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Dear Friends,

People call the Sanctuary year-round asking us to take in needy animals. In spring, these requests increase. With the warm weather, animals in already dire circumstances have litters of piglets, kittens, and puppies. In turn, more people contact **PIGS** requesting help. Though we cannot take in every animal, we help as many as we can. I would like to introduce you to some of our newest rescues:



FRANCES BACON. Frances Bacon was found on the side of a busy road in North Carolina when she was less than two weeks old. The people who found her brought her to their small animal vet. The vet put her in a cage, but did not know what to do with her. Lacking any other options, the veterinarian made preliminary arrangements to send Frances to a farm. Where, in time, she would become bacon.

A few days later, a **PIGS** supporter went to pick-up his cats from the vet. While there, he heard a squealing pig. Our supporter left the vet's office that day with his cats, plus a six-pound piglet! He called **PIGS** right away asking how to care for the little girl until he could get her to the Sanctuary. Two weeks later, he drove all the way from North Carolina to deliver Frances in person.

Frances lived in the **PIGS** office for over a month until she was big enough to go outside in a specially made barn and yard to suit her size. She is now 35-pounds and having a blast. She is very social and loves attention from staff, volunteers, and visitors.



MUDD. One cold, rainy, Sunday afternoon, five neighborhood children came running up the lane. In the arms of one of the children was a wet, muddy towel. Once they caught their breath, the children explained that they were playing in the creek when they found a cat buried in the mud. They opened the towel to reveal a soaking wet, shivering, mud-covered brown tabby. They tried taking Mudd home, but their parents wanted nothing to do with him. Could we help? We took the poor cat out of their arms and promised to take good care of him.

We immediately took Mudd into our on-site hospital. We began to exam him and clean him up. The mud was so thick that we couldn't even see any fur. He seemed to be in good health, just very cold. Then we noticed that his tail was completely limp. Upon further examination, we saw it had been broken at the base. We suspect that someone had held him by the tail as they threw him into the creek.

We worked for almost two hours cleaning Mudd. We piled a cage high with blankets and heating pads and tucked him in. Mudd has recently joined the rest of our feline population in the indoor/outdoor cattery. He is a wonderful, sweet cat who adores people and would love to someday have a human family of his own.



EDDIE. Eddie was born on a Virginia hog farm. He was the runt of the litter and could not fight his siblings for his fair share of food. At only three-days old, his Mom tossed him aside. His owner was going to dispose of him when a neighbor stopped by to see the new piglets. She saw the little brown and white pig in the corner and asked if she could take him home. The farmer agreed, and Eddie went to live in the suburbs!

When he turned six-weeks old, his rescuer realized that her home was not adequate for an animal who would someday become an 800-pound pig. She made many calls and finally found **PIGS**.

Eddie arrived at the Sanctuary when he was only three-months old. We had him vaccinated, dewormed and neutered. After a few days, we introduced him to Frances Bacon. It was love at first sight and now the two toddlers have a blast playing and napping together.



TOMMY. Near dusk, after most the staff had gone home and the animals were nestled in their barns for the night, we had a knock at the front door of the sanctuary house. Standing outside was our UPS deliveryman, a large guy who always takes a moment to pet the animals when he drops off a package. He was quick to state he did not have a delivery, but instead needed our help.

He explained that he was driving down the road and saw a dog toss something up in the air and catch it again. When he looked more closely, the “something” was a kitten. He scared off the dog and scooped up the tiny kitten. The man told us he had to finish his deliveries and he did not know what to do with the kitten. "It just needs a place to die," he said. He gave us the poor little two-pound kitten and left to finish his rounds.

We went up to the hospital to examine the kitten. To our shock, we found that poor Tommy was missing the right side of his face! It was truly the worst injury we had ever seen. We began cleaning up the wounds and trimming away torn flesh. We gave antibiotics and IV fluids, and hoped for a miracle. During this entire painful experience, Tommy purred. We syringe fed him some special food and tucked him into a crate with heating pads and blankets. We honestly did not have much hope that he would make it through the night, but Tommy is a fighter! Each day he became stronger and the wounds on his face started to heal. We were amazed to see fur growing over the scars. Unfortunately, we were not able to save his right eye and Tommy had to undergo surgery to have it removed.

Today, Tommy is a healthy, energetic adolescent looking for a very special forever home. He is full of life and has lots of love to give!



GEORGE. With twenty other farm animals, six-month old George was confiscated from an out-of-state farmer who had abused and neglected his animals. When he was first seized, George was extremely ill with pneumonia.

He was immediately placed in foster care and given medical attention while his new caretakers sought a permanent home for him. When **PIGS** was contacted, we agreed to have him join our animal family. After two months in foster care, George finally arrived at **PIGS**.

He is such a sweetie! George loves belly rubs and playing with his ball. When he first arrived at the Sanctuary, George was put in isolation so we could closely monitor his health. We are continuing to treat him with antibiotics until he is completely well. Soon, he will join our other young pigs and have the chance to grow up with other piglets!

Without your support, **FRANCES BACON, MUDD, EDDIE, TOMMY** and **GEORGE** would not have had such happy endings. Thanks to you, **PIGS** was able to rescue these wonderful animals and will help many more in the months and years to come. Please continue to give what you can. It means the world to every single member of our animal family.

For the animals,

Laura Knox
President