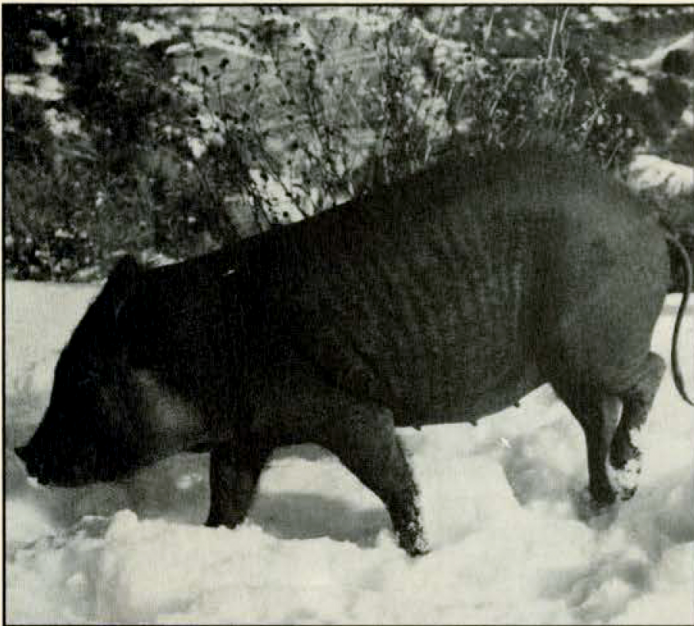


News from Best Friends



Mollie comes to Best Friends

Mollie had been evicted! From her very own home. It was on the local TV news, in the papers, even on CNN. But she had to be out of the house, and right out of the neighborhood, or she'd be picked up by city officials.

Mollie is a completely domestic, fully house-trained potbellied pig, the size of a medium dog, who was adopted by Mike Holloman, a young church minister, and his wife, Patti, in Pocatello, Idaho, just a year ago. And suddenly, out of the blue, someone somewhere decided that since their home was not zoned as a farm, Mollie was breaking the law. The city agreed that this was indeed the letter of the law. Mollie was evicted.

Out of fashion. A couple of years ago she could probably have found a new home pretty quickly. Chinese and Vietnamese potbellied pigs were very fashionable. People all over America were snatching them up as pets. But the fad started wearing off, and there are a lot of these little guys looking for new homes.

Now many of them end up at such places as **PIGS: A Sanctuary** in Charles Town, West Virginia, where Dale Riffle and Jim Brewer take care of, and find homes for, pigs in need.

Dale heard about Mollie's plight and called Faith Maloney at Best Friends to see if we could take Mollie. Best Friends is totally full, said Faith, but we'll find a place for her!

A new home. Then we got on our Telephone Lifeline to a few Best Friends members to ask for the necessary help to get a decent home prepared for Mollie at the sanctuary. Indeed the first person we spoke to remembered seeing Mollie on CNN, and was delighted to be able to help her.

Just before she left Pocatello, Mollie was visited one last time by TV and newspaper crews, and then she and Mike and Patti set out for Best Friends.

A local TV crew was waiting for her when she arrived at this end too!

And as the cameras whirred here in our main staff area, Mollie, with an unerring sense of smell and humor, dived for a very nice-looking box of chocolates! (Chocolates are **not** good for pigs, so Mollie got grapes instead.)

Taking care of potbellied pigs. These little pigs need a very special diet to keep them well and healthy. They're generally good with cats and small dogs. But bigger dogs occasionally see them as competition.

Mollie is now settled in a nice new home at Best Friends, but there are other little pigs available to people who might like to adopt one. We recommend you call **PIGS: A Sanctuary**. For details see the ad on page 15.



Ollie is one of the older horses at Best Friends. He'd suffered some abuse and came to us several years ago at the request of the State of Arizona. Judy Fulgham of Flagstaff, AZ, recently sent three wonderful new horse blankets, which arrived just in time to protect Ollie and others of the older horses if they go out in the cold and rain. Here he is, modeling his new outfit!