

## Together, We Can End Pet Pig Homelessness

Vietnamese Potbellied Pigs have been in the United States since 1985. Currently, many pet pig owners are forced to fight their municipal government in order to keep their pet pigs because of zoning laws that were promulgated to keep agricultural animals outside of the city limits. They have been created long before the advent of pet pig ownership in the United States and do not reflect the reality of the proliferation of companion pigs in recent years.

The importance of allowing pet pigs as pets: all pig sanctuaries and rescues are inundated with miniature pigs who have been surrendered after the owners could no longer care for them. Miniature pigs are native to Southeast Asia. Each pet pig has their own personalities. Miniature pigs have hair, not fur. For children and adults with allergies, these pigs can provide necessary companionship without affect their health. With having the ability to form bonds with their human families and are very affectionate and playful. Miniature pigs can indeed make great pets for the right people with the right expectations.