



Caring for Your New Pot Belly Piglet

First and foremost Thank-You for your interest in one of Backwoods Buffalo Ranch's homegrown Pot Belly Pigs. We take great pride in our animals & hope you will do the same! Backwoods Buffalo Ranch has been raising top notch Pot Belly Pigs for two years and will continue doing so for life.

Our Pot Bellies are meant only for pets (not food) & can make the perfect addition to your family!

Please Remember before taking on a Pot Belly that they are first and foremost a pig and require a lot of maintenance.

They are adorable, extremely intelligent, sensitive creatures. Every year 100's if not thousands of Pot Bellied pigs are abandoned or die due to lack of information and knowledge. We screen everyone who is interested in taking one of our animals to ensure they are provided with the right family & care.

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General Information:

Pot-Bellied pigs are small sized pigs suitable for indoor living if trained properly. Most range in size from 13-20 inches tall and can grow upwards of 200 lbs. Our Pot Bellies are nowhere near 200 lbs as they are on a strict eating schedule. You must remember that pigs even if just fed will ALWAYS act hungry, as they are pigs. They can and will eat themselves into obesity if given the chance. They are curious animals with a humorous disposition and intelligence to that of a dog. They are not finicky eaters and can be house trained.

Pot belly pigs can be house trained and do make good indoor pets with lots of love and attention. However they are just like a dog and if they don't have the opportunity to go outside and get rid of their pent up energy they will be destructive. (They can and will get into anything they can.)

A pig that lives outdoors will not need his/her hooves trimmed as much as a pig that lives outdoors as they file them down themselves on the earth. Your pig may also need to have his/her tusks maintained (trimmed down) every 1-2 years.

Pigs are born Iron Deficient and need to have iron shots in their first 5 days of birth, which has already been done for you!

Because pigs have such thin bristles they sun burn easily!!! If your pig is going to be indoors and go outside you will need to put children's' sun block on your pig so they do not burn. If your pig is outdoors they need access to a mud pit... it keeps them dry and moisturized.

Also if your pig is indoors they will need to be bathed. We use Oatmeal Dog Shampoo on our pigs. When you take them out of the bath it is best if you use Baby Oil and Q-Tips and provide them with a thick layer behind their ears and in the wrinkles on their snouts. Some baby Oil is also awesome in their bath to keep them moisturized, if they are an indoor pig.

Pigs love to have a companion of their own type. One pig is better than two!!! They also like toys, but be careful as to what you provide them with as they

will chew them!

In the winter months your pig will need some form of shelter. We provide our pigs with an option of two houses. One with a heat lamp to keep their water from freezing and one without a heat lamp but a ton of clean dry straw. This way they can pick where they are most comfortable.

Straw is better bedding for your Pot-Belly as you can guarantee there are no added chemicals in it.

(If you are planning to breed your pot-belly pigs I can give you more information on that subject at that time as that's a whole other spectrum of care.)

Our pigs have a LARGE outdoor run, which helps them to stay fit. If your pig is going to be outdoors you will want to build their pen with something very strong. We used school fence. Chicken wire is not strong enough. You will want boards on the bottom dug into the earth a little so they do not root underneath. They can & will get through if they are bored.

Your pig will reach full-size at 3-4 and can live upwards of 20 years, depending on your diligence to their health maintenance.

If you do not plan to breed your boar you should have him neutered to insure that he lives a life free of the cancers, infections and other problems involving the reproductive organs.

FEEDING:

Our Pot Belly Pigs are fed twice a day...every day.

When your piglet first comes home you will want to feed them Mash. Which you can purchase at UFA. (make sure it's not the stuff for regular pigs...or your pot belly will be huge in no time.)

We gave ours a cup and a half –two cups, mixed with water, twice a day.

After awhile you can introduce some chopped corn into their mash.

Make sure they always have access to Clean, Fresh, Water.

***Our pigs were also supplemented with veggies from the fridge 😊
ours love TOMATOES.**

After about a month of this feeding regiment, you can wean them off the mash and only feed them the chopped corn for roughage twice a day, supplemented with all the veggies they can eat!

You will be doing yourself a favor by sticking by a “diet” plan. Limiting their calories helps to keep your pigs from becoming obese and difficult to manage.

**Please feel free to let us know if you require
additional information. We are happy to help**

