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## So You Want a Mini Pig?

We would like to ask your help in making things better in the mini pig world. Educating yourself before buying a mini pig will go a long way to making you and your pig happy in the long term. It can also help put a stop to piggy mills, dangerous breeding, and dead bottle babies. Never be afraid to ask questions BEFORE buying a mini pig. It should never be an impulse purchase.

The ethical, responsible standards we have set are:

1. No piglets sent home before 6-8 weeks of age AND properly weaned. We believe this age should follow animal welfare laws for cats and dogs.
2. No baby should be ripped off the sow and bottle-fed unless there is a medical issue or death of the sow. And especially never sold while still on the bottle. Piglets aren't like calves. We field calls from many unsuspecting buyers that lose the $300 or more piglet within the first 48 hours. Bottle feeding does NOT help you bond better! #bottlefeedingisnotcute
3. Breeding of mini pigs should never be done under 12 months of age and appropriate size. Smaller gilts (under 30lbs should be seen by a vet for approval to breed).
4. In order for a mini pig to be a pet pig, they must be handled daily with socialization, not born in a field, ripped off mama and sold.
5. Pigs and dogs should never be left unattended. Your pig came with 2 ears, help him keep them.
6. A responsible breeder will never promise weight and give you the ages and height of the parent pigs.
7. Dog food, cat food, bird food, hog feed, sweet feed, and cracked corn are not acceptable feeds. There are breeders, however, that have had good results with Purina Sow and Pig. We advise buyers to consult their vet for proper diet.
8. Pet pigs need to be spayed/neutered at a young age to avoid behavior & health problems.

**Thank you– Lynn @ preciouspigs.com, Leeanna @ hellopiggies.com, and Kimberly @ charmingminipigs.com**

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Some things to look for to make sure that you are getting a healthy piglet from an ethical!

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