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Help Put an End to the Myth of the "Micro-Mini Teacup Pig"

Like CPPA, Best Friends Animal Society's Piggy Paradise is working hard to stop breeders and the media from spreading stories of Micro-Mini or Teacup Pigs. Read their press release at: <http://tinyurl.com/NoTeacupPigs> and forward it on to anyone you know who shares the misconception of these "mini" pigs.

Additionally, check out CPPA's page on "Tiny Pigs" – <http://tinyurl.com/TinyPigLinks>

Wanted: A Home for the Holidays, and Happily Ever After...

If you're planning on expanding your family, or are fortunate enough to have room for another potbelly or two on your property, please consider adopting Elmer, Sara or Miss Piggles Worth.

Longtime CPPA member, and mother of Elmer and Sara, passed away recently and her two loving adult (15 & 17 year old) outdoor pigs need a new home.

They are currently in Concord, on a property that is up for sale, so please don't delay. For more info on these pigs (who hopefully can remain together!) please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/Elmer-Sara>

And if you're looking for just one pig to add to your family, Miss Piggles Worth is currently in foster care in Herald, CA (near Sacramento). This beautiful, sweet pig is deaf and needs a home where she can make noise without disturbing near-by neighbors. Learn more about this affectionate special-needs pig at: <http://tinyurl.com/MissPigglesworth>



Elmer and Sarah (left) and Miss Piggles Worth (below)



Good Shopping!

Don't forget to do all of your online shopping using Good Shop! Shopping through Good Shop earns money for CPPA and saves you money through exclusive Good Shop discounts and offers.

Download the new Good Shop [toolbar](#) and CPPA will **automatically** be credited for virtually all of your purchases at Good Shop's participating stores in the future, without you having to re-visit the Good Shop site.

Stores that partner with Good Shop donate anywhere from 1% to 14% of the price of your purchase to CPPA. Partner stores include Amazon, Toys R Us, Best Buy, Apple, Gap, E-bay and more 1,300 other online retailers.

There is NO COST to you to shop this way. NOT using the Good Shop toolbar is like taking money away from your favorite charitable organization! Don't wait – do it today, and make all your online purchases count.

HOG-I-DAY SHOPPING GUIDE

cool pig stuff you probably don't need but really want anyway...

1. Great Gift Idea: Personalized Pig Blanket!

*(Buy if for yourself,
but claim it's for your pig!)*

This is one of those items you can buy guilt-free under the guise of a gift for your pig, but really – it's you who wants it. Though my pig has never been particular about what his blankets look like (if he can reach it, he lays on or under it) – I'm certain he's hoping to find one with his handsome mug on it beneath our Christmas tree!

Visit www.dogzzzz.com to order a blanket or bed with your pet's portrait on it. There are 42"x 36" throws (\$40); 42"x 72" throws (pictured above; \$60); as well as beds and bed covers in various sizes and shapes. It takes 7-10 days; so get your order in soon!



2. Keep Your "Piggies" Warm this Winter

These wool pig slippers come in women's sizes 6-11 and are available at: <http://tinyurl.com/PigSlippers>

The slippers cost \$70, but if you place your order by Dec. 18, you'll receive a free \$10 rewards card for future purchases from Plow & Hearth.



HOG-I-DAY Shopping Guide Continued...

3. Diamond Pig Earrings and Pendant

Sterling silver with rose gold and diamond accents – these pigs sparkle! A great conversation starter at holiday parties... “why yes, that is a pig’s butt dangling from my earlobe...”

Available for \$99 each, the earrings and pendant can be found in Helzberg Diamonds stores, or online at <http://tinyurl.com/DiamondPigs> (the earrings are also listed, but currently out-of-stock at <http://tinyurl.com/ZalesPigs> for less; they are not available in Zales stores).



Gifts that Give Back:

1. Let others know you're helping an animal-in-need in their honor by giving a donation to <http://tinyurl.com/PieceOfPeace> or sending a check to <http://tinyurl.com/ContactCPPA> - or let those shopping for you know that's what you'd like them to do for you this year!

2. Get/Give CPPA merchandise through: <http://tinyurl.com/CPPACafePress>

3. Buy (or renew) a one-year membership to The Happy Pig Collectors Club for \$25: <http://www.happypigcollectors.com/>

Hog-i-day Party

The hospitable potbellied pigs Standlee and Riff Christensen (along with their parents Marcie and Chris, the President and Treasure of CPPA), generously opened up their home to more than 20 pig people and friends at the recent CPPA hog-i-day party.

Given the option of making a small donation to the club, or being video taped singing “Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel” while wearing a musical Santa hat and hopping on one leg – guests eagerly contributed cash in lieu of public humiliation and nearly \$300 was collected.

The pig ornament exchange was a success and Marcie, who was thought to already own one or more copies of every pig ornament ever produced, actually got six new, non-duplicates. Everyone who came with an ornament left with a new one. And thanks to some skilled chefs and a well-organized pot-luck, we all left with full bellies after a fun night. (Though Standlee and Riff found guests to be rather rude in keeping their plates out of pig-range.)

