

2009

Hogaday

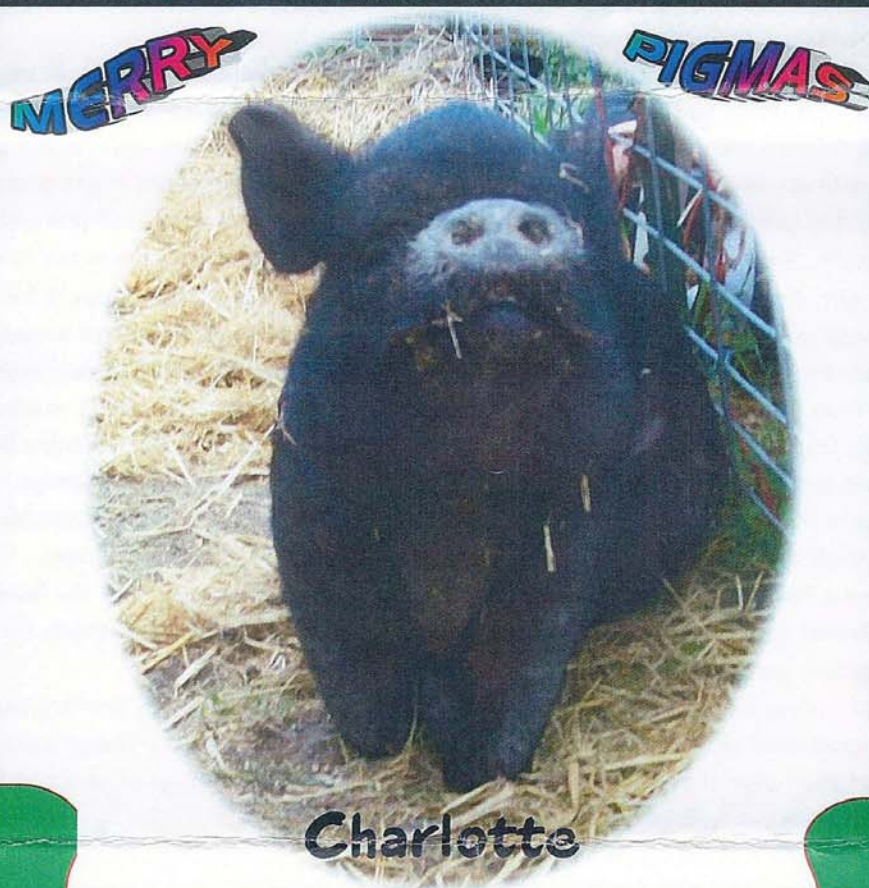
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Greetings

Christmas



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Charlotte



Eddie



Margaret



Mary



Tracey Mae



Maureen &  
Ernie

from Cuddly Critters Inc.





### Christmas Greetings from the Cuddly Critters

WOW! It's been another exciting, bittersweet year with many trials as well as tons of blessings. I hope this newsletter finds you and yours happy and well.

We are much appreciative of the continued support of our members, volunteers, new acquaintances and loyal contributors. Mere words are not enough to express our sincere gratitude for everything from financial donations, wish list items to contributions of time and effort to help keep our wonderful rescue/sanctuary going.

It's hard to believe but 2009 was our 18th year of operation and it was business as usual. Except for a few more geriatric animal residents and a few on borrowed time piggies and horses, overall our Critters are doing quite well. It used to take me an hour to feed each morning and night but with our new additions, more cleaning duties, more supplements and longer preparation time.....feeding takes about three to four hours++ in the morning from start to finish and three hours at night....time to do other things is from noon to 4:00 and then time for myself is after 11:00 at night. Taking care of the Critters is my labor of love and I wouldn't trade it for the world....a walk in my shoes might help to understand that a rescue/sanctuary is not an easy task but is rewarding and well worth it. I wouldn't trade my life for anything and am very thankful for it. Aside from the organization's financial needs, it runs quite smoothly. Finally, I now have help periodically from Alex a son of a friend. My only complaint about the rescue/sanctuary business is what I have to go through when a beloved pet dies and crosses over the Rainbow Bridge. My only consolation is that I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, they are in the best place possible and free from the trials of their earthly existence. It still doesn't make it any easier to cope.

We have a few new additions and a few who have graduated and crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. Overall, life is great and we live one day at a time with attitudes of gratitude for everything both good and bad.

This year Tracey Mae will be reporting on the comings and goings of Cuddly Critters because Patty has graduated to Pig Heaven. Stay tuned for the miracle machine and Tracey's progress plus many other short stories by the animals. Be sure to view our Memorial Page of pets who have passed over the Rainbow Bridge.

Through it all life is grand and worth living. Remember life is a journey.....we have to take the good with the bad and continue getting pruned all the time so we can grow and complete the purpose we were put on this earth for. In this time of turmoil we must keep our heads up and move forward....enduring to the end no matter what while staying focused and positive, believing things will get better! Thank you again for everything and best wishes for a Happy Hogaday Season, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Hogs & Kisses,

Momma Suey, Grammy Patty, Daddy Jerry and The Critters.

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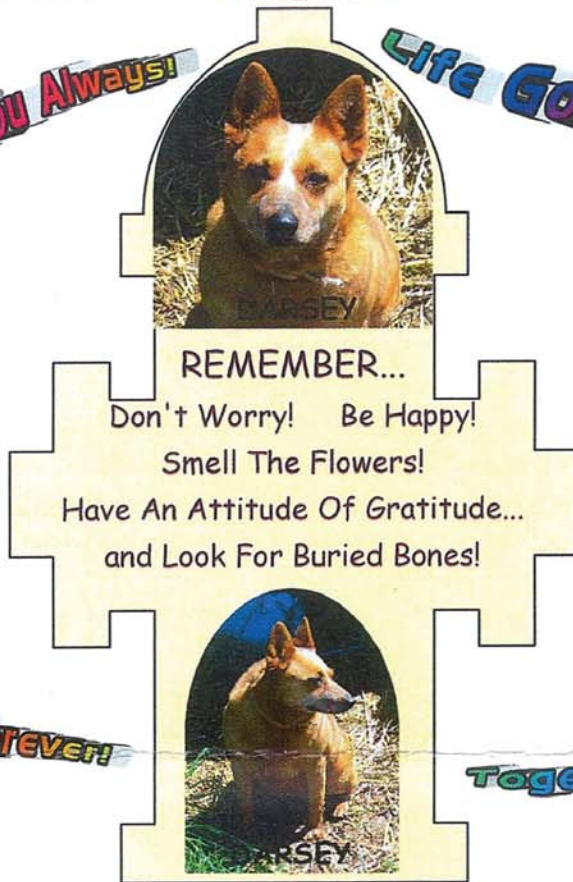


# Somewhere Over The Rainbow Bridge



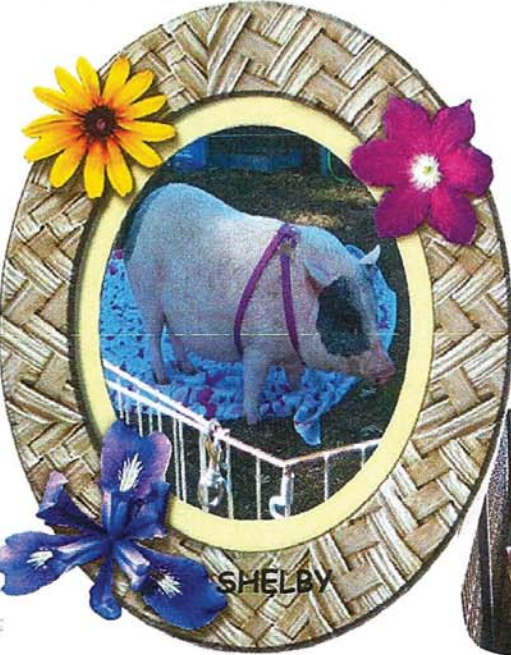
WE ARE WITH YOU ALWAYS!

LIFE GOES ON!



WE'LL REMEMBER YOU FOREVER!

TOGETHER FOR ALL ETERNITY!





## Our News in a Nutshell

### Christmas Greetings To All...

Hi, I'm Tracey Mae, the Head Potbellied Pig of 14 years and I'm reporting for the Cuddly Critters this year because Patty is spending Christmas with Heavenly Father and Jesus. Thanks to Juice Plus+, good food, vitamins and supplements, I am still kicking and my cancer is in remission. WHEEEEE! This year's been crazy as usual with Momma Suey swamped with chores and EVERYTHING under the sun on her plate. Her platter is full as ever which is why this newsletter is late. So pull up a chair, get comfy and enjoy our news in a nutshell...but first an answer to your questions about mom.

Momma Suey never gave up on her main dream and she is living it currently on a small scale and has been since 1991 at which time she started Cuddly Critters, Inc. and I am soooo glad she did or I wouldn't have had my wonderful life with her and my piggy mom Peggy-Sue, dad Buddy-Lucky and sister Jody-Joy. Mom started Cuddly Critters, Inc. with a horse, dog, cat and her first Potbellied Pig, Gilda in memory of her Grandma Miles. Little did she know, her Cuddly Critter organization would turn into what it is today. She has saved numerous Potbellied Pigs, horses, cats, dogs, rabbits, goats and hens whether they came here to live or were placed in a forever home somewhere else. Momma Suey's dream was to have lots of acreage to provide a safe haven/sanctuary for unwanted, abused and abandoned animals, have room to take in people's pets in the event of their death and have a theraputic riding academy, but things didn't go the way she wished. As luck would have it though, she realized her first passion was PIGS. So for now we live on our humble piece of property, but mom never gives up and knows that some day her entire dream will come to pass.

Well, where do I start??? Mom says I have only one page to tell everything.....EVERYTHING??? You've got to be kidding? I don't think so...oh well, in a nutshell here I go...2009 winter months were rainy and cold but milder than usual. We needed rain but not here on the Critter property.....too muddy and messy....I hate the rain and cold.....and it's freezing as I type this...but thank goodness it's not snowing. Spring 2009, brought much sadness for us....10 year old Darsey Dog was the first to cross over the Rainbow Bridge to Heaven. She got really sick all of a sudden and 2 weeks later she was gone. Doc said there was no way of knowing. After accepting that bad news, in May, Patty Piggy's, (my best friend and buddy, almost 18 yrs.), health went downhill. What happened?.....she was doing soooooo well?? Mom had to make the dreaded decision to have her put to sleep and it was sooooooooooooo sad. Mom still isn't over it....I'm not either.....then in June, Miles, one of our Mini Schnauzers got really thin, dehydrated and quit eating. \$4,200.00+++ later.....after volumes of testing and four different vets and visits.....all his tests came back negative. Why wasn't he eating or drinking? They all said they couldn't find anything wrong with him and wanted to open him up? I don't think so....he was near death and opening him up would have killed him, so mom said NO and as a last resort, called her good friend for advice. Aunt Elaine of Reinhardt Ranch/Solid Gold in Elk Grove immediately knew what was wrong and told mom what to do. He is still alive and doing well. Thanks Elaine. So much for those vets. He has his ups and downs but is on the mend. Mom feeds him special stuff twice a day and he is most likely on borrowed time but looking and feeling much better and NOT on drugs. We are grateful for every day.

For those of you who have visited the Critter's home, you have met Shelby and Eddie and have seen Eddie's gate trick. Well, 7 year old Shelby is no longer with us...she passed away in mom's arms on November 8 and traveled over the Rainbow Bridge. Mom will never get over this loss and still is very, VERY sad....and Eddie is still greiving, as I am too. She was such a sweet piggy....probably the sweetest on the property. (Sorry Margaret). I am writing this through my tears and am so sad. Shelby was fine one day and then 1 1/2 weeks later she was gone. Shelby showed no outward signs of sickness, so mom couldn't even try to save her. What a helpless feeling and we miss her soooooo much, even though she is in a Perfect Place...her life was way too short on this earth....it is soooooooooo hard to understand why???

Now some good news.....we celebrated Grammy's birthday in March. In July, Aunt Maureen brought goodies to celebrate all of our birthdays for the year. In August we celebrated our friend's 90 birthday. As you can see in the newsletter and the photos we have some new residents. The latest ones who just arrived are two horses....Kimo, an Arabian and Scout, a Paint. Goliath, our 35 yr. old mini horse is still alive and well.....whew.....he is really old in horse years. Thanksgiving was spent here with the Wood Family, Lisa, Grammy Patty, Jerry's Dad and friend Doris. We ate turkey with all the holiday trimmings and pies.....mmmmm there were pies galore.....the Woods brought lots of homemade pumpkin pies especially for us to eat and boxes of fresh apples which we just finished the other day. Auntie Ann Wood prepared some of the photos for this newsletter. Thanks Ann. Also thanks for the goodies and time spent with us and thanks Aunt Doris for helping mom feed us.

Great news! Finally an answer to mom's prayers for help. We have a new volunteer and she is not afraid of work, spiders, bugs or a little dirt. In the past, some of our volunteers didn't last too long...they felt the work was too much....anyway, Ellie helps mom every Saturday and is a real treasure; she can do anything and is 11 years old going on 50. Our new Aunt Ellie is perfect....loves to give us belly rubbbbs and feed us treats....wish she lived closer. She also adopted a baby piggy from Bakersfield.....Checkers is his name and he is her Christmas present. Currently, he stays with us, but when she is out of school for Christmas vacation he goes home to her place forever. She will then bring him each Saturday while she volunteers. Another happy ending. We are so blessed this family was Heaven Sent and came into our lives.

No Christmas tree yet...maybe this weekend...can't wait for the candy canes and presents of Sees Candy. I know how to get into trouble without mom knowing....I learned from Gilda. Grammy is doing great and helps mom especially with our dishes.....Daddy Jerry nicknamed her the 'Dish Fairy'. Grandpa Redley is doing fine at the rest home. Mom and Grammy visit him periodically and take Casey Pup and Katie (Mini Schnauzers) to visit. Well I did it....all the news on one page.....and last, but certainly not least.....

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All and THANK YOU for your continued support of Cuddly Critters, Inc.**

Hogs and Kisses,

Tracey Mae



# Cuddly Critters



Annie Puddles



Benny Bacon



Bonnie



Buddy Lucky



Charlotte



Chichironi



Chuckee



Danny Boy



Dottie



Eddie



Ernie



Gabriella



Georgie



Harriett



Holly Noel



Rootin Tootin Jesse Jamison

Kelly Belly Button Nose



Jody Joy



Kachino



# BELIEVE! Dreams Do Come True!



Tracey Mae On Her  
Plasma Plus 2  
Miracle Machine



Tracey Mae: "I Love Country"  
Listening to Diamond Rio Country Music, (I Believe)

With God...Anything  
Is Possible!

One year ago mom took me to Davis Vet Hospital for major surgery for my tumor removal. We arrived on Monday and the procedure was scheduled for Wednesday. After two sleepless nights for mom and since I only had a 20% chance of survival, my prognosis dim, mom decided to pick me up and take me to live my last days at home. I was so surprised to see mom and Aunt Aimee on Wednesday night to come back to pick me up. What's up? What about my procedure? I don't want this tumor any more. After Mom told me I was not going to have the surgery I was ecstatic. Yippee....I was going home!

Traveling home lying comfortably in the back seat of Mom's pigup truck, mom and Aimee explained to me I was going to have holistic and natural therapy to reduce or rid me of my tumors. "Will it hurt" I asked. "Zero pain" said mom. Well I was game for that. No pain....what better way to go? I probably could have died on the operating table if I would have had the surgery and I would have died in a strange place without mom. I am soooooo glad she chose to take the natural therapy approach and as you can see....I'm still alive and thriving. The tumor is going away and I am doing great. My abdomen measurement has gone down 4.5 inches and I am feeling wonderful. I am also on a ton of supplements, Juice Plus+ and vitamins and apricot pits. Thank You mom for taking the right road for my recovery. October, I had a set back but after extreme detoxing, I am feeling much better now and back to normal.....whew!?!?

So I am here to tell you that dreams do come true....with prayers....Heavenly Father.....my many angels and mom's faith and believing in dreams coming true....I'm a cancer survivor and KNOW beyond a shadow of a doubt that you can never stop believing.....no matter what! I am walking, breathing, living proof of that!!!!

NEVER GIVE UP...N E V E R !!! (..)



# TEMPORARY RESIDENTS, VISITORS, NEW ADDITIONS AND FOREVER HOMES



Georgie



GOLIATH

Miniature Horse

Oldest Living Resident 35+ Years

## Our Final Goodbye

Patty & Tracey's last night together  
before Patty traveled over the  
Rainbow Bridge to Heaven.



Tinker Bell



Chircharoni

Peppermint Patty at her new  
forever home in Bakersfield.



Elaine's New Baby Boy

"So Many Pigs...  
So Little Time...  
I'm Pighausted!"



Chuckee

18 Yrs.



Thank You Gilley Family for  
Adopting Peppermint Patty.

HOBBY



Checkers

Youngest Resident



CASEY PUP



SCOUT &  
KIMO



Now & G



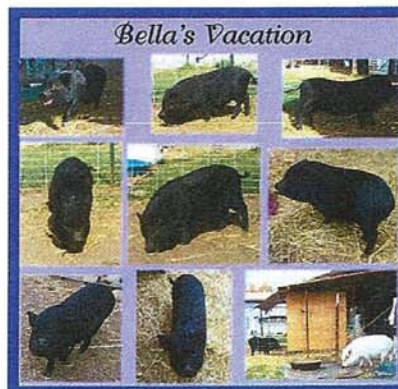
Sterling



MILES

St. Patrick's Day

"Becuz I'm Cute!"



Bella's Vacation

CLAUDIA



"Becuz I Can."



Penny





Keiki



Margaret



Mary



Missy Piggy



Now & G



Peggy Sue



Penny



Pig-E-Pig



Sabrina



Savanah



Sophia



Sterling



Tinker Bell



Toby



Tracey Mae







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King Brand Potbellied Pig Feed (Mature)  
Solid Gold Dog & Cat Food  
Pure Pine Shavings and/or Play Sand  
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Shade Cloth Bungee Cords  
Nabisco Fat-Free Pig (Fig) Newton Cookies  
Fruit: Especially Fresh APPLES, Bananas, Melons, Pumpkins  
Juice Plus+ Whole Food Supplement  
Kirkland Fish Oil (1,200), X-Strength/MSM/Cetyl M Supplement  
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because all work is done by dedicated volunteers.

*Thank You!*