

Adopting a Potbellied Pig from Best Friends

Thank you for your interest in adopting a potbellied pig from Best Friends. We want to be sure that a potbellied pig is the right companion animal for you and your family, so we have a fairly extensive adoption process.



The Adoption Process

First, contact us and let us know that you are interested in adopting one of our potbellied pigs. We will send you an adoption application, along with some handouts that explain some of the requirements for providing a potbellied pig with a healthy and happy home life.

Home visit. Once we receive your application and determine that your home would be appropriate for a potbellied pig, our adoption coordinator will contact you to discuss setting up a home visit. The home visit will be done by either a Best Friends staff member or one of our representatives. The purpose of the home visit is to ensure that your home and/or yard are properly equipped for a pig or two.

Meeting your pig. We also encourage you to visit Best Friends Animal Sanctuary to meet the pig (or pigs) you are thinking about adopting. It gives you a chance to interact with the pigs and make sure that they are a good fit with you and your family.

Signing the contract. Once the home visit has been done and you have spent time with the pig you want to adopt, it's time to sign the adoption contract. By signing this contract, you agree to provide proper care for the pigs for the remainder of their lives. You also agree to return the pigs to Best Friends if you are unable to take care of them at any point. The adoption coordinator will discuss the terms of the contract with you in detail.

The adoption fee. We spay or neuter all our pigs to make them healthier and happier and to prevent more pigs from ending up unwanted. We vaccinate our pigs and add supplements to their diets to keep them as healthy as possible. Our pigs have all had routine dental work and hoof trimming. We ask for a \$100 adoption donation to help us with the expenses of caring for and treating the pig.

Transportation

Transporting a pig or a pair of pigs is not as easy as transporting dogs or cats. After the adoption is finalized, we prefer that you pick up the pigs and transport them yourself. If you live near Best Friends, we may be able to assist you with the transport. (Bear in mind that once you have adopted the pig, you may need to transport the pig to the vet as needed, so you'll need appropriate transportation.) Pigs shouldn't be transported long distances, so if you live far from Best Friends and you want to adopt a pig, you might want to consider using our referral program instead of adopting from us.

Referral Program

What is the referral program? Well, we may not have the right pig for you and your family, or you may live too far away to make it optimal to adopt from Best Friends. In either case, we can refer you to a pig rescue or sanctuary closer to your home. There are lots of homeless piggies out there, so we are happy to provide you with the name, location, phone number and website of the closest pig sanctuary. Just contact us!

Contact Information

For more information about potbellied pigs or our adoption and referral programs, please contact us at:

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