



Dedicated to rescuing animals that are in danger of abuse; educating the public on mini pigs as pets; and rehabilitating those who need it, while promoting a vegan lifestyle.

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## FOSTER HOME POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SonnyBoy Animal Sanctuary, Inc.'s (Rescue) mission is to rescue mini pigs, educate the public, and rehabilitate mini pigs so that they may find a forever home in the best interest of the animal. In order to ensure we are doing our due diligence, we have a set of policies and procedures in place for homes who wish to foster a mini pig.

### PROCEDURES

The first step in our foster home process is to fill out a foster home application. This form gathers basic information about you and your household.

After you have submitted your foster home application, verification calls will be made to your city/county zoning office. A criminal background check will be completed including any reported domestic abuse issues. We understand that previous criminal activity does not indicate current involvement, however a repeated history of these types of behaviors may require further explanation. If you have been a victim of domestic violence, this does not preclude you from adopting an animal. We may ask additional questions to ensure that we are not potentially placing an animal into a dangerous situation. Experience has shown us that often victims of domestic violence offer excellent homes to animals, especially those animals that have suffered neglect or abuse themselves.

Once the background and verification checks have been completed, we will contact you to discuss expectations, answer any questions you may have and to discuss what you are looking for in a foster animal.

In some cases, a home visit may be required to ensure a successful placement. In the event we do ask to do a home visit, please do not take offense. We are simply committed to ensuring the best placements possible for the animals in our care.

Once the Board of Directors has approved your application for fostering, the final paperwork will be completed, and your new foster family member will be ready to go home.

### POLICIES

1. All applicants must complete the foster home application and pass the background checks described above.
2. Due to the specific zoning requirements for mini pigs and the high incidence of mini pig surrenders due to moving, all applicants for mini pig foster homes must own their own home. The deed to the property must show the applicant as the owner.

3. Due to the nature of mini pigs as prey, and the amount of reported attacks by canines on mini pigs, applicants that have dogs in their family must agree to never allow the mini pig and the canine(s) to be left unattended at ANY time.
4. The potential foster family must have proper knowledge of mini pig behavior, personalities, and training.
5. Applicants' other household animals must be up to date with veterinary care including spay and/or neuters as needed.
6. The Rescue sees too many animals that need homes, therefore no breeders of ANY species of animal will be allowed to act as fosters for the Rescue.
7. Potential foster homes must agree to allow the Rescue staff to access the property where the foster animal is kept without prior notice and must agree to relinquish the foster animal to a designated agent for the Rescue at any time without exception or reason.

APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Your occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Information:**

List all persons in your home. Include yourself, spouse, children, and anyone else who lives at your residence (attach an additional sheet if necessary).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Who in your household will be responsible for the new foster family member? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_ Own or Rent? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of home (circle):      Ranch      Multi-level      Duplex      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in (circle/ fill in): City      Village of \_\_\_\_\_      Town of \_\_\_\_\_      Size of lot/acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your local zoning allow mini pigs (circle)? Yes      No

Local Zoning Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of who you spoke with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pet History:**

List the animals by name that have been a part of your family during the last 10 years. Indicate the status of each using the following codes:

<b>0</b> Still with me	<b>3</b> Lost/Ran away	<b>6</b> Euthanized
<b>1</b> Dead	<b>4</b> Sold	<b>7</b> Other
<b>2</b> Gave Away	<b>5</b> Gave to Shelter	<b>8</b> Unknown

Name of Pet: \_\_\_\_\_ Species: Dog Cat Exotic (type: \_\_\_\_\_) Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever had the type of pet you are looking to foster for us? \_\_\_\_\_

Are all your pets spayed and/or neutered? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have ever returned a pet to a shelter or surrendered a pet, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you raise any animals on your property or in your immediate family for purposes other than lifelong pets? If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Specific pig preferences:**

Do you have: age preference? \_\_\_\_\_ Gender preference? \_\_\_\_\_ Color preference? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you looking for in his/her personality? \_\_\_\_\_

What types of activities do you plan on doing with the mini pig at home? \_\_\_\_\_

What types of activities do you plan on doing with the mini pig away from home? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have dog(s) at home, will they be in contact with the pig? Yes No Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If separated, how will you separate the dog(s) from the pig? \_\_\_\_\_

What type & height of fence does your yard have? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the pig have his or her own area of fenced yard? Yes No Amount of shade: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the type of shelter for the pig outside: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you heat it in the winter? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you provide fresh water in the winter? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of insulation will you use in the winter? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a wading pool or mud hole in the summer? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the pig's area inside the home (if indoors): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the diet (including brand of food) that you plan on feeding the pig: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to foster a mini pig that has health or medical problems? Yes No

Are you willing to foster an unsocialized pig? Yes No If so, how will you socialize the pig? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to foster a mini pig that has shown behavioral issues (aggression, biting, potty-training) \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how will you work on the behavioral issues? \_\_\_\_\_

When you are away from home, please describe how the pig will be cared for: \_\_\_\_\_

If you travel or vacation, who will care for your pig? Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinarian Information:**

Primary Veterinarian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Veterinarian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

Please provide name, address, phone and email of three personal references we can contact (one family member only):

#1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional comments:** Please use the space below to tell us more about yourself. For example, do you have experience with health/behavior issues? How do you discipline and train your current pets? Is there anything else we should know about you and your household to help us make a perfect foster pet match for you?

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**Please read and acknowledge the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize SonnyBoy Animal Sanctuary, Inc. to contact my veterinarian(s) to check the care provided on previous and/or current pets including spay/neuter history.

\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize SonnyBoy Animal Sanctuary, Inc. to contact my local zoning officials to ensure no restrictions on the type of pet I wish to foster.

I certify that the statements made on the application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false statements by me may lead to the rejection of this application for becoming a foster home. My signature also authorizes SonnyBoy Animal Sanctuary, Inc. to do a background check, including criminal history and any former charges of domestic violence, animal abuse, neglect or hoarding.

*For office use only*

ID check: \_\_\_\_\_ Criminal background check: \_\_\_\_\_ Domestic history: \_\_\_\_\_

Vet check: \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning check: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Pet name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of transfer: \_\_\_\_\_