



## The Truth About Adding a Pet Pig To Your Family

- There is no such thing as a teacup pig, micro pig, nano, or pocket pig. There are mini pigs! They do not stay tiny like the cute baby pictures you see. The average mini pig will grow to be 60 – 150 pounds even if it is called a teacup, micro, super micro pig in the ad. Adult pigs, 5 years or older, under 60 pound are very rare.
  - A 10-30 pound adult pig is not possible. Pigs cannot stay at that low weight on proper healthy diet.
  - Pigs grow skeletally (in height) until they are 3 years old and they can continue to gain weight for a lifetime.
  - Check your zoning before thinking of adding a pig as a pet. Not every town/city allow them.
  - No one can accurately predict the adult weight that a piglet will grow to, just as we cannot predict the adult weight of our babies. Breeders should describe their pigs by age and measurements of height and body length in inches.
  - Piglets should never be sent home as bottle babies. This leads to death more often than it ends in a happy, healthy pig. Recommended age for placing piglets in a new home is 6-8 weeks after proper weaning and socialization. If you are offered a piglet under 6 weeks please ask if it can stay with mom until 6 weeks.
  - Pigs and dogs should never be left alone unsupervised.
  - Pigs and children are not always a good fit. A pig has the intellect of a 4-5 year old child so they are essentially an eternal toddler. They need lots of attention and they can get extremely loud when they are unhappy or bored.
  - Pigs must be spayed or neutered or they do not make good pets. They are moody, aggressive, smelly, cannot be housetrained, and the females are at extremely high risk for cancer
  - Pigs require lots of love and handling from an early age to become good pets. They are not naturally trusting animals like puppies.
  - Parent pigs should be at least one year old to reproduce. Ask how old the parent pigs are and know they will continue to grow until they are 3-5 years old.
- Pigs can make amazing pets. Please visit [www.americanminipigassociation.com](http://www.americanminipigassociation.com) for more information.

# American Mini Pig Association

To educate, advocate, and to protect miniature pigs,  
while encouraging responsible mini pig ownership.

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## Additional resources:

Find a vet [www.AMPAvets.com](http://www.AMPAvets.com)

Shop [www.AmericanMiniPigStore.com](http://www.AmericanMiniPigStore.com)

Find a breeder [www.AMPAbreeders.com](http://www.AMPAbreeders.com)

Find a mini pig [www.MiniPigClassifieds.com](http://www.MiniPigClassifieds.com)

Support Rescue [www.AmericanMiniPigRescue.com](http://www.AmericanMiniPigRescue.com)

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## Community Invitation:

The AMPA would like to invite you to join our educational Facebook group, American Mini Pig Education. This community group is hosted by our 501c3 nonprofit organization. Join us to share stories, photos, and videos of your mini pigs. Join the group before you bring home your pet pig to ask questions and help you prepare for this life change. Come say hello!

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