Alarming, but usually resolves on own in 48-72 hours, occasionally longer. Once a pig gets dippity, it will likely reoccur at some point. Keep pig quiet, in a dim-lit area, out of the sun and as stress free as possible. Speculation as to cause can be internal or external in nature and includes stress, excessive sun exposure, or other unknown causes. Typically seen in pigs less than three years, but, it can occur at any age. Discuss pain management with vet.**

(Please see our website www.minipiginfo.com for additional information regarding diseases that commonly affect pigs)

OTHER NOTES:

