

APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION

PRE-SCREENING & MINIATURE PIG PLACEMENT PROFILE

Thank you for your interest in adopting a pig from **Lil' Orphan Hammies**. If you have not already done so, please review our questionnaire at <http://lilorphanhammies.org/adopt> to help determine if a miniature pig is the best animal companion for you. You will notice as you proceed that we ask a lot of questions and insist that a number of requirements be met in order to adopt a pig. Why? Because abandoned and relinquished pig pets have become an international issue. Sanctuaries nationwide are at capacity; filled with pigs that exceeded their owner's expectations for size and care. Pigs make wonderful companions when placed in the right home. We want to ensure that the best possible home is found for each pig and that all prospective pig owners carefully consider just what will be needed to keep a happy and healthy pig pet.

PART 1: Please Tell Us a Bit About Yourself.

Your personal information is always kept private, and used expressly for the purpose of evaluating your application and alerting you to adoption opportunities. No information is ever released to third parties, or otherwise distributed in any way.

Date of Application:		Age:	
Your Full Legal Name:			
Home Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Home: () -	Work: () -	Cell: () -	
Valid Email Address:			
Do you have any medical conditions or concerns that could effect your ability to care for an animal?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. <input type="checkbox"/> No. <i>(If yes, please explain.)</i>			

PART 2: Please Tell Us About Where You Live.

Please provide us with accurate details about your home and yard, and any HOA or other pertinent information.

Have you checked your local zoning ordinances? **Yes.** **No.** Date Checked:

Do your local zoning ordinances permit pigs on your property? **Yes.** **No.** **Not sure.**

Describe your property: **Single Family Home** **Condo** **Apartment** **Mobile Home**
 Farm or Ranch Home **Other** (please explain):

Do you rent or own your residence? **Rent** **Own**

Do you live in a planned community? **Yes.** **No.**

(If you live in a planned community, you will need to include written permission from your Home Owners Association or Planning Comity to confirm that they will allow a pig on your property.)

Do you have a fenced-in yard? **Yes.** **No.**

Do you consent to a home-check to ensure that your property is safe and appropriate for a pig?
 Yes. **No.**

PART 3: Please Tell Us More About Your Household.

Providing details on your family, housemates, and pets helps ensure appropriate placement!

How many adults live in your home?

How many children live in your home?

(Please list the ages of all children who reside with you.)

Do other residents know you are considering pig for a pet? **Yes.** **No.**

If yes, do the other members of your household approve of this choice? **Yes.** **No.** **Not sure.**

Do you currently have any other pets? **Yes.** **No.**

(If yes, please list pets and give details.)

Are your current pets spayed or neutered and vaccinated? **Yes.** **No.** **Not applicable.**

PART 4: Is a Pig the Right Pet for You?

Please be sure to answer every section completely. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

What got you interested in miniature pigs and why would you like a pig for a pet?

Do you currently own a pig? Yes. No. If yes, are they spayed or neutered? Yes. No.
(Please give details.)

Have you ever owned a pig? Yes. No.
(If yes, please give details.)

Have you had the opportunity to educate yourself on proper pig care? Yes. No.
(If yes, please give details.)

Are you committed to caring for your pig for the entirety of his or her life, which may be 15 to 20 years?
 Yes. No.

Are you committed to ensuring that your pig has access to proper veterinary care? Yes. No.

What would you do if your animal became injured or ill and required expensive veterinary care? What are your views on euthanasia?

Please review the following and mark the appropriate selections:

I understand that there is no such thing as a "Teacup" or "Micro" pig, and that I can expect my miniature pig to reach a healthy mature weight range of 100 to 250 lbs. depending on ancestry.

Yes. **No.** **Please provide additional information.**

I understand that I cannot control the size of my pig by underfeeding him or her.

Yes. **No.** **Please provide additional information.**

I understand that pigs require a special diet to be healthy, and that overfeeding, underfeeding, and feeding inappropriate foods can severely compromise a pig's health as well as contributing to numerous behavior issues, including aggression. **Yes.** **No.** **Please provide additional information.**

I understand that all pigs engage in activities such as rooting, wallowing, and rubbing; and that these are natural and necessary behaviors that cannot be controlled. I understand that these natural activities have the potential to become destructive if my pig becomes bored, or is not provided an appropriate area to engage in these behaviors. **Yes.** **No.** **Please provide additional information.**

I understand that pigs must always be supervised with other pets. I understand that dogs and pigs share a natural predator/prey relationship, and that even friendly dogs and pigs can kill or injure each other very badly if left unsupervised. **Yes.** **No.** **Please provide additional information.**

I understand that pigs can be territorial and engage in territorial behaviors such as head-tossing, "growling," snapping, charging, and even biting. I understand that behavioral modification techniques can help, but that these are natural instincts and that children should always be carefully supervised around pigs.

Yes. **No.** **Please provide additional information.**

I understand that a pig should not be placed in my home before 12 weeks of age when it has been properly weaned and is capable of eating on it's own. Premature placement can cause a variety of issues ranging from starvation to aggression. **Yes.** **No.** **Please provide additional information.**

I understand that pigs have a herd hierarchy and require socialization. I understand that if a new pig is to be a companion for a pig already in my care, an introductory period will be required.

Yes. **No.** **Please provide additional information.** **Not applicable.**

I understand that my pig needs to be spayed or neutered to prevent unintended reproduction, as well as preventing behavior issues and serious reproductive health issues that can occur later in life.

Yes. **No.** **Please provide additional information.**

I understand that finding appropriate veterinary care can be difficult, and that I should have a qualified vet, as well as a veterinary emergency plan that covers lifting and transportation, in place before I bring a pig into my home. **Yes.** **No.** **Please provide additional information.**

I understand that, while pigs are intelligent and trainable animals, that they cannot be expected to behave in any way other than what is natural to them. I understand that pigs have different needs and behaviors than those of other pets and I will ensure that those needs and behaviors are met and appreciated to the best of my abilities. **Yes.** **No.** **Please provide additional information.**

PART 5: Preparing for a Pig Pet.

Please consider and review everything carefully. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

Do you have an age preference for your new pig pet?

- Piglet (1 year or younger)** **Juvenile (2 to 5 years of age)** **Adult (5+ years of age)**
 Not particular

Gender Preference: **Male** **Female** **Not particular**

Please note any breed or color preferences, or the name of a pig you would like to adopt. You can check <http://lilorphanhammies.org/available> to see adoptable pigs. (Most available miniature pigs in the U.S. are Potbellied Pigs and Potbellied Crossbreeds.)

Pigs are very social herd animals. Would you consider adopting a bonded pair? **Yes.** **No.**

Would you consider adopting a "special needs" animal that would require extra work and attention to health and/or diet and/or behavioral issues? **Yes.** **No.**

Would you consider adopting an "unsocialized" animal that is not accustomed to much human contact?
 Yes. **No.**

Where will the pig(s) primarily live? **Indoors.** **Outdoors.**

For Indoor Pigs:

Is your home "Pig-Proofed"? **Yes.** **No.**

Is there a safe place for your pig to stay during the day? **Yes.** **No.**

How many hours do you anticipate your pig being alone during the day?

Where will your pig sleep? **Yes.** **No.**

Will your pig be able to regularly spend time outdoors in a safe area? **Yes.** **No.**

For Outdoor Pigs:

Do you have an appropriate and well insulated shelter for your pig? (A well insulated shelter will maintain heat in the Winter and provide shade and cooler temperatures in the Summer.)

Yes. **No.**

Is there regular access to a wallow (mud hole) or a wading pool? **Yes.** **No.**

Will your pig have all-day access to shade?

Yes. **No.**

Please provide specific details about the living conditions and environment you can offer:

Where and how will your pet be cared for in the event of a vacation, business trip, etc.?

What would you do if your animal was lost?

PART 6: Your Veterinarian.

It is imperative to have a qualified veterinarian selected in advance. Miniature pigs have different medical needs than most other companion animals. Having an experience veterinarian can mean the difference between life and death for your pig.

Name of Veterinarian:

Phone:

Website:

Does your current veterinarian care for miniature pigs? Yes. No.

I hereby certify that all information furnished by me is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that if I am considered as a potential adopter, I will be required to submit to a home-check and that a \$100 adoption fee will be assessed at the time that I sign my adoption agreement.

Signature:

Date:

Please fax all pages of your completed application to (805) 880-0312 or mail to P.O. Box 924 • Solvang, CA 93464

**Thank you for your interest in adopting a Miniature Pig.
We will contact you as soon as we have finished processing your information!**

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Does the applicant meet enough basic requirements to be considered as an adopter? Yes. No.

Date of first home-check:

Passed? Yes. No.

Notes:

Initials of **LOH** representative completing home-check:

Date of follow-up home-check:

Passed? Yes. No.

Notes:

Initials of **LOH** representative completing home-check:

Will a pig be placed in this home? Yes. No.

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