

We went to Mobile Flea Market.. (a gathering spot for Backyard Breeders).. in July, two years ago. I had ALWAYS wanted a pig and had been doing my research about pig ownership for about 6-8 months prior to going to the flea market.

So, Michele, two of our friends and I are walking around, shopping.. low and behold.. THERE in a small cage with an Empty bowl and a piglet that is(so the seller says)10 weeks old. Michele said she Knew we were doomed as soon as she turned around and saw me holding the piglet. hee hee Of course the lil' bugger was adorable, rolled over for tummy rubs, grunting her lil' tiny grunts, flipping the bowl around with her smoochie nose, wagging her tiny tail.... ~smile~ After an hour to hour and a half debate. Would we be able to give her a proper home? Did we know enough about piggies to provide what she deserves? What if we aren't allowed to have one (our friend Promised that if we weren't allowed to keep her, we could home the piglet at her country property until we could find a home where we WERE allowed to have her)... YES, BEFORE we got our piglet, we KNEW that it would be a commitment, we wouldn't just DUMP her off on someone else, that is NEVER an option when you assume responsibility of another life!!

The person selling her assured us that she wouldn't get any bigger than 60lbs. In the meantime, we're hearing people debating buying her to "fatten her up" for a plate!!!! OMG, REALLY???! We bought Olivia. As we stepped out of the darker awning and into the sun, I looked at Olivia and it looked like her skin was CRAWLING!!! She was COVERED in, I didn't know, Lice, Mites.. something that made her miserable scratching and itching (No Wonder she LOVED all the scratching we gave her!!!).

So.... we had to find a "pig" vet, the thought that I had to find a "special" vet hadn't occurred to me!! We found out that Olivia was 5lbs, had worms and I knew NOTHING about PBP'S ha ha. We've learned from Vegaspigpets, Rossmillfarm and Miss Valentines PBP book, that the Best Food is Champion and we have to order it online + shipping... There are All Sorts of plants that are poisonous that piggies Will Eat.. They can root up an acre of Lawn in 2.3 seconds LoL... They Have to have a "routine" that does not change, they are "prey" and your dogs might try to kill them b/c the piggy will "challenge" the dogs and are as smart as a 3-4yr old getting into Everything for 20 years ha ha ha

Olivia is 2yrs old, 125lbs (pigs grow from 3-5yrs, I think) and the Song in My Heart!! I would not trade her for her weight in millions \$\$!! Michele and her Nephew went to Mobile Flea Market yesterday. She saw 3 PBP's for sale, piglets (smaller than Olivia was when we got her) being represented as 8 weeks old and guaranteed not to get bigger than 60lbs!! It Won't Stop until Everyone is Educated and Stops Buying into the Lies! I was guilty of feeding into the vicious cycle.. Now I actively join in the fight against these lies that leave PBP's abused and abandoned b/c of these low life people that only care about the \$\$ and assume No Moral or Physical Responsibility in breeding and selling PBP's!!

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