

LV CART | Pot Belly Pigs



The Potbellied Pet Pig is small weighing about 80 to 150 lbs and about 16 to 20 inches at the shoulder. By comparison the domestic pig (hog) at maturity can weigh over 800 lbs and stand over 36 inches at the shoulder and is white and has bigger ears and a curly tail.

TRANSPORT

Put a Pig in a Crate

- Place the crate in a corner of fenced area
- Put a little treat or food in the crate to lure him in
- Narrow the options for escape
- Create a chute to the crate with fencing or boards
- Hold a board in front of you and close in on the pig
- Hold the board close to the ground
- A cornered pig can be aggressive
- Be very calm and don't stress the pig
- A frightened pig will try to return to his "safe area" barn or pen
- A pig will feel secure in a crate and settle down
- Put a sheet over the carrier to relieve stress
- Do not offer food while transporting
- They normally won't pee or poop in the crate



When transporting a number of pigs

- Line the floor about 12" deep with straw (they can lose their balance and become injured during transport)
- Put them close together so they can't roll around
- It is unlikely they will fight during transport
- Transport smaller pigs separately



PIG SHELTERING

Caging

- They are very clean
- Place blankets at one side of the enclosure
- They will poop on the opposite side of the enclosure
- They blow their coat in the warm weather
- They like to be groomed
- Avon Skin-So-Soft can be used for bug control
- They can get mange treated with Ivermectin
- No diseases can be spread from dogs/cats to/from pigs

Food/water

- Pigs are omnivores and will eat anything
- Recommend Pig Chow 1C – 1 1/2C daily 2–3C daily in winter
- Can put water in food to make sure they are drinking enough
- Let them out to roam in a grassy area





Extreme Temperature

Heat

Normal body temperature 100-101 degrees
 Open mouth breathing is a sign of stress (they don't pant like a dog)
 They NEED to be cooled down
 Put cold water right on them
 Cold wet blankets
 Provide a cool pool of water
 Give them a cold water enema if they are very over heated
 They need shade. They roll in mud to cool their body temperature

Cold

They shiver when they are cold
 May go off feed if it's too cold
 Give them blankets and lots of straw



SEX

Sow/Female

The vulva is the size of a pea when spayed
 It is the size of a walnut when not spayed
 When in heat the vulva is puffy and red
 she will charge and bite at your pants while in heat
 The adult sow's tusk is smaller than the male
 The tusks take two years to mature

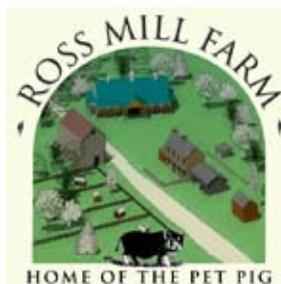
Boar/Male

The testicals don't hang
 He pees from the center of his belly
 The tusks take two years to mature



General Info

Don't pick up a pig- get them to follow you
 If you need to pick up a pig use a blanket
 If a pig is stressed cover their eyes



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