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Don't forget to RSVP for the CPPA Hog-i-day party!



Artist's representation of Chris and Marcie putting up the Christmas decorations.

5pm on Saturday, November 19th. Mark it on your calendar, call the sitter, and put on your buffet pants.

Why? Because it's time once again to gather together with other CPPA peeps and eat, drink, be merry, eat, trade pig ornaments, and eat some more. As usual, Marcie and Chris Christensen will host the event at their home, and it helps if they have a head count ahead of time. So be sure to send a note to info@cppa4pigs.org and let them know you're coming. You won't want to miss it!

Urgent help needed: No tricks, all treat. A chance to assist a sanctuary in need.



Speaking of our favorite people and sanctuaries, our friends Lorelei and Ron Pulliam over at [Ranger's Refuge](#) could use our help. Urgently, in fact. In case you're not familiar with Ranger's Refuge, it's located in Virginia and is currently home to dozens of pigs, as well as several horses (who are used as therapy animals for local children), chickens, donkeys, and goats. Even cats and dogs.

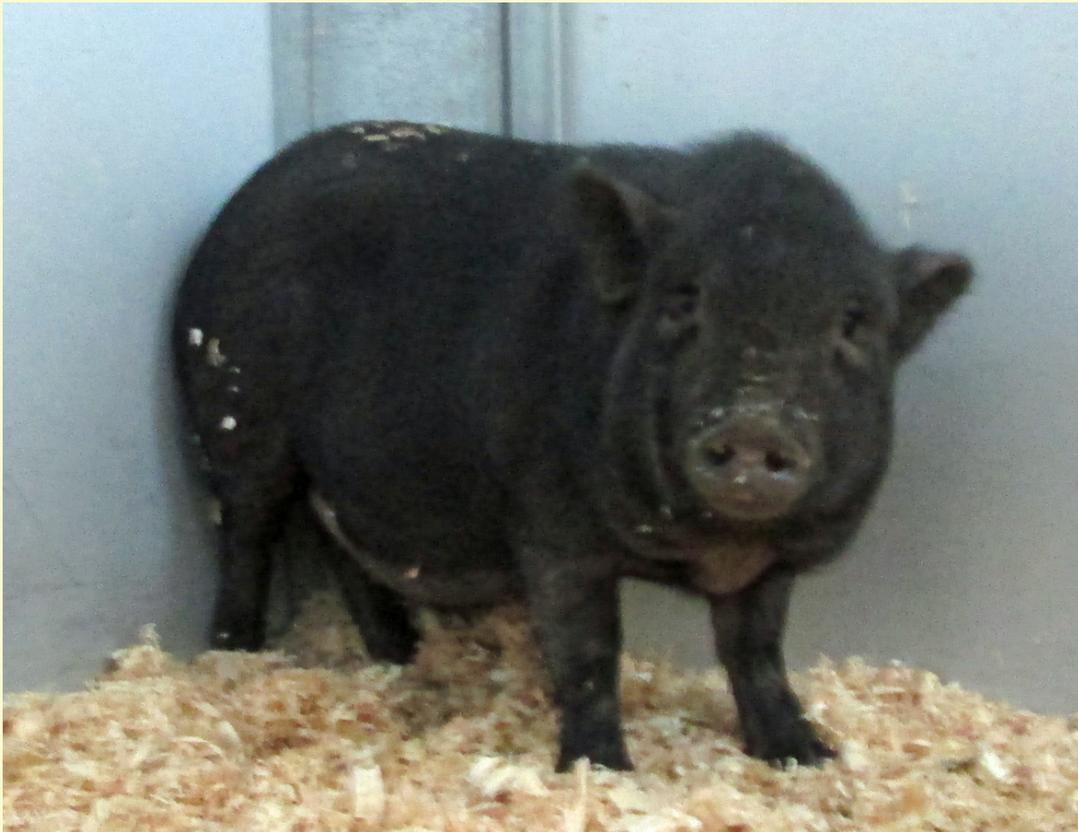
Unfortunately, Ranger's Refuge is also under attack. A very large and remarkably bloodthirsty bear has broken through their fencing and attacked the animals on more than one occasion. One pig has died and multiple others have been wounded. Although they've been given permission to kill the bear, neither Ron nor Lorelei own a gun, and even if they did they wouldn't feel right about killing the bear. Plus, they have needed a larger, less rugged site for some time now. So they have decided to relocate the sanctuary.

That's where CPPA members can help. The new location has been found, but the funding to purchase that site hasn't come together just yet. They need help. And they need it fast, because the **Nov 1st** deadline is right around the corner.

Fortunately, it only takes a couple minutes to make a donation. Why not head over to their page at [YouCaring.com](#) (it's like kickstarter for humanitarian causes) and kick in a little early holiday cheer? There's no doubt it's for a good cause.

You can also watch a video about the sanctuary [here](#).

Who wants to adopt a new baby [pig]?



Here's a sure-fire way to have a happy hog-i-day season: add more pigs! Or at least one more. This darling girl recently arrived at Contra Costa County animal control in Martinez (California) and badly needs a new forever home.

She's a bit skittish, as most any pig in her situation would be. But she's absolutely docile enough for adoption (and should relax over time). She looks to be about a year old, and appears healthy. She does need to be spayed--it's crucial to her health and attitude--but CPPA can help out with funding on that if necessary.

If you're interested in adopting her, please call Contra Costa County animal control directly (925-335-8300). Her livestock ID is #A863889 and she's in kennel BN05, but we're guessing "the pig" is all you'll really need to say.

Finally, if this little lady doesn't seem like the right fit for you (or if she's adopted by the time you read this), remember the CPPA website maintains an [ongoing list](#) of adoptable pigs in need of new homes.

Best headline ever: "Teacup Pigs Are the Cutest Scam in the World"

It's practically guaranteed that anyone reading this newsletter already knows that true "teacup" pigs, who stay small enough to sleep in a shoebox their whole lives, do not exist. But this article on planetexperts.com is still worth a read. It's an in-depth mythbusting of the teacup pig scam and a great primer on pigs as pets, complete with tons of input from Sue Parkinson, one of our favorite people, of [Li'l Orphan Hammies](#), one of our favorite pig rescues.



(Photo credit: Li'l Orphan Hammies)

Once you've done that, you may also want to check out this lovely article from Every Animal Project, titled *Poppyseed: the "Teacup" Toddler*. We'll warn you, it's bittersweet. But it's nonetheless a wonderful story.

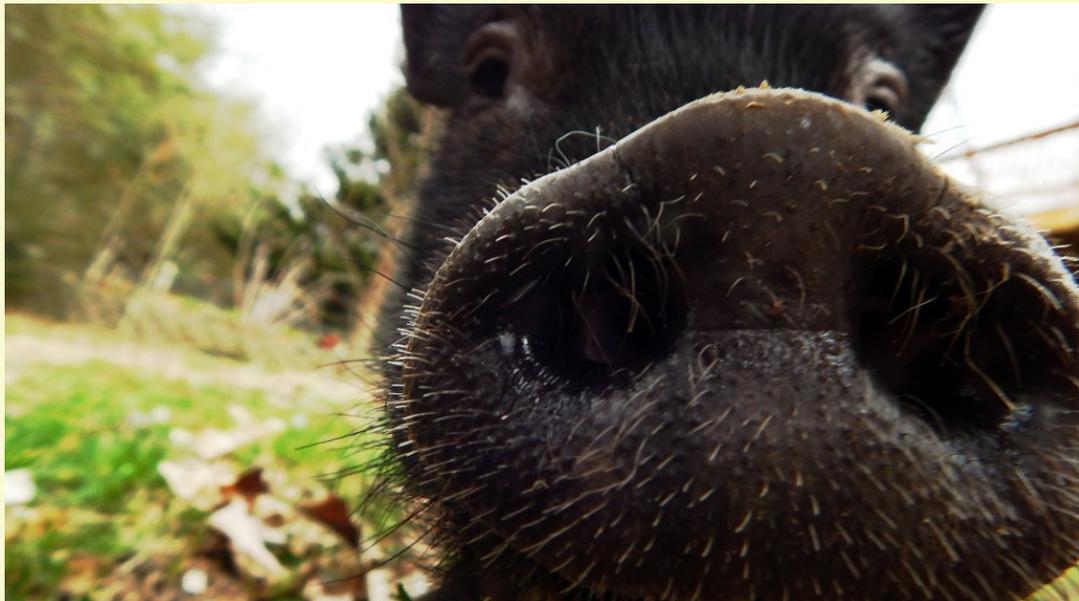


Photo credit: Laura Lee Cascada

"A Pig Named Charlotte"



Our friend AnneMarie Dapp over at Sock Monkey Ranch recently posted [this lovely and thought-provoking story](#) about her newest piggy kid: and Old Spot Gloucester girl named Charlotte. The story touches upon a wide range of topics, from potbellies and teacup pigs to veganism and full-sized porkers like Charlotte and her kind. It's a nice read.

Video break: The best cell phone commercial you will ever see

Here in the US, our cell phone commercials usually consist of colored balls and signal bars, random celebrities (Ricky Gervais, Jamie Foxx) and that hipster guy with glasses who can't seem to decide which company's spokesman he is. But in New Zealand? They get [this](#) adorably heartwarming ad. Frankly, if it didn't flash a company logo at the end, this could pass for our favorite new short film.



Warning: Dogs love bacon, and not in a good way



It's tough to imagine our dogs as anything other than loving, but to a pig, they can be deadly.

Dogs may be man's best friend, but pigs aren't men, and the pig/dog friendship is much more complicated. This is not to say that pigs and dogs can never get along, but you have to be wary. [This BayWoof article](#), which shares a ton of wisdom from sources including CPPAers Chris Christensen and Bonnie Morgan, should be required reading for all pig owners.

Video break: Koa's story



[This](#) is a quick-but-heartwarming story about a rescue pig who went from an abusive non-home to a home where the biggest danger is getting snuggled to death. You'll love it.

Just one word of warning: there's one kind of gory image of Koa's injuries soft-stomached folks may want to avoid. If you don't want to see it, just pause at the 20-second mark and skip to the 26-second mark. But don't let that deter you, because everything else here is pure gold.

Treat box: piggy t-shirt mania

Here's a little exchange you might recognize:

Person #1: Don't you think you have enough pig t-shirts already?

Person #2: Ha ha ha. You're funny.

If that sounds familiar to you, you're going to either love or hate (depending upon whether you're person #1 or 2) this [link to Sunfrog.com](#). It will take you to a list of dozens of pig-themed t-shirts and hoodies in a wide assortment of colors. True, this link will show you anything in the "pig" category, so you'll have to sift through many bacon-focused and guinea pig-themed items to get to the potbellied goods. But it's still worth your time. There's some great stuff here.

Note: Don't forget to click the "View More Designs" button at the bottom of the web page whenever you hit it. Some of the best designs are several pages in.



Final shot: Wild pigs play pumpkin-ball in street

A facebook user in a group titled [Weird Stuff You'll Only See in/near Tucson](#) recently posted this picture of apparently wild Javelina pigs treating the holiday decorations like public property. While we did offer a moment of silence for the pumpkin pie some home owner will never get to make, you have to admit this whole scene is pretty awesome.



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