



ADOPT, DON'T SHOP! THE MANY BENEFITS OF MINI PIG ADOPTION

The Sad Truth about Buying Pigs

The #1 reason we rescue mini pigs at MPFL is because uneducated surrendering owners purchased their pigs. The particular excuses for owner failure vary, of course: “the pig has grown too big...is destroying my house...is eating my garden...has expensive health problems...doesn't get along with my dog...bites my kid...attacks my spouse”. What they all have in common is owner ignorance, which serves “greeders” looking to make a quick buck from the loving desire of a well-intended, but uninformed purchaser. The same ignorance results in a poor, unsustainable, owner-pig fit.

Here's the good news: pig adoption is a thing! Adopting from My Pig Filled Life offers the opportunity to drive the risks of these tragic outcomes to virtually zero, and to obtain what you are after--a happy, gratifying relationship with a pig well-suited to you.

How We Can Help You Know

At MPFL, we are dedicated to the proposition that happy outcomes result from good selection decisions, and that good decisions are made by knowledgeable owners. Our dedication is manifest in the educational investment we make in prospective pig owners; the opportunities we afford them to interact with many pigs; support we provide them in selecting the pig that is just right for their desires and circumstances; and continuing assistance we provide post-adoption.

First, we provide prospective owners with **information and insight on mini pigs with in-person, hands on education** on site at our rescue. What do mini pigs offer? What are their needs? What is required of responsible ownership? What to avoid? And what can prospective owners expect from life with a pig? The topics range from pig health and life expectancy to socialization, from nutrition to space and shelter requirements. Participants come away with a deeper understanding of whether having a pig is what they really want and right for them, now.

Second, **prospective owners enjoy an opportunity to meet our pigs, taking understanding to a whole new level!** As they have already learned, and now see, mini pigs vary greatly in temperament, social preferences, emotional expression, and adult size and appearance. (Note: the adult size of healthy mini pigs varies greatly, from 75 to more than 200 pounds! But there are no such things as “teacup” or “tiny” mini pigs. This mythical creature is only offered by quick-buck artists commonly known as liars.)

More important, the opportunity to meet and interact with more than 250 mini pigs is the basis for a robust adoption selection decision. Risk and selection considerations to which buyers are utterly blind. For example:

- Concerned piggy will grow too large? Select from our many adults, nearly or full grown!
- Worried piggy will arrive home emotionally or socially unstable? Get to know your pig of interest at the rescue! Learn its history and watch it interact with other rescues, your kids, and your spouse before deciding!



- Concerned about the potential for emergence of genetically-based health problems such as arthritis? Mitigate risk by looking at a mature pig.
- Need help understanding what pig is right for your living circumstances and space? We're here to think it through with you--and make the right decision! (You know your stuff, and we know the pigs!)

Third, prospective owners know the pig they adopt has the **health basics squarely covered**.

- We spay/neuter all of our rescues. No need to worry your rescue will arrive home pregnant, and that you are about to become the rescuer of 12 or more piggy babies. And the benefits to a pig's future health and behavioral development are assured!
- Our pigs are vaccinated for porcine parvovirus (PPV), erysipelas and leptospirosis, and treated to prevent/eliminate gastrointestinal roundworms, lungworms, eyeworms, grubs, lice, mites and ticks.

Fourth, owners who adopt from MPFL can take comfort in knowing **we remain on call, ready to help them address any future issues**--whether health, development or behavior--that may arise as well as changes in their own (human) life circumstances.

In the unlikely worst case--evolving circumstances necessitate surrendering the pig--adopters can take comfort in knowing MPFL life not only accepts, but requires, the pig be returned to our rescue, where its happy life will continue.

“But I want a baby...”

Rescues like MPFL do, at times, have babies that can be adopted. Baby piggies may be abandoned, or a rescue may arrive pregnant, necessitating placement of mom and babies. If you MUST have the baby experience, rescue is still your best option.

In truth, many pigs purchased as babies from breeders arrive in their new home prematurely separated from mama pig, some of them starved from an early age, many inbred to ensure the smallest size possible, with tragic health consequences. They may require round the clock pan feeding; they are easy to aspirate at this age; and often they die without any clear indication of cause.

Ready to Move Forward?

We hope you are interested in adopting, rather than buying, a mini pig. Still not convinced? Come visit us, or [start your adoption process!](#) There is more to appreciate about the benefits of adoption than can be adequately expressed in this short space. And there is something about seeing our pigs, in person, we are confident will convince you!