



Potbellied Pig Adoption Application

Thank you for your interest in adopting a potbellied pig from Alaqua Animal Refuge. Please read over the enclosed application carefully. Keep in mind that there are hundreds and hundreds of potbellied pigs now residing in long-term sanctuaries and refuges because many people thought baby potbellied pigs were cute, and did not think about what it would be like to care for a very large adult pig.

So, if this is your first pig, please take the time to research very carefully what it takes to keep a potbellied pig as a pet. There are excellent resources available on the Internet and through various miniature pig associations on the care and training of potbellied pigs. Training is important because pigs are smart – they can learn to be obnoxious as well as friendly and cooperative.

You should also know that potbellied pigs will bond very solidly with a loving and kind caretaker. They will grieve if something happens and the caretaker can no longer care for the pig and has to let him or her go.

We want to do all we can to insure that our pigs go to homes where lifetime companionship and care is the desire and goal. We strongly encourage only those who own their property to apply. It may be fine to have a potbellied pig at a particular rental house, but then if a move is necessary, it may be difficult to find a new place where it is okay to have a pig.

You will notice that the adoption application has many questions about the routine care of the pig. This is not meant to be a test of any sort; we simply want to encourage you to think ahead about all aspects of care. We feel that it is important for you to be an active participant in the life, training and health care of your pig.

Our goal is to find the best possible home for our animals. To help us in meeting that goal, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Your accurate responses will also help us to match you with an animal who meets your requirements.

Contact Information:

Date _____

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

E-mail _____

Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent

If you rent, please tell us your landlord's name and phone number:

Name _____ Phone _____

Potbellied pigs are considered to be livestock in most states, so please check the current laws in your area to see if you are zoned to keep a pig at your home or facility.

Are potbellied pigs considered to be livestock where you live? Yes No

If yes, are you zoned for livestock where you live? Yes No

Please tell us why you would like to adopt a potbellied pig from Best Friends.

Our goal is to adopt our potbellied pigs to people who are committed to lifetime care for the animals they adopt.

Do you agree to care for the potbellied pig for the rest of his/her life? Yes No

Are you willing to have a Best Friends Horse Committee representative do a property and facility check? Yes No

If you adopt a potbellied pig from Best Friends, do you have any purpose in mind for the animal, other than as a pet (for example, a 4-H project)? Yes No, just a pet

If yes, please describe.

Do you currently have other potbellied pigs? Yes No

Please briefly describe your past experience with potbellied pigs.

If you have had potbellied pigs in the past, please tell us what they were used for and why you do not have them now.

Do you currently have any other pets that are considered livestock? Yes No

If yes, please list the type of animal, along with their names.

Tell us what you know about general maintenance of a potbellied pig:

What will you feed your potbellied pig?

How will you care for your pig's feet and teeth?

How often will you worm the pig?

If the pig is to be a companion for another animal, tell us about that other animal or animals.

Any medications? How much do you anticipate spending yearly on your pig for costs like feed, veterinary care?

Tell us what types of vaccinations a potbellied pig should receive in your area, and how often.

Who will be responsible for the general care, feeding and administering of medications to the potbellied pig?

What is the level of experience of that person?

Who will be responsible for hoof and tusk care?

What is the level of experience of that person?

Please describe how the pig will be housed: Will the pig live in your house or outdoors? If the pig lives outdoors, will she/he have shelter?

If the pig will live outdoors, is there heat in the pig's house for winter? Yes No

Is there adequate shade for summer? Yes No

Is there room for a pool and/or wallow? Yes No

Please provide us with your veterinarian's information.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please provide three references, people not related to you, who can testify to your ability to provide and care for a potbellied pig.

Name _____ Phone _____

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