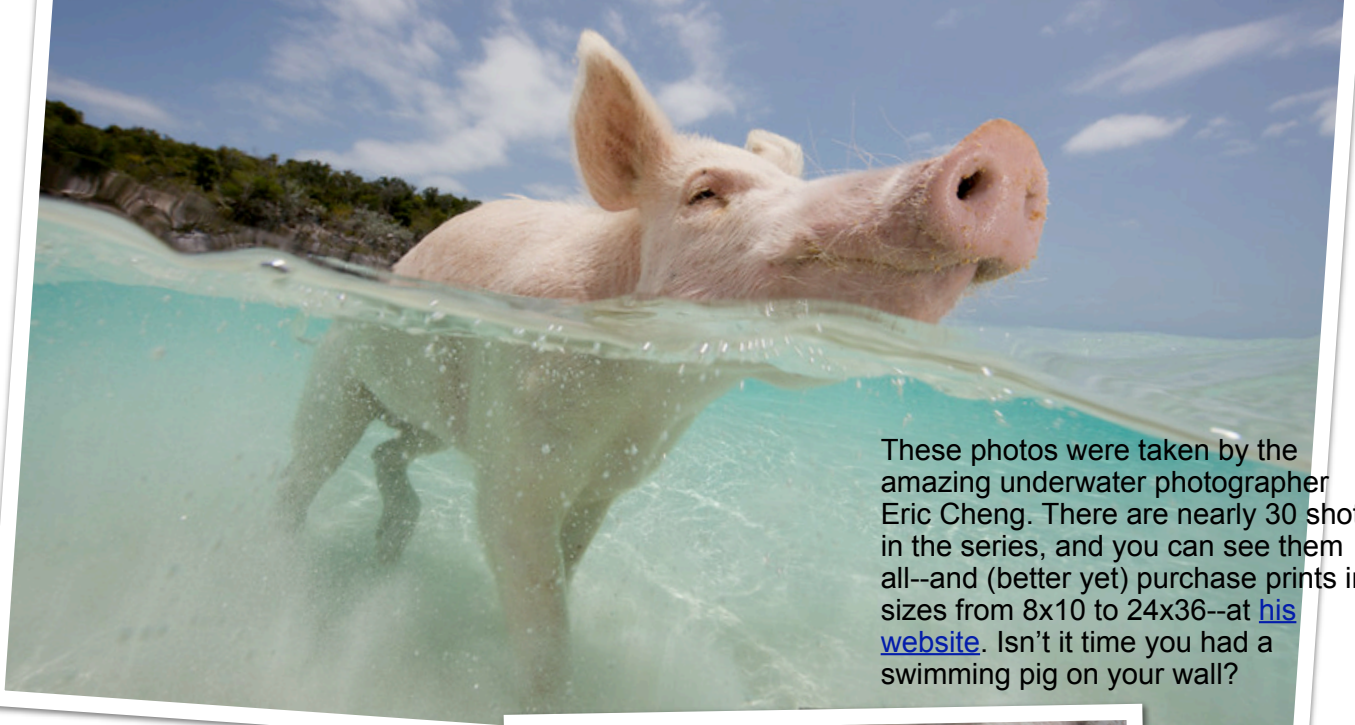




# CPPA eNEWS

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## SURF BOAR-DERS



These photos were taken by the amazing underwater photographer Eric Cheng. There are nearly 30 shots in the series, and you can see them all--and (better yet) purchase prints in sizes from 8x10 to 24x36--at [his website](#). Isn't it time you had a swimming pig on your wall?

Looking for a place to take a quick summer vacation? Our choice is the Exhumas, a series of tiny islands in the Bahamas. One of the islands (either Staniel Cay or Big Major Spot Island - sources disagree, so ask your tour guide) is home to a small herd of free-living pigs who, though feral, swim out to meet the tour boats and welcome treat-bearing visitors into their midst.



Want to see videos of the swimming pigs in action? Just do a YouTube search for "Bahamas Swimming Pigs" or click [here](#), or [here](#), or [here](#).

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## Statuesque Swine

The Bahamas aren't the only place to go for pig-related tourist attractions.

Florence, Italy, has the famous "[Il Porcellino](#)" (right), who has stood in front of a particular street market since the 1600s. It is said if you put a coin in the fountain at his feet you'll have good luck, and if you rub his nose, you'll return to Florence some day.

In fact, Il Porcellino has become so beloved that he's had kids . . . sort of. The current sculpture is a duplicate (the original is in Florence's Uffizi museum), and you can see other copies all over the world, including New York, Paris, Munich, and the [Viansa vineyard](#) in Sonoma, CA.



Visitors to Rundle Mall in Adelaide, Australia, are met by life-sized bronze pigs Oliver, Horatio, Truffles (above), and Augustus (left). Together, they make up the artwork "A Day Out" by Marguerite Derricourt.

## Video Break: Johnny Applepig is not fooled by your security

We never get tired of watching videos of pigs demonstrating their intelligence. They make us feel better about the ways our own porky pals outsmart us. [This video](#) is another great example - if you don't want your apples to be eaten, why leave them laying right out in the open . . . in a closed drawer in the fridge? We're guessing the videographer knew what was going to happen, but we're also willing to bet they were caught by surprise the first time this pig-tailed cat burglar pulled off a fruity heist.

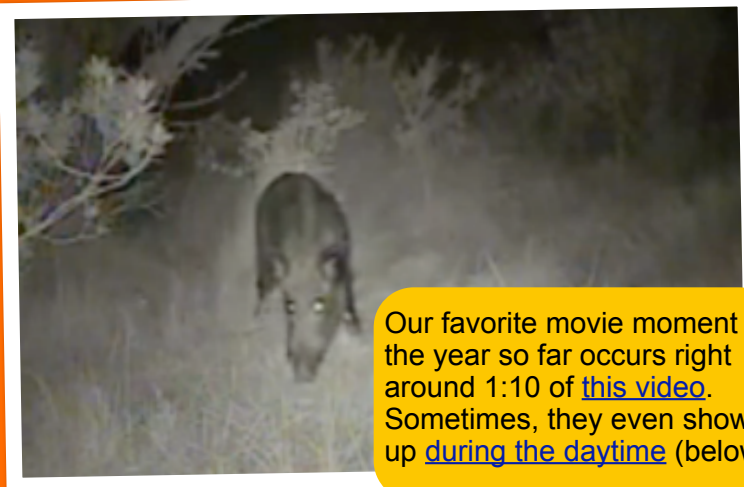


## Video Break: The Wild Boar Live Webcam is back!

The idea is simple: Take a motion-activated, night-vision camera, slap it somewhere inconspicuous, and see what shows up.

In some neighborhoods, this would be a terrible idea. Do we really need to catch our neighbor outside in his bathrobe again? But when the camera happens to be located in a forest populated by wild boars, in a spot where the site operators built a watering hole and spread food nightly, we become very interested very quickly.

Marcie got so hooked on this thing last year, it wasn't even funny. Now it's your turn. You can check out the season's highlights at [this link](#) or watch the nightly live webcam for yourself [here](#). The boars appear most evenings somewhere between 9 and 10 pm Spain-time, which is noon-1pm for California viewers, but they're showing up at other times as well.



Our favorite movie moment of the year so far occurs right around 1:10 of [this video](#). Sometimes, they even show up [during the daytime](#) (below).





# Perfect place-settings for a pleasing pig-nic

CPPA board members Holly and Richard know well that kitchenware can be as artistic as it is functional. So it's no shock that their pig-themed tableware was recently showcased by a blog focusing on creatively-themed table settings. In fact, they had so much to display, the blog came back for a second lunch. Though we're thinking the company had something to do with it as well.

On Day One, Violet hosted and displayed a wide assortment of pig plates, pots, and baskets.



Not to be outdone, Sweet Pea hosted the second lunch, which included a hand-made pig pitcher and a demonstration of proper pig-sweep/scratching technique.





## Skin care secrets and exercise tips from Jerry the Pig

CPPA member Linda made an interesting discovery about the stealth benefits of daily moisturizing cream for your pig:

“Jerry has always had bad skin. Probably he’s always had mites. Since I’ve had him I have used Aveeno daily moisturizing lotion on him. Being a blonde pig in the desert he needs skin care. I would also bathe him outside on hot days and rub the lotion all over him. (Me chasing Jerry around with shampoo and then lotion didn’t help with my relationship with the neighbors...but that’s another story.) I did not do much lotion this winter and the mites took over.

I think I have been keeping the mites under control with the lotion. I just found out it has dimethicone in it, which is used for humans with lice. So, the dimethicone and petroleum in the lotion suffocates the mites and some eggs just like it does human lice. Also, it stops itching, and when Jerry has the lotion all rubbed in him the flies don’t set on him. Except I can’t put it near his eyes, of course.

To sum it all up, I accidentally learned Aveeno daily moisturizing lotion helps repel flies, stop itch, condition skin and hair, AND suffocate superficial mites all at a reasonable cost.”

Sounds like mite-y good advice to us. Right? Right? (Oh come on, you would have made that same joke . . . ).



Jerry likes to stay lean by pushing a hole-filled bottle of popcorn around the yard.



Like most pigs, Jerry also recommends frequent mud facials.

## Dippity Pig Syndrome - silly name, serious condition

Dippity Pig Syndrome (DPS) is a horrifying pig disease. Symptoms include: limited use of the pig's back legs, screaming in pain (the pig, not you), sensitivity to touch, and/or bloody fluid coming from red, moist patches of skin in the rump/spinal area. Sounds awful, right? It is.

If you see your pig showing signs of Dippity Pig, DON'T PANIC! and whatever you do, DO NOT let your vet (or anyone else) euthanize your pig.

Despite its gruesome symptoms, DPS is easy to treat into submission - you can give baby aspirin, children's benadryl, and use cortisone cream. And do what you can to minimize stress in your pig's life. The pig will usually recover in a day or two.

Here are several things we know about Dippity Pig Syndrome:

- It typically begins to appear in early spring or whenever the weather first warms up wherever you and your pig live (and when the pigs begin sunbathing).
- Usually we see it for the first time in pigs under two years of age.
- Sometimes it happens to that same pig for the next year or two and then never again, or maybe again later in life one more time.
- But age isn't the only determining factor. Recently our email inquires from around the world all seem to be coming from people with female pigs, young and old.

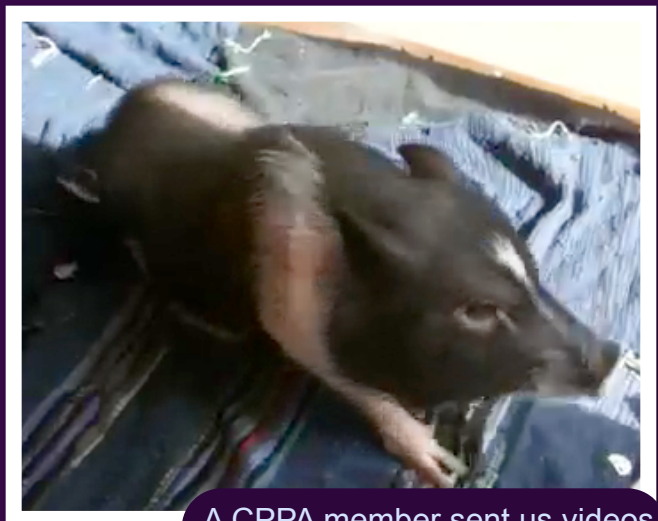
Please [check our website](#) for more information on Dippity Pig Syndrome - it's a scary thing to see, but an easy thing to overcome once a correct diagnosis is made.

### Call to Action: Take the CPPA Dippity Pig survey!

We need to know more about Dippity Pig Syndrome. I would like to ask our membership a couple of questions. With nearly 2000 people on this list we could compile some good information.

- 1) If your pig had DPS approximately how old was the pig when it first occurred?
- 2) What gender is your pig?
- 3) Was he/she neutered or spayed the first time DPS occurred? What about when it recurred?
- 5) How long did each episode of DPS last?
- 4) Has the pig had DPS symptoms more than once? If so, at what ages?
- 5) What time of year did it occur and where did he/she live (city, state and country)?
- 6) Did you do anything that seemed to help?

Please reply back to Marcie at [info@cppa4pigs.org](mailto:info@cppa4pigs.org). We appreciate this. It might help us better understand this affliction.



A CPPA member sent us videos ([here](#) and [here](#)) of a pig showing Dippity Pig symptoms. They slathered her with cortisone and gave her coated aspirin, and in 48 hours, she was fine.



## Enrich your pig's life with fun treat puzzles

Pigs are smart. We all know that. And with that brain power, which contributes to their incredible capacity to love and participate as a member of the family, comes a need for mental stimulation. Without it, a pig can become listless, or even worse, rambunctious.

No, you don't have to start saving the Sunday paper's crossword puzzle for your pigs, or figure out how to do a jigsaw puzzle with them. But there are many fun ways to make them work a little for their next snack that will both keep them alert and healthy and give you a chuckle as you watch them work it out. We've listed a few here, and there are tons more on [our website](#).



CPPA members Kelli and Michael's pigs love nibbling on a watermelon slice hung just within their reach. You could also thread treats onto a string and let your pigs pull them through a hole in a barrel or a hanging tray (below), or freeze them in an ice ring (bottom right).



Pigs love edible plants and greens loosely tucked into a mop head or rope braid.



## GoodSearch makes it even **EASIER** to help pigs

CPPA is a non-profit organization. If we spend money, it's to rescue, relocate, heal, feed, or otherwise help a pig. And we're supported by donations. If you'd like to contribute, here are four simple ways you can donate **someone else's** money. Isn't the internet amazing?

### 1. Use GoodSearch

GoodSearch is an internet browser, just like Google. The difference is, every time you search using GoodSearch, it makes a donation to the charity of your choice. For free!

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com), type "CPPA" in the space labeled "Choose your cause", click the "Get Started" button, and you're all set!

### 3. Use GoodDining

You like food, right? Sure. We all do. [GoodDining](#) is right there on the GoodSearch homepage as well. You do have to register, and you'll get some promotional ads in your email, but in exchange they'll make a donation to CPPA (up to 6% of your bill) every time you eat at any of more than 10,000 restaurants and pay by credit card--and again, you don't pay a cent.

### 2. Use GoodShop

Ever shop online? Then you'll love GoodShop. It's an effortless way to make a donation while you get new stuff. While you're at GoodSearch, click any link that says "Shop" or "GoodShop".

When the GoodShop page loads, check that CPPA shows up as your chosen charity, then type the name of the store you want: Amazon, Target, Starbucks . . . whatever. You'll see a column of coupons on the left side and a big, orange "Shop Now" button on the right. Click that button and you'll be taken to the online shop you chose.



Type in the store name, click the big, orange button, and buy yourself something nice. Can't get much easier than that!

Now shop! As long as you got there through GoodShop, no matter what you buy, GoodShop will donate a percentage of your purchases to CPPA.

### 4. Install the GoodSearch toolbar

Is it all too much to remember? No worries! Click the GoodApp link to install quick links to all of GoodSearch's goodies in your Internet Explorer or Firefox (PC) menu bars.



**Is it worth it?**

Absolutely! As a group, CPPA members have earned nearly \$600 from GoodSearch so far. We can do a lot of good for pigs with that!

**\$575.53**  
amount raised



## Wild warthog lowers his tusks and asks for belly rub

We came across [this story](#) recently and couldn't wait to tell you all about it. We aren't going to cut and paste the whole thing, because that would be rude, but nothing could keep us from sharing it with you. We don't want to spoil too much about the story, but we can tell you this: It's about a wild boar on a hippo reserve in Africa and it left us wiping away happy tears. Go [read it now!](#)



## Checking in with Bonnie & Frankie, the therapy pig

Some of you may remember a story we ran last September about CPPA member Bonnie and her pig Frankie, who is a registered therapy pig. For those who are curious, here is Bonnie's description of just what exactly a "therapy pig" does.

"What an honor it is to be a part of this fantastic organization. Frankie is currently one of 2 or 3 therapy pigs in the U.S. at this time, according to the home office in Washington. This is a program which certifies many breeds of animals to visit schools, hospitals and even prisons. At this time we see cats, dogs, bunnies and even a therapy rat when we visit. I understand they have horses and even a camel that have visited the Shriners Hospital for Children where we go most often. We also visit several Alzheimer's clinics and homes for the developmentally disabled.



The residents will be encouraged to lean over and pet the animal as a part of physical therapy if appropriate, or to try to interact with the animal in any way that the staff feels would be beneficial for the resident of that facility. Alzheimer's patients frequently throw their arms around Frankie and tell them that they love him. Children are very entertained just by looking at Frankie and petting him as they come and go from surgery. He is bathed and groomed prior to every visit, of course. As each child touches him I spray a special non-alcoholic antiseptic spray on the hands of the burned children before and after they touch him, as is required of all therapy animals.

Frankie just loves these visits. He sits quietly in the wagon as we go from room to room, even up and down the elevators.

The Shriners staff even encourage tiny infants to interact with him as part of their recovery from burns or other surgeries. Because the children can spend many months without leaving the hospitals, they try to bring the world to them inside. Frequently a child will have a burned limb amputated and they will stroke Frankie with a cast on a partial arm, and even if they just thump the arm against him in a rough manner trying to be close to him he never minds, or shies away. It's amazing, because outside of the hospital setting if someone tried to bang something hard against him he would be upset, and leave. In these medical facilities, though, a child can even bonk him on the head with a box of crayons or something, and he is just fine with it."

Thanks, Bonnie! And readers, for more info on this program, go to <https://www.deltasociety.org/>

## Pig Stories: Remembering our loved ones

As we age, so do the four-legged members of our family, which leads inevitably to saying good-bye. But gone is not forgotten. Several CPPA members have written remembrances/stories of their passed-on friends. Click the links in the captions for the full stories, and please send us your own pig tales, bittersweet or just plain sweet, at [info@cppa4pigs.org](mailto:info@cppa4pigs.org). We would be happy and honored to include them in [pig tales](#).



Chris with buddy Riff, known to his loyal subjects as the Sheriff of Rottingham. Read about him [here](#) and [here](#).



Tim describes his friend Willow (left) as "Always wise, usually hungry, and frequently grumpy, but always with a heart of gold."

Marcie talks about Standlee (below right), the terminally ill Arrrj (below left) and how to come to terms with it all in [Living, Loving, and Losing](#).





## Treat box: Pig-themed goodies galore!

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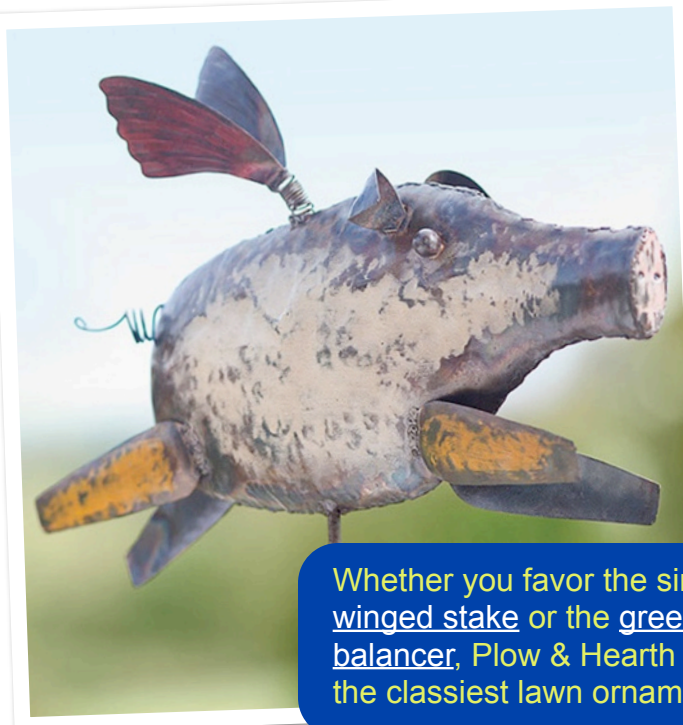


A quick mosey over to [Overstock.com](http://Overstock.com) will net you this adorable pig backpack for \$28. Not cheap, but cuteness like this is worth a few extra bucks--especially when you can also get a matching [roller bag](#) (below).



We've seen plenty of pig rings over the years, but this stainless steel cutie's head, arms and legs actually move. Available in sizes 6 to 10 from [Amazon](http://Amazon).





Whether you favor the simple, red-winged stake or the green-feathered balancer, Plow & Hearth might have the classiest lawn ornaments on Earth.



Normally, we'd save Christmas ornaments for our November newsletter, but we're afraid Overstock.com might sell out of these boxed sets of wooden pig ornaments by then. We've seen the brown one, and the picture doesn't do them justice.



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