

## Forgotten Angels Rescue & Education Center Adoption Application

**Pigs make the right pet for the right people. We want to be sure that you are ready to adopt a pig into your family and that you have made an informed decision. Please take the time to fill out the adoption application and then either mail it or email it back to us. Try to answer each question honestly and completely. This will help us match the right pig to you and to your family.**

### Personal Information

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name    Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hm #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Wk #** \_\_\_\_\_ **cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **WEBSITE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you over 18 years of age?**    Yes    No

If no, please have parent/guardian complete and sign the Application.

**Do you have a medical condition that would limit your ability to care for the pig?**    \_\_Yes \_\_No

### Property Information

#### DESCRIBE YOUR HOME AND YARD

**Does your local zoning allow pet pigs?**    Yes    No

Many communities do not if it is against their zoning ordinances. Please check before you continue.

**Do you live in a:** House \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_\_\_ Condo \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you: (please circle one)**    Own    Rent

**Do you live in a planned community?(please circle one)**    Yes    No

If you live in a planned community, you will need written permission from your homeowner's association to have a pig

**Do you have a fenced-in yard?(please circle one)**    Yes    No

**Will your pig have his/her own pen or fenced area?(please circle one)**    Yes    No

**Do you have an in ground swimming pool or fish pond?**    \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Will the pig be required to use stairs to get in & out of your home? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

## Household Information

Number of adults living in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in your home and their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Do all members in your household want this pet?(please circle one) Yes No

Do you currently have a pig? (please circle one) Yes No

If so, is this pig neutered/spayed? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No

Age: \_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever previously had a pig?(please circle one) Yes No

If so, what happened to him?

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What other pets do you currently have? Please give breeds of your dog(s)

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Who will be responsible for caring for the pig? \_\_\_\_\_

## PIG SPECIFICS

Age preference: \_\_\_ Baby (under 1 year) \_\_\_ Younger (between 1-4) \_\_\_ Older (4+) \_\_\_ Doesn't matter

Sex preference:(please circle one) Male Female Does not matter

Color preference:(please circle one) Black White Does not matter

Where will the pigs live?(please circle one) Indoors Outdoors

Are you willing to adopt two pigs who are buddies? Pigs are by nature herd animals and really enjoy the company of another pig to snuggle with, especially if they are outdoor pigs.(please circle one) Yes No

Are you willing to take an un-socialized pig? (ONE who has had little to no human contact)? (please circle one) Yes No

**Are you willing to take a special needs pet** (one who is obese and needs dieting, one who has behavior problems and needs to be worked with, one who has health problems, etc.)?(**please circle one**) Yes No

## INDOORS PIG:

Indoor pigs are pigs that live primarily inside your home with daily outside yard privileges.

**Is your home pig-proofed?(please circle one)** Yes No Need more info

**Where will the pig sleep?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many hours will the pig be alone each day?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is there a safe place for your pig to stay during the day? (please circle one)** Yes No

**Is there a safe place for the pig to spend his outside time?(please circle one)** Yes No

## OUTDOORS PIG:

Outdoor pigs live primarily outside in a barn or special shelter with yard &/or pasture privileges.

**Do you have a well-insulated house for the pig?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Do you have a way to heat this house in cold weather?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Is there access to a wading pool or mud hole in summer?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Is there a spot available with all-day shade?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the living conditions you will provide.**

**Please be very specific about the size of the pasture:**

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## Vet Information

Vet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Are your current pets neutered? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are your current pets up-to-date on their vaccinations? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

DOES YOUR CURRENT VET CARE FOR PBPS? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If not, what is the name & phone number of a vet that does care for pet pigs that you will be using? Vet Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Pig Education

I understand that the average weight of a full-grown potbellied pig is 75-150 pounds, some smaller and some larger, and that genetics determines size. Underfeeding the pig will not change his skeletal size and will only lead to health and/or behavioral problems. Over-feeding the pig or not feeding him food specific to his species will also lead to health and/or behavioral problems.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Need more information.

I understand that rooting is a basic natural instinct and that ALL pigs will root to varying degrees. This can lead to destructiveness in the house when they are bored and do not have other outlets or if they do not get enough outside time. It can also lead to destructiveness of lawn and flowerbeds.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Need more information

I understand that dogs and pigs must be carefully monitored and should NEVER be left unsupervised together, even the most gentle dog and even if the pig and dog are best of friends. They are both animals with animal instincts. Dogs are predators and pigs are prey, and a dog can kill a pig if provoked.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Need more information

I understand that a pig can become territorial. This can include growling, snapping, charging, or even biting to varying degrees. It is most common in house pigs but can also occur outside. In the wild, pigs are herd animals, and it is a natural instinct for them to try to test their dominance and become "top hog". Behavioral modification techniques can help. Because of this instinct, children and pigs must always be carefully supervised.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Need more information

I understand that a pig should not be placed in a home until he is at least 8-12 weeks of age, properly weaned, and eating on his own. Earlier placement can lead to starvation and/or aggressive behavior.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Need more information

I understand that spaying/neutering of all pigs is ESSENTIAL, not only for reproduction purposes but also for behavioral and health reasons as well. An unaltered pig does not make a good house pet. An unaltered pig may also develop reproductive organ disease when older and larger and no longer a safe surgical candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Need more information

I understand that it will most likely be difficult to find a competent vet who will care for my pig. I also understand that I must have a plan set up in advance to get my pig to the vet in an emergency situation. This plan should include an adequate vehicle and adequate muscle if the pig is no longer mobile.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Need more information

In the case that this pig is to be a companion for a current pig, I understand there will be an "introduction" period between the two, whereby they work it out between themselves who will be "top hog".

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Need more information \_\_\_ Not applicable

I understand that this animal is a pig, and as such, I will allow him to be a pig. I understand that he has specific needs basic to his nature, and I will strive to meet those needs and appreciate the very qualities that make him such a unique and delightful creature.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Need more information

## **HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS**

**What steps would you take to find a lost pet?**

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**What will you do with your pet when you go on vacation?**

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**What would you do if you're pet became ill and needed expensive veterinary care? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**What would you do if you became ill and could no longer care for your pet? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**What are your views on euthanasia and your animals?**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Please supply us with the name, phone number and e-mail of two references:**

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**Can someone come out and check your home to be sure it is safe** (properly pig-proofed, adequate shelter, supplies on hand for pig's arrival, etc.) **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**How far would you be willing to travel to pick up your pig? \_\_\_\_\_**

**In what way have you educated yourself on the proper care of a pig? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Are you committed to care for the pig for his/her life.** (it is estimated the lifespan of a potbellied pig can be up to 20 years)? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you have any questions/concerns about caring for a pig?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Most importantly, why do you want a pig as a pet?** \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that the information I have provided above is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge, and you may rely on this information to evaluate my application. I also understand that I will be asked to provide a donation fee (\$50 to \$300, depending on the cost of the spay/neuter and other vet expenses).

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Signature

Return to: [FAREC, 1822 Meister Hills Rd., Deer Lodge TN 37726-4307](mailto:info@farec.org) or via email to [info@farec.org](mailto:info@farec.org)