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**Ironwood Pig Sanctuary
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Dear Supporters,

In the three months since we last visited with you in our May issue we have seen many changes. Some are good and some are bad but they all are part of the ongoing life here at the sanctuary. I guess one thing that I have learned over these past few years is that nothing is stable. If you need a nice orderly predictable life, Ironwood is not the place to be. On June 16th, one year and one month to the day since we had received the call that the Pigs*A*Lot property was faced with foreclosure, we received a call from a friend at St. Matilda's near Phoenix that their pigs were in need of rescue. Samson and Lucy from the Florida rescue of two years ago were among them as well as twelve from a Humane Society rescue here in Tucson three years ago. Forty six in all. We made the decision to bring them home with us and you can see pictures and read about our newcomers in this issue.

The good news is our networking has met with good success recently and we have placed many pigs in very good homes over these past few months. Please contact me if you are able to take two or more pigs to help us out with our growing numbers.

We have welcomed new employees to our sanctuary, Jess and Justin, to help with the care of all of our animals and we have been especially lucky to have Meredith, a full time volunteer with us since June. We feel grateful to have had her here for the summer months with so much additional watering to do.

One of our main challenges here at the sanctuary is acquiring sufficient water for all of our animals during the hot summer months here in the desert. In this issue you will get a good idea of our successes and our failures and heartbreaks that we have experienced these past months in our pursuit of water. Rest assured that our pigs are always cooled with plenty of water and we will continue to make sure that they always have the water they need to keep them comfortable for the summer.

We need and rely on your support more than ever before. You, our supporters, have indirectly become the supporters of three AZ potbellied pig sanctuaries. These hapless pigs have become the victims, unintentionally, of life's trials and tribulations. Their lives have been put at risk and their whole world has been disrupted. We had to make a quick decision once again. It is only with your support that we can continue to care for these animals who really have no choice about what happens to them and rely on us for their care and security.

Sincerely,

Mary Schanz

Mary C. Schanz



Mary & Chopper

PS: The new pigs have experienced some hard times adjusting to their new home. But it gives me great satisfaction to see them enjoying their wallows and settling in to their life here at Ironwood.

Ironwood To The Rescue!

On our phone answering machine near the middle of June there was an urgent message: "I'm calling about a disaster please call me back, this is Laurie". When Mary returned the call she received the bad news. St. Matilda's sanctuary near Phoenix was in a crisis. The main caregiver and her two sons had left and the remaining owner, Frank, could not care for all the animals. There was one horse, three hogs, three donkeys, three goats, and around 58 pot bellied pigs. Frank felt that he could take care of the larger animals if we could take most of the pot bellied pigs. With all the pot bellied pig rescues going on across the country and a large one in



First Group to Arrive

California we felt that it would not be possible to place all of these pigs. So after a hurried

meeting between Donna, Mary, and myself we agreed to take as many pigs as St. Matilda's wanted to release. This number turned out to be 46.

We had considered the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary as full for a number of months primarily because we have reached the limits of our employees and resources. This is the main reason that Mary has been working so hard networking to find homes for unwanted pigs without increasing the Ironwood herd. Of course we always have room for emergencies, abusive cases, and rescues. The

additional 46 pigs from St. Matilda's will require additional costs for food, hay and medical care as well as adding the expense of additional hours for our workers. We also installed a new watering system in the newly created North West field along with additional shelters. We appreciate any donation you might be able to provide to help us out.

We feel that it is our obligation to help with this rescue since we are the only sanctuary in our region that could

accommodate the addition of so many pigs.

In our short three years Ironwood has established a history of helping out other sanctuaries. Our first large-scale rescue was taking in 75 pigs from Pigs*A*Lot when they started having trouble caring for their large herd. Next we took in 19 pigs from Piglet Acres in Apache Junction for the same reason, and last year took over the



Getting Settled

foreclosed property of Pigs*A*Lot which included 85 additional pigs. Ironwood has for years provided free neutering and medical services to Pigs*A*Lot and free neutering for Piglet Acres. This is all in addition to the 185 pigs we have taken in over our three years from owners, rescues, animal control, and humane societies. With the recent arrival of 46 pigs from St. Matilda's we have a total of 412 pigs. It would not have been possible to rescue all of these animals without your continued support over the years.

We were able to accommodate the 46 new arrivals from St. Matilda's

Ironwood to the Rescue Cont.

by partitioning off the western portion of our two largest fields which were lightly used. When we received the news about the rescue we quickly mobilized our resources and after I had laid out the new field our weekend volunteers and workers quickly planted new T-poles and wired in



Finding a Cool Spot

hog panels. Since this new field did not contain enough water stations we scheduled the rental of a trencher the following week to add a number of watering stations across the field. We were able to use many of the shelters from St. Matilda's along with new shelters we will build. Jim has fabricated sixteen 8-foot feeding troughs and Donna and our workers have put up shade for shelters and water ramadas.

On Saturday morning, July 3rd at 5 a.m. in order to avoid the Arizona heat, we all met at St. Matilda's to relocate the 46 pigs. We had two large stock trailers

and a number of carriers. The loading went fairly well and we made the first trip to Ironwood with 36 pigs. Late in the afternoon with temperatures cooling off we returned with one stock trailer to pick up the final 10 pigs. We were ready for the new arrivals with 4 large shade ramadas, two tree shaded areas and plenty of wallows and wading pools. The new herd quickly explored their new area and picked out spots for themselves. Ten of the 12 pigs from a Humane Society rescue three years previous settled into one of the larger shade ramadas. The herd will still go through the sometimes difficult adjustment process as they get to know each other and work out their differences, figure out the feeding process, and establish their home in a new area.

We are always saddened when another sanctuary has problems. Taking care of these sweet creatures is such a noble effort and we wish success to everyone providing a caring home. As long as we are able, the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary will be here to help out in a time of need. --- Ben

Don't Forget
shade and
plenty of
water this
summer for
ALL your
pets.



Mr. Benson Hixson

Born 7-19-92

**Adopted 8-12-94 from
Clemenswine Pot Bellied Pig
Sanctuary.**

He is our wonderful Pig-Son!
(From one of our supporters)

COVER

Abby is one of the 46 pigs that came from St. Matilda's in July. She was released by a recently divorced woman who lived very near the sanctuary. One day Tracy of St. Matilda's heard a ruckus from a number of dogs near Abby's home. As it turned out the neighbor dogs were attacking Abby, but luckily her injuries were minor. At that time Abby's owner wanted to give her to the sanctuary.

Meet Our Pigs



Alf -----

Another pig sanctuary suffering from overcrowded conditions needed our help. Back in January of 2002 we took 75 pigs to ease the burden there and provide the remaining pigs with more space and a better chance to compete for food and shelter. Fifty-seven of the pigs we took were young and healthy, so we fenced in a large field just for them. The majority of those pigs did not have names at the time and most were afraid of people. Alf was one of the different ones. Named by a volunteer because of her resemblance to the space alien A.L.F from television, Alf is very gentle and loving. She thoroughly enjoys the attention of people and willingly lies down for belly rubs and ear scratches. Alf never grows a long winter coat like the other pigs and sports a short “do” all year round. When you are in her field, Alf will quietly appear at your side just watching and waiting. There are never any demands, just a desire for attention. She would love to meet you and spend some time getting a rub down.

Chorizo -----

Chorizo came from a home with several dogs. He had been attacked a few times, so the owners had to keep him in a pen away from the dogs. They felt this wasn't enough room for him and called us for help. We felt it best that Chorizo get away from the hostile environment created by the dogs and brought him to Ironwood. He was our 200th pig to arrive at the sanctuary. He was neutered right away and after his quarantine period was over, he was brought out into the North field. Introducing new pigs into an existing herd is a hard thing to witness. The pigs can be vicious with one another as they establish their pecking order. Chorizo was not one to back down either! He kept at it long after he should have submitted and walked away. As a result, Chorizo has both ears ragged and lumpy with scars from these fights. Despite all the scuffles with



the pigs, Chorizo is one of the sweetest guys out there! He is the perfect gentleman with people and adores belly rubs and being petted. He is a definite favorite among the staff, volunteers, and visitors.

Poncho -----

One day this past January, I received a phone call from a woman who claimed there was a rabid pig roaming the streets of her neighborhood “terrorizing” the children. Adults chased him away with baseball bats and boards. This pig was foaming at the mouth and frightening everyone. Well, of course we went to rescue the poor thing before he got hurt! Poncho had either been dumped or escaped and was nervously trying to find food, water and shelter. When under stress or being approached



by anyone unfamiliar, pigs will chomp or grind their teeth and salivate, thus producing ‘the rabid foam’. Poncho was quietly captured, put into a carrier and brought to Ironwood. He was soon neutered, vaccinated and wormed. After his quarantine period was over, he was placed in our North field. Poncho is very sweet and friendly (now that he's neutered!) and loves to visit with people. He is battle scarred from his adventure out ‘in the wild’ as well as the pig fights that ensued when introduced to his new herd. But now, Poncho is very settled into his routine and happy with his small group of piggy friends that all share a shelter.

Some Sweet Successes

The past couple of issues of our newsletter I have written about our efforts to begin a networking program to place pigs that need homes with people looking for pigs rather than bring them to our sanctuary. I am happy to report we have now had many successes. This is a win win situation for everyone, including the pigs. Pigs that need homes are getting placed in homes, and our pigs who have already, and sometimes painfully, adapted to our sanctuary do not have to leave their sanctuary home and new friends.

Some pigs that are part of our networking process have never come to Ironwood and have been transported directly to their new home. Others have been with us for a period of time to be spayed or neutered, paired with the pig they were going home with, or are with us while waiting for a yard check to be done and preparations made at their new adoptive home. Here are some of their stories and pictures. I hope you enjoy reading about these successes.

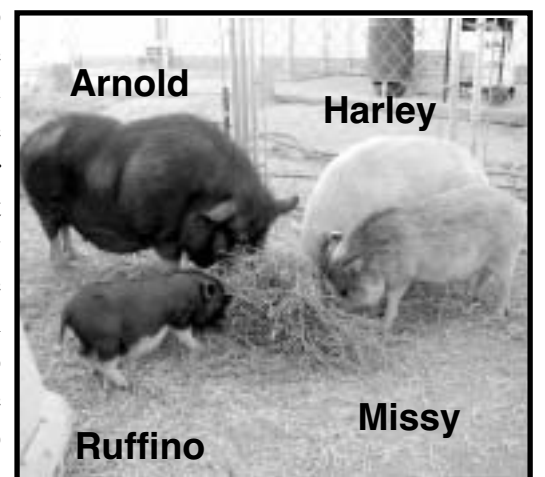


Lyn Drake and her son Nick adopted Checkers, pictured here, and Susie and Squeaky who were released by Tina and Larry who were moving to Ohio due to loss of employment here. Lyn has provided a wonderful home for her pigs and she helps me with thank you notes, mailing, and poop and water patrol at the Annex.

Sonya and Bill Kramp adopted Missy (aka Thelma) and Ruffino from us. Missy was one of Frances' babies, our stray girl who came to us pregnant, and Ruffino was released to us two weeks after he had been purchased from a breeder, whose boar we have since neutered. They also adopted Arnold and Harley who were two of our network pigs. Arnold was left behind when the owners moved out and the new owners became ill and couldn't care for him. Harley was in a home not zoned for pigs and a new family moved into the neighborhood and complained about Harley. They threatened to turn him in unless they got rid of Harley. Sonya and Bill had adopted two others from us the year before, both from a group of eight strays we had picked up in Avra Valley making a total of 6 pigs at the Kramp residence.



Jason Mullins took Luther and Raymond sight unseen. He built a wonderful pen and shelters for them including a nice pond with ducks to keep them company. Luther, old and grumpy, came first from a lady whose house went into bankruptcy and the new owner helped to find him a home through us. Raymond was a stray found in Phoenix and the lady who found him was unable to keep him at her condo. Strangely the lady who found Raymond was Charlotte Mullins, no relation, but Raymond was meant to go to Jason Mullins.





Mary Evans from Wickenburg moved to AZ from New York and wanted to adopt two pigs. I had picked Arnold and Girly out for her who both still lived in Phoenix. Mom had become ill and the kids had neither time nor the will to care for them. However, while we were making the arrangements Bo and Jesse were in need of a home since the family was moving back east due



to an illness in the family. So Mary built an extra pen and all four piggies found a new great home.



David and Marquita have their own Snakes and Critters Sanctuary. David rescued Neevis from a trailer where he had been abandoned when the tenants moved out and the owner of the property had threatened to shoot him. David brought him to us and once he was neutered and socialized with Wilbur, a big shy boy from

Mesa who's family moved to Alabama, we moved them together back with David and Marquita.



Vivian Evans had seen two of our pigs at Cooks Cottage Assisted Living facility and she called to say she was interested in adopting some pigs from us. She drove down from Maricopa, AZ and picked out three of our new pigs in need of a home. As you see Sadie quickly settled in and not pictured here, Chopper and Bubba (aka Lino) also got a home in a nice large pen with all the amenities. We are hopeful that Willow (aka Pig-Pig) will soon follow the others.

Kerry Kelso wanted a companion for her pig Hamlet. Even though Purple is a big girl, putting it politely, she agreed to take her since she had had experience trimming Hamlet down to his now trim and much more lively self. Purple was not able to move with her family who moved to a smaller place in Phoenix.

Mary Hillmon and Randy Nagel also wanted a companion for their pig who was now aging and they took home our very sweet boy Sexy. He had been a great friend for the original family, but the kids grew up and went to college so Sexy needed a new family.

Others who are not pictured include Bonnie who was rescued with Clyde from the Apache Junction animal control. Bonnie went home with Terry Zapotocky and Terry will take one more when her move to Sierra Vista is completed.

We have many others waiting to go home and we will give you short updates on them in future issues as they go out to their new homes. If you would like to be part of our networking program, please give us a call since we still have many pigs waiting for a home. We are especially thankful that many of the people

mentioned above took pigs that needed a home but were "unadoptable". We are so happy to have placed them so they have not had to integrate into our herds.

One of our Pigs Would

Aaron
Amos



Bradley



Wilbur

Buster
Charlie
Charlotte
Chesney
Chorizo



Old Red

Desiree
Dewie
Dixie Lee
Doc
Duane



Loretta



Ebby
Ebony
Edith
Edwin
Elliot
Ferdy
Franklin

Gilbert

Gracie
Gretel
Grunt
Hamlet
Hank
Harley



Bonita

Harriet



Gracie

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Hondie
Hoss
Huey
Hunter
Jackson
Jethro



Porky

John-
Coffey
Jolee
Jumper
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Dear Supporters
 Join our growing family of sponsors! Choose from the pigs here or I can choose one for you. Being a sponsor means providing a monthly contribution of \$30 to cover your pig's food and health care expenses and their share of the 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. Thanks for all your support!
 Donna

Squiggy
 Stevie
 Terri
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 Tippy
 Verdell
 Wallace
 Walter-
 Riley
 Wanda



Waylon
 Wrinkles
 Zena



Rosie
 Rudy

And There
 are Many
 More...



We are Devastated-Our New Well is a Dry Hole!

At Ironwood water is what makes it all happen. We are in the middle of a desert and water is a precious commodity. When we originally set up the sanctuary, we drilled a well that produced about 1 gallon per minute. This water was sufficient for our first year but as our herd grew we found that we had to start going into town for additional water during our hot summer season. Last summer we needed an additional 1,000 gallons per day over what our well produced. This summer that need is 2,000 gallons per day due primarily to our increased herd and two additional resident employees and resident volunteer.

Wells are very expensive to drill, but we figured that it was critical to the future of Ironwood that we have sufficient water during the summer. So we bit the bullet and contracted with a driller to drill our new well. Ben and Mary paid for the well since it was being drilled on their property adjacent to the sanctuary. A well could not be drilled on the sanctuary property without plugging the original well.

Water in our area is found at 600 feet. We reached 600 feet and drilled to 705 feet just in case and ended up with a dry hole. We are devastated and are recovering from this failure. Our 4,000 gallon water truck has been great and allows us to get water every other day, but what happens if it breaks down?

Since water is so critical to the health of our animals, we have installed a new 10,000 gallon reserve tank. This new tank along with the existing 3,000 gallon tank and the two original 1,500 tanks gives us a total of 16,000 gallons which will provide us water for a week in the summer if something should happen to our truck.

Come and Stay at the Sanctuary

Meredith is visiting from New Mexico and has volunteered 40 hours a week during June, July and part of August at Ironwood. Perhaps you would like to stay at the sanctuary and volunteer for a week or two or three or whatever time period you are interested in. Please give us a call or write to inquire about our accommodations and available times.

Our Wish List

THINGS WE CAN ALWAYS USE:

- * Sunscreen
- * 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
- * Gift Card to Home Depot
- * Green Scour Pads for cleaning our pools

SHELTER MATERIALS:

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

REALLY BIG TICKET ITEMS:

- * Clinic/Recovery Building
- * Tractor with Back Hoe
- * Water Well
- * Recent version of QuarkXpress
- * Washer and Gas Dryer

The Water Truck!

I'm sure you remember reading in our past issues about our water situation. We pump less than 1,000 gallons a day from our well and need an additional 1,500 to 2,000 gallons a day during our long hot summer. Our need was dramatically increased with the recent addition of 46 pigs from St. Matilda's sanctuary. I had been traveling into town, over a one hour round trip, with a 325 gallon water tank in our Dodge truck and pulling a trailer with a 525 gallon tank, over a 7,000 pound load. I had to make an average of 2 trips a day every day last year during the summer to fill our water needs.



Filling up the New Water Truck for the first time with John and Carolyn

I had been looking for a water truck for some time but wasn't able to find a good truck at a decent price. John Pespisa and his wife Carolyn, supporters from the Los Angeles area, were looking for a water truck for us and

spotted one on ebay that they felt would fit the bill. It was a 1971 International 4,000 gallon water truck. It looked great. It was located near a long time friend who agreed to take the short trip to check it out. He got some advice on what to look for from a trucker friend of his who used to drive a water truck. He also took a truck driver friend with him and after checking it out gave it the thumbs up. We proceeded to make the winning bid on the ebay auction. Since the sanctuary could not afford the expense of purchasing this water truck, Mary and I loaned the money to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary interest

free and took a lien on the truck. Now the problem was to get it to Tucson. That is where John and his wife stepped in. At their expense John picked up the truck and drove it to his home. He replaced the front tires and rims, had a mechanic where he works check it over completely and replace all the

filters and fluids, filled the two 50 gallon fuel tanks, and finally arranged for a low-boy truck to deliver it to Marana, a 400 mile trip, with John and Carolyn following behind bringing the spare front tire, the replaced front

tires, and a huge jack for working on the truck. Once unloaded we made the first trip to the Marana water stand pipe to fill it up and John drove the loaded truck to Ironwood. It was some event at Ironwood as we transferred the 4,000 gallons into our low tanks. The truck is a beast to drive and the largest truck that I have ever driven. Loaded it weighs 54,000 pounds. It has air brakes and no synchromesh in the transmission and no air conditioning. I tell you it is a hot ride into town getting water but well worth the trip when I return with the 4,000 gallons of water. So far this summer Justin and I have averaged a trip every other day. The pigs sure love the new truck! ---Ben



Herb Chilcote, one of our great supporters, has donated his 2001 Astro Van to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. In the picture Mary is accepting the keys from Herb.

Immediately after the transfer we used the van to transport pigs to new homes, the clinic, Ironwood for releases, and the Humane Society for spaying. We will not transport in the back of a pickup during the summer and Mary's car can only accommodate two medium sized carriers.

"Blowing" in the Wind

I believe it was sometime in March or April, (my first and second months here at Ironwood), that Donna and I were feeding together one morning. We were discussing my progress identifying certain pigs when she hit me with an unexpected pig fact. "The pigs will all shed for the summer. It's called 'blowing' their hair", she stated calmly, with only a hint of amusement at the dismayed look coming over my face. Apparently our pigs would "blow" their hair to the point of baldness. In other words, I was in deep trouble. Just when I was getting confident about learning to identify pigs, I find out that they might all look completely different in a few months. Well, as I write this in late June, I must say that we are in a beauty crisis here at Ironwood. Many of our pigs are

attractive. I will confess that I find even our homeliest pigs completely adorable, and yet, I feel bad for some of these kiddos right now.

Take for example, Jimmy Dean in the North field. He's a very large, impressively handsome pig with a thick shaggy coat of black hair. Or should I say, "was"? Last week, Justin and I noticed a nice round bald spot in the middle of his shoulders. I leaned in to pet him and a huge clump of hair returned with my hand. He suddenly looked a lot like a porcine Friar Tuck. It's just gotten worse in the days since, and he is well on his way to complete baldness. Poor guy!

He's a gentle-souled white male in the North field who absolutely loves belly rubs. Every night after



Jimmy Dean - After

he eats dinner, I give him a little extra TLC. He's a little ahead of the pack though, because he already has his new coat coming in. His thick white hair has almost completely been replaced by a soft fuzzy crew cut of new growth. I guess it's his summer look. As a result, I now love giving him belly rubs even more because his short soft coat feels like velvet. --- Jess



Jimmy Dean - Before

already victims of this non-pattern baldness and, honestly, they are not looking very

There's also sweet little Pammie in the Main field. She's a small white girl who really doesn't like to get rubbed down with sunscreen. As a result, with her hair loss, some flaky skin, and the few remaining hairs she has standing up at odd angles, she looks like she's ready for the horror movie circuit. Imagine Donna's delicate explanation to her sponsor, "She really doesn't always look like this..."

Finally, there's my boy, Bob.



Ella and Jess

eScrip---Sign up Now!

Over 50% of our eScrip supporters are from the San Francisco area through the efforts of one man, Gregg, who has made it his mission to sign up a new person each day until the end of the year. Why not get your friends to sign up for your area and see if you can out perform Gregg and San Francisco.

What is eScrip?

eScrip is a hassle-free way for the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary to raise funds through everyday purchases you make at eScrip merchants.

How does it Work?

eScrip and over 150 merchant partners have created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases to the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary. You shop the way you like to shop. It is simple and convenient, all you need to do is register your grocery club card(s) and debit/credit card(s).

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Please sign up by visiting www.escrip.com or call us at (520) 575-8469 or write for an enrollment form. Our Group ID is **150540842**. Everyone can join, so be sure to tell all your family and friends. Thank you for all of your help!

Why not **organize** your **class** or **office** and **sponsor** one of our sweet pigs. Please check out pages 8 and 9 for a pig you just can't resist.



We accept donations with the following credit or debit cards for your convenience.

Become a Sanctuary Sustainer

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!

With each issue I like to thank all of those who have helped us at Ironwood through their donations or their personal help to make our sanctuary a home to be proud of. This quarter we are especially grateful to Jane Schwerin who has once again made it possible to do a large acquisition mailing, without which we would not be able to expand our mailing list which is so important to us at this time. Thank you so much Jane for your continued support of our piggies.

Herb Chilcote called me one morning to say he was going to make a blanket delivery in his van and by the way did we still need a cargo van as was mentioned on our last wish list and would we like his? I was dumfounded, and that van has never sat still since he donated it to Ironwood. We can now travel long distances; Wickenburg, Sierra Vista, Maricopa, Phoenix, and soon Lake Havasu City to pick up or deliver pigs safely to their new homes though our networking program. We also use it to transport our pigs to be spayed and neutered and have used it to transport privately owned pigs to and from Dr. Page either to be spayed or neutered or for veterinary care. We now truly have a pig mobile. Thanks Herb and Carolyn.

We also were the recipients of a grant from the Ahimsa Foundation. This grant has helped us with the growing costs of feed and hay. We are seeing a marked increase in feed costs due to our new group of pigs and the cost of feed is rising. Thank you Donna for doing a great job writing this grant.

And a big thanks to Meredith Goodwin who came to us from Santa Fe, New Mexico in June to volunteer for two months at the hottest time of the year! She really helped us get over the summer hump.

John and Carolyn Pespisa organized and orchestrated the purchase and delivery of our water truck, once it was checked out by our friend Tom Larimore. That truck has been our lifeblood this summer and I don't know how we could have possibly made all those arrangements without them. John knew all about working the system to get our truck to us quickly and safely.

This is in addition to all of the others who have helped us with projects and volunteering: Jim, Bob F., John and Francie, Tim and Debbie, Lyn, Nick and Danielle, Lisa and Lynne, Andi, Tina, Laura, who has become my

companion with pig deliveries, and so many others who help with thank you notes, do home checks, send blankets, donate pools and other items to the sanctuary. So many of these people are our backbone.

And last but certainly not least a huge thank you to everyone who helped prepare for and to actually move our new large group of 46 pigs home safely from St. Matilda's. Gary Austin, our neighbor, has helped us on many occasions and this time he really came through by loaning us his stock trailer, which along with St. Matilda's trailer, provided safe transport of the pigs to Ironwood. Justin Norton followed us home with 300 gallons of water in the event we should have a break down. Laurie, Ronda, Bob W. and Frank helped Ben and I in Phoenix and Laura, Deanna, Meredith, Laurie, Ronda, Frank and all the Staff helped us get them to their new field at Ironwood. Also Arnie and Jill from Best Friends Sanctuary were on hand to help build shade ramadas and other preparations for the move.

It is important for me to let you know that we truly have wonderful support and each and every one of you who send us a donation helps to make all these efforts by those mentioned above a true success. ---Mary

Donna successfully applied to the Ahimsa Foundation this spring for a grant to provide a year's supply of food for our pigs. One of the requirements was that she had to submit a video of our facility. Donna was able to use the video camera donated by Marty Fast to make a very nice video. We liked Donna's video so much we decided to make a professional video of Ironwood when Brad Prichart of Painted Desert Narrowcasting offered to volunteer his time. When the video is completed we will be able to offer it to any of our supporters that are unable to make a personal visit.



Brad

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

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Eboney Tyberious

We had a pot belly in our family. She died last week. She was 14 years old. Her name was Eboney Tyberious, we called her Ty Ty. She was a “house hog” and stayed inside. She would sleep on the couch and shared a litter box with the cat. She weighed 140 lbs, so she wasn’t a little girl. She was so smart and she was a momma’s pig. Anywhere I sat, she would be near. I miss her so much. I gave to you before because I was glad that there was such a place as yours for these sweet beings. I give to you now to remember Ty. I can’t give large amounts, but I will try to give often.

Thank you for your wonderful work.

Sincerely,
 Patricia L.

Volunteers Needed

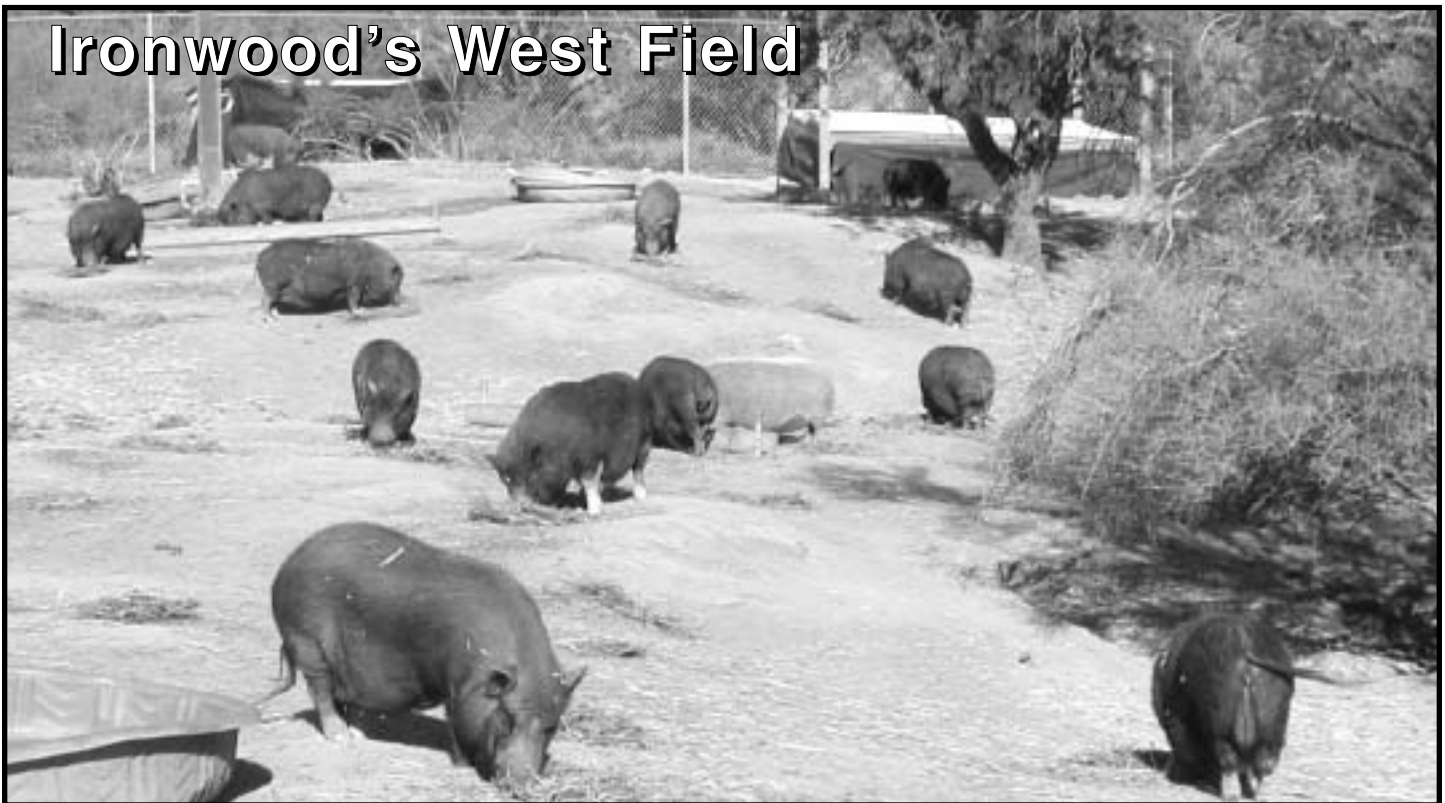
Volunteers are always needed at the sanctuary, particularly since the recent addition of 46 new pigs. During the summer help with watering is always appreciated. We also have many other projects where we can use your help.

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