



Before You Buy A Mini Pig

Mini pigs are unique pets with different needs than the more common dog or cat companion. It's important to research the needs & personality of pigs to decide if they are a good fit. Living with a mini pig is similar to living with a toddler for 15+ years! They are intelligent, affectionate, belligerent, easily spoiled, manipulative, highly vocal, and bond to their family with the strongest devotion. You become a part of their life as much as they become a part of yours. You must earn the trust, love, and respect of a mini pig, but it is well worth the effort. Mini pigs love like no other!

- 🐷 Find a veterinarian experienced with mini pigs; www.AMPAvets.com
- 🐷 Check local zoning ordinances and HOA or community rules
- 🐷 Find support groups; American Mini Pig Education group on FB
- 🐷 Research care and needs of mini pigs on the AMPA website
- 🐷 Avoid warning signs such as "micro" or "teacup" or tiny sizes
- 🐷 Expect realistic size of a mini pig, 15 + inches, 75-150 + lbs
- 🐷 Look for piglets 6-8+ weeks old, do NOT get bottle fed or underage piglets
- 🐷 Arrange for mini pig to be spayed, neutered, microchipped before bringing home
- 🐷 Ensure piglet has been socialized, handled lovingly, and is trusting of caretakers
- 🐷 Parasite prevention is important; don't make your family sick, ask for deworming schedule
- 🐷 Arrange for a secure outdoor area for mini pig to root and exercise
 - Area should be securely fenced in, livestock panels helpful
 - Keep area free from dogs that can be dangerous to mini pigs
 - Fence off any toxic plants or protected/landscaped areas
- 🐷 Watch for breeder red flags
 - Teacup, micro, or under 60 lbs estimated adult sizes
 - Claims of "the world's smallest" or "a special breed"
 - Underage, malnourished, unsocialized, disease ridden piglets
- 🐷 Choose an AMPA Registered Breeder you trust; www.AMPAbreeders.com

Learn more at www.AmericanMiniPigAssociation.com



Basic Care of Mini Pigs

Mini pigs are unique pets with different needs than the more common dog or cat companion. Routine care requirements are quite simple, but their daily interaction and enrichment needs are more complicated and demanding than other pets. When owners are prepared, sharing your life and heart with a pig is one of the most rewarding experiences!

Routine Care

- 🐷 Hoof trimming, done at home or at the vet; monthly, 6 months, or yearly
- 🐷 Tusk trimming, typically done at the vet; every 6 months to 2 years
- 🐷 Deworming at home or at the vet; every 4-6 months
- 🐷 Vaccinations at the vet; not always necessary, consult your veterinarian and city
- 🐷 Spay, Neuter, Microchip; preferably done before bringing home piglet

Daily Needs

- 🐷 Socialization to meet new people and experiences
- 🐷 Training basic manners, life skills, and boundaries
- 🐷 Routine – mini pigs thrive on a predictable routine
- 🐷 Respect of Space - teaching mini pigs leadership within the family
- 🐷 Healthy diet & portion sizes
- 🐷 Outdoor time to root in the dirt, exercise, and forage
- 🐷 Bonding time with family; training, belly rubs, forking

Items For Mini Pig

Mini pig harness	Food & water dish, no tip	Mini pig pellets	AMPA care & training books
Bed & blanket	Hoof nail file & clippers	Kennel or crate	Veterinarian phone #
Litter & pan	Baby or pet shampoo	First aid kit	Healthy treats

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