PIG COMPATABILITY QUESTIONAIRE

Please check all the boxes below so you can be sure a pet pig is a good fit for you.

☐ CHECK THE LAWS IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Many cities have out dated laws on the books when it comes to mini pigs. They are considered livestock and many times they are not allowed to live within city limits.

To find out if pigs are allowed in your neighborhood, call the city directly. The Chamber of Commerce in your town should be able to answer your questions. Take down the person's name and the date that you talked to them just in case a neighbor complains in the future.

☐ DO YOU RENT? CHECK WITH YOUR LANDLORD.

Don't assume that your landlord will allow pigs, even if they allow other kinds of pets. Ask permission to bring a mini pig into your rental. Get written confirmation and a signature to ensure that they don't change their mind.

☐ DO YOU HAVE SECURLY FENCED IN OUTDOOR SPACE?

Pigs need outdoor time so they can run around inside secure fencing. If you don't have permanent fencing, a temporary area that can be moved around the yard is also a good option. This is what I use for some of my pigs.

If you live in an area where you have no yard but are willing to diligently take your pig for walks so they can work off some of their energy, this is also an acceptable option.

☐ DO YOU HAVE AN AREA IN YOUR HOME THAT YOU CAN DESGNATE FOR YOUR PIG?

Pigs need a space of thier own. This space needs to be secure so they can't escape. When you aren't watching your pig, this is where they should be. It keeps them safe and it keeps your home safe.

It should be large enough for a litter box, bed, bowl and toy. It should be small enough that your piglet can make it to the litter box without getting lost.

☐ DO YOU HAVE A VET?

Mini pigs are considered exotic pets so not all vets see them. Call the vets in your area and specifically ask them if they see mini pigs. If they say yes, I like to ask if they also feel comfortable seeing mini pigs and how many mini pigs they see. This gives me a good idea of how knowledgeable they are.

☐ TALK WITH YOUR FAMILY.

Are you all ready for the time and attention it will take to raise a mini pet pig?

Pigs require a large time commitment. It takes several hours a day of exercise and interaction to keep pig's mind and body stimulated. They need this or they will get bored and can potentially become destructive.

☐ DO YOU ENJOY A QUIET HOME?

Pigs are very vocal creatures. They use over 20 vocalizations. In other words, pigs make a lot of sounds and noises. They are not quiet animals.

Pigs also are very much like a toddler. They can throw tantrums and test boundaries. They learn to manipulate by using their squeal.

☐ IS YOUR FAMILY CALM, PATIENT WHILE HOLDING BOUNDARIES?

Pigs test boundaries so they require patience and firm training. They are very fast learners so if you give in to bad behavior one time, they will push a little further next time. It takes consistency when it comes to sticking to the rules. Don't worry, if you're willing to put the time in, pigs make wonderful pets. I will help you so you know how to do this properly.

☐ WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU GO ON VACATION?

Do you have a reliable friend or neighbor that is willing to get to know your pig so they can piggy sit for you when you go away?

Pigs that are not raised around strangers can have a difficult time with new people. Keep them socialized with lots of people so they enjoy being cared for by someone new. For those who live within driving distance of us, we board pigs and would love to keep your pig for you while you are on vacation.

Thank you for taking the time to understand what a pet pig needs.
Being fully prepared will set you up for sucess.
Love,
Autumn