



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:

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

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: _____