



# Winter Holiday Days Newsletter and Update

Just seems like I was writing this Newsletter a few days ago. Where does time go?

Now we are at the end of 2020 and beginning of a new 2021. There have been a lot of changes in 2020. Hopefully we can continue to do what we do best and that is “Rescue & Maintain” the Unique Animal, the Potbelly Pig.

We started off really great in the Spring of 2020. We purchased a new barn for the elderly and arthritic potbelly pigs. The building is 14 x 20, with a loft for storage, windows for sunshine and air in the summer. If you look on our web site under “Red Barn” project, you will see what we have purchased. Thanks to several generous donations most all of the necessities have been purchased to complete the setting.

Due to several “Bumps in the Road” we have had to change the plan for setting it. Insurance didn’t like this, weather would not cooperate, work and farming got into the way, and then “Along came Corona Virus and Covid-19.

Our main issue was our line of work. We work the Energy & Gas Industry. This has been our main source of support for the Pig-A-Sus since the very beginning in 1994.

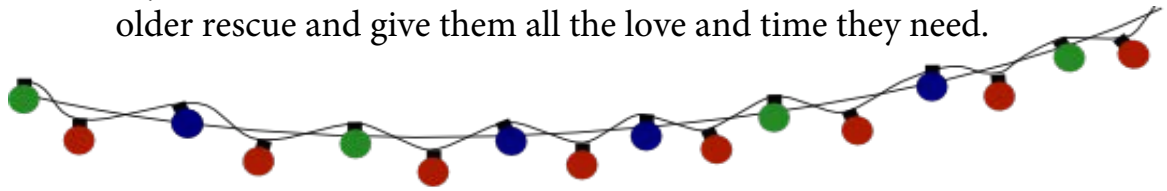


With all the new rules and regulations hinging on Political outcome, employer’s were in a tough place. They wanted to keep everyone and to get to a “even” place by fall. This meant lots of hours, hiring new people and almost all projects being put on “Back Burner” for most of the Summer. This being said and hopefully explaining what has happened at the Pig-A-Sus, I will now update about the Rescue and Sanctuary.

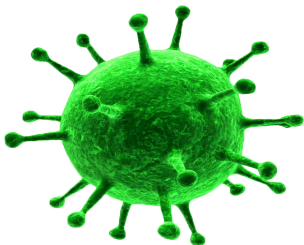




We are happy to say we have 68 potbelly pigs, sadly we watched 2 of our old timer's cross over this summer (age 15 & 17), BUT on a happy note, we were able to place 3 of the YOUNGER NEW ADDITIONS in Awesome loving and wonderful homes. Toushie, Wilbur and Miss Piggy. They are so happy and have the best ever homes. We get pictures of them all the time and updates. It makes my heart full to know that there are people out there who will take a older rescue and give them all the love and time they need.



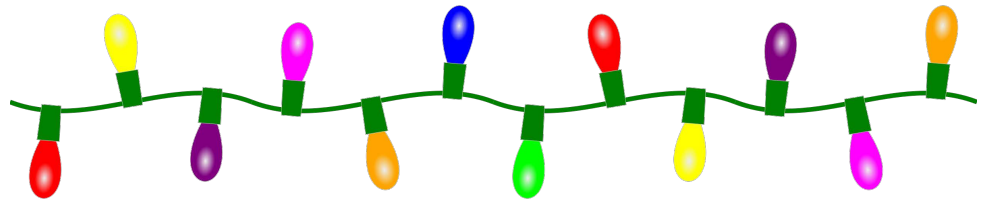
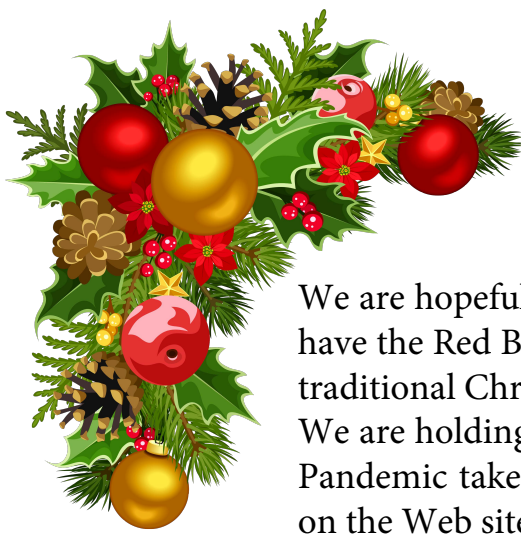
We also received a New built "GrandMa's Hut" from our Great friends, Schrodinger, his sister, mom and dad, & Granddad. And along with Grandma's Hut, (which is so immaculate, I can sleep in it!!!! ) came a new updated building for our new arrivals quarantine yard. Windows, big doors and most of all, Good Karma for the new arrivals, because they both were built with lots of love and compassion for the potbelly pig. It has been a long time coming, but we are getting new buildings, lots of new equipment and a steady donation of fruits, veggies and protein drinks for the elderly ones who like their food moist. I could go on and on with the "Thanks" to these few people who always seem to know when things are getting "tight" for the Rescue.



With Covid-19 pandemic, group gathering restricted, and widespread of the Covid, Mother Nature, we have done what we think is best for the Sanctuary and Animals, we have canceled the Summer/Fall Fundraiser, and with sadden hearts, we have Canceled Christmas at the Pig-A-Sus.

When Covid surged at the beginning of November and into the Thanksgiving Holiday we made the call to cancel our Normal Christmas Holiday. It is very sad to know that we will not have all the decorations, lights, people, caroling, storytelling, especially our "Night Before Christmas", Hot Chocolate and Cookie evening. We will miss all the drive by persons who come from town to see what has been added new each year. After 25 years there have been a lot of additional, believe me. One of the guys who works in the Gas and Oil industry stopped me on the road and ask when we were getting the lights up, just shook my head and said "not this year, sorry.." But he acknowledged he understood 100%.





We are hopeful if the weather holds for a few more weeks that we will be able to have the Red Barn set for the Potbelly Pigs for their Christmas. Along with their traditional Christmas dinner and lots of belly rubs, it will be a wonderful day. We are holding off on announcing any of our 2021 plans until we see where the Pandemic takes us along with Mother Nature. You will be able to see updates on the Web site.

We have used our donations very wisely this year. For a backup plan in case the building was long time getting set and fundraisers canceled, we purchased 600 bales of excellent clean straw, 27 tons of corn, 3 tons of protein, and 2 tons on minerals, plus have an emergency fund set aside for Medical. We are so very grateful for those who have and continue to hold our Rescue and Sanctuary in their hearts. We would like for all those to know how much you are deeply appreciated. We are also thankful that we do not have overhead with employees and that all monetary donations go directly for the Sanctuary and Potbelly Pigs.



May we wish all of you near and far, safe, healthy and happy Holiday Season. For you and your pets,

May 2021 be the year of your dreams. May you get the privilege of touching a Potbelly Pig, look in their eyes, give belly rubs and most of all, See and Understand why they are such a Unique pet.

**Yes Thumper there is a Santa...**

Merry Christmas  
Pig-A-Sus Homestead  
Sioux, Rocky & Critters

