

# Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

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Dear Friend,

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One of the items that is always on Ironwood's Wish List is blankets. Many are donated every year at Open House in November and on the Saturday tours. We also love getting boxes of blankets in the mail from out-of-town supporters. The piggies LOVE burrowing down into a comfy pile of blankets, particularly at this time of year. All of the shelters, pigloos, barns and camper shells are constantly checked to make sure the pigs are well stocked to get through the chilly nights.



night that when they arise the next morning and walk out of their house, the blanket goes right along with them. During rainy season there are always wet blankets hanging on every available fence line, so back up blankets to refill the shelters are a necessity. A handful of the senior pigs have bed-wetting habits and need a supply of blankets to

rotate through as the soiled ones are washed and hung out to dry. When pigs go to the vet clinic for surgery, they go with a bag of blankets to keep them warm as they come up out of the anesthesia, a time when body temperature can drop severely.



Blankets are an ongoing need because they frequently need to be replaced. Some of the pigs get a little destructive during their nesting regime and manage to shred their blankies into oblivion. Many of the piggies wrap up so tight at



Thrift stores and yard sales are great places to find low priced comforters, blankets and bedspreads. If a motel in your area is remodeling or closing down, that's another good source. Having a blanket drive at your place of work or school is a nice way to share the pigs' need. You can come up with lots of creative ideas! Thank you for keeping the piggies warm, comfortable and cozy!

Sincerely,

Donna Thomason  
Sponsor Coordinator

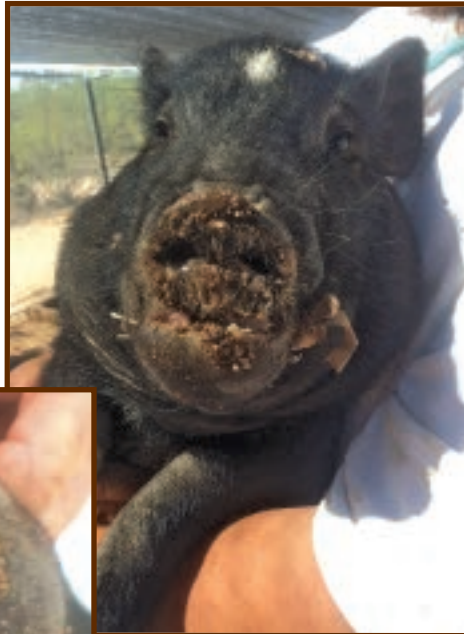
# Dory

**M**y name is Dory and I am a year old. Back in September I was found hiding under a tree in the wash by a man who worked at a vet clinic. He took me to his clinic then posted my picture on FaceBook and Craigslist's Lost and Found. The clinic called Pima Animal Care Center who picked me up and took me to their shelter. A lady who used to work at Ironwood just happened to see me online and told the PACC manager to call the sanctuary. Joseph came and got me the next day.

The people at Ironwood saw that my jaw was crooked and I couldn't pick up any food. I also had a big cut on my hip that was hurting me. They took me to their vet where I got x-rays. My lower jaw was broken, my front bottom teeth were all loose and the bone was exposed at the bottom of my mouth. The vet had to pin and wire my jaw together to hold it in



place while it healed. Boy that felt weird! They also stitched up the wound on my hip. It was super hot outside, so when I came



back to the sanctuary they let me live in

the big bathroom in the Visitor Center. There was bedding hay all over the floor and a mat, but I couldn't have a blanket because they were afraid I'd get the wires caught in it and rip them out. Well, I managed to do that anyway! And not just once but twice! Both times I had to go back to the vet clinic and get "rewired".

My fourth trip to the vet on Halloween was for a checkup. The wires were still in place and holding well and my jaw was healing up nicely. The good news was I got to have oatmeal and applesauce added to my meals. Hooray! Before that I could only drink shakes made of Ensure,

soymilk and bananas. In mid November I went back to the vet and had the pin and wires taken out. Yippee! For weeks I still had to be careful and only eat really soft foods. Everything is great now though. I can eat regular food and get to go out and play in the exercise yard every day. My bottom teeth still stick out, but I feel fabulous and love my life here!

---Dory



*My five trips to the vet clinic, x-rays and surgeries cost \$2,940.78. If you would like to help with my bills, please mark your donation "for Dory". That's me! Thank you for giving me a chance for a happy life!*



# The Main Boys



Baldwin, Danny Ray, Cinder, Charlie & Waylon

**D**uring Ironwood's first two years the majority of the pigs being released to the sanctuary were moved into the large Main Field. Over 16 years later there were still five of those original residents remaining in the

which had become the territory of the elderly. As the time approached for the new group of young piggies to join the herd, the boys needed to move to a place of their own where they would be safe from the challenges and competition from the youngsters.

shells filled with blankets. All five pigs immediately began sleeping together in one of the camper shells. They love it! The adjustment to the new field was easy for this group. At their advanced age they don't utilize a lot of space and just needed a cozy



Cinder

field, still in decent health particularly for their age. However, there was a big group of younger, stronger pigs that needed to join the herd and there were concerns for the older pigs' safety.

Charlie, Waylon, Danny Ray and Baldwin all arrived at Ironwood in March of 2002 with Cinder coming along in May that same year. These five boys, ranging in age from 16.5-18 years have spent the majority of their lives in the Main Field and had recently been congregating in the west corner

The timing was perfect because a small field called Middle East had recently been vacated by three 19 year olds who had been transferred to a special care area.

Last month the five boys were put into individual carriers then loaded into the wagon on the ATV to make the



Danny Ray & Baldwin

house and good napping spots. The boys are very good buddies and love having the place to themselves.

Because of you Cinder, Baldwin, Danny Ray, Charlie and Waylon were able to retire to a smaller field where they can live with their close friends in a completely safe environment. The rest of their senior years will be just as happy and comfy as the past 16 years they spent together in the Main Field.

---Donna



Charlie & Waylon

short trip over to their new home. There are wooden shelters like the ones they had always had in their old field but also two camper

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**Waylon, one of "The Main Boys"**