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Message

This is a "Special Newsletter" filled with gratitude and love for all those who have been and become special to the Lives and survival of the Potbelly Pig.

Greetings

As many of you know, we started out on this adventure in 1994, THIS IS OUR 25TH CHRISTMAS! WOW, had anyone told me then that we would be so blessed by those we have met and those amazing animals that have crossed our path and especially those who have left deepen footprints on our hearts. I would have believed you to some extent, but it is overwhelming to see and most of all feel, those feeling every day every hour every minute.





When you choose an animal to be part of your life forever, you never know the effects that it is going to have on your life. But when you choose one as Unique as a "Potbelly Pig", Well let's say, you are a "Special Person, All in your Own."

The Potbelly Pig is not a pet for all people. They are Unique, very intelligent, and most of all loving. They love you for who and what you are. They, unless abuse or neglect are involved, do not want anything but love and respect. These are amazing animals.

I have learned so much from them, way more than they have ever learned from me. Their trust, their devotion, their "warm Nozzle" on your leg or in your ribs (while taking a "nap" on the bed or couch with you). They are no other word, Amazing.

We have come from 1 rescued pig that laid down and had 4 babies 3 days after I got her home, to what we consider home now to over 80 Potbelly Pigs. Each rescue or voluntary placement has a story of their own and even a bigger story after being here for 16/18 years. Each has a name; each has a personality and most of all each have those loving eyes that compensate for all else that is lacking.

We in 2004, when "Thumper's Legacy" finally was becoming a reality, decided that there needed to be a "Senior Citizen Homes" for potbelly pigs. Someone needed to stand up and be there for the older ones that were being "dumped", given away as "Bait animals" for dog fight, or just left on the streets for survival and attacked by dogs, ran over and most of all eaten.

We became a 501 C-3, plus a Colorado Non-Profit in hopes of being more progressive in Education, Care and most of all making Government see that they needed to step up with rules and regulations for the Potbelly Pig.

After several years of the 501 C-3 and not gaining anything in way of making headway for this animal, we relinquished our 501 C-3 and became a "private" rescue, keeping our Colorado Non-Profit Status. Did it hurt us? Maybe, but we have moved forward with a very few amazing people who have watched and helped us grow into one of the top Potbelly Pig rescues in the U.S. We have never had grants, (Even though we have applied for Education purposes), we have solely survived on our daily jobs and like I said a very small group of people. We have no "Big Box" stores to help, we have no other organizations, with the EXCEPTION of 'MESA COUNTY PROJECT PUPS SPAY & NEUTER PROGRAM" (we receive a certificate, when available for 35.00 of a spay or neuter, which at this time averages between 500.00 and up to as high as 800.00) We will be forever thankful to Retired Director of Mesa County Animal Control, Sally Porter for her long long hours of work fighting Mesa County to make them understand that there is a need for spay and neuter. And she was 100 % on target. The "Need" is so, so out of control.

In January, please check our web site for regular updates, as we after 25 years of barely any sort of government progress are going to take a "LEAP" and that 2020 is going to be our YEAR, REGARDLESS of what it takes.

I could sit here and write for days about what is needed and what has been accomplished at the Sanctuary, and the outcome will still be the same.

Have a Happy and MEMORABLE HOLIDAY SEASON
PIG-A-SUS HOMESTEAD

AND YES, THUMPER, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUSE, HE WORKS DAILY TO SEE THAT ALL YOUR LEGACY COMES FULL CIRCLE TO THOSE OF YOUR BRED WHO ARE SO LESS FORTUNATE.

MAY YOUR LEGACY AND DREAMS COMPENSATE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO ONE TO CARE.

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