

Did You KNOW?



- Miniature Pigs live for an average of 15 years. Most growth occurs in their first 3 years and full maturity is reached at 5 to 6 years of age; but pigs can reproduce at just a few months of age. When you see a very small mother with a litter of piglets, she is still just a “baby” herself!
- There is no such thing as a “Micro-Pig” or a “Teacup Pig,” and none of the other names (manufactured by breeders to suggest diminutive size) represent true breeds; nor do they promote an accurate description of the pig’s final size and needs. Most are Pot-Bellied Pigs, or crossbreeds thereof. Healthy adult weight for Miniature Pigs ranges from 90 to 250 lbs. and adults have the girth of a large-breed dog. That **IS** miniature compared to their farm-bred cousins who weigh upwards of 750 lbs. — often more than 1000 lbs.!
- Miniature Pigs require a balanced and nutritious diet. The healthy adult size of a Miniature Pig cannot be regulated or limited by denying proper feeding. Underfeeding a pig, or feeding improper foods, results in malnutrition, deformities, inappropriate weight, and aggressive behavior. Miniature Pigs should never be fed dog or cat foods, foods intended for farm-pigs/ livestock, or limited to a breeder-created food.
- While pigs may be trained and enjoy visiting indoors, they do not do well as indoor-only pets. They require a large, safely enclosed outdoor space in which to exercise and engage in natural behaviors such as rooting and wallowing. They must always have access to sun, shade, shelter, and clean water. In many places, pigs are not classified as “pets,” and are subject to zoning ordinances for livestock.
- Every year, shelters and sanctuaries nationwide are flooded with Miniature Pigs; relinquished by misinformed owners who can no longer care for them or no longer want them once they learn the truth about the animal’s final size and needs.
- You can learn more by visiting www.lilorphanhammies.org and www.facebook.com/LilOrphanHammies or call us at (805) 693-9953.



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