2010 Hogaday Greetings

Ernie
Rootin Tootin Jesse Jamison
Kelly's Friend & Partner

Mary

Cuddly 19
Kelly Belly Button Nose

Critters Years

Claudia Kitty
Kelly's & Jody's Dad

Jody-Joy
Kelly's Sister

Kachino
Chuckee

Cuddly from Critters, Inc.
Unbelievable, that another year has almost passed us by... where does the time go?
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2010 is 18 years for us and even though we have many geriatric piggies... all is well on the Cuddy Critter Front. Momma Suey is busy as usual with much on her platter but the best news ever is Mom and two of my piggy cousins, Shelby and Eddie, wrote their first book. The title is ‘Eddie’s Gate Escape’ and it’s available now. Also, Cuddy’s 2011 Critter Calendar is ready, details on the enclosed flyer. This will be our fund raiser for this year as we are desperately in need of funds to carry us through the end of this year and 2011. We understand that times are tough for everyone but could you find it in your heart to help Cuddy by purchasing books, calendars, Cuddy’s logo merchandise (tee shirts, etc.) and/or by making a donation or sponsoring an animal? The book and a calendar would also make great gifts for the Hogaday and please pass the word on to others. Any effort is appreciated! All monies received goes 100% to the critters for their needs. Prices are rising on everything, especially our feed and we really need your help now, more than ever! :)

As I write this, a few of our pets have traveled over the Rainbow Bridge to Heaven and three+ more are on borrowed time... living one day at a time. Grammy Patty is doing well as is Momma Suey and Daddy Jerry. We have a few new additions and some critters have been adopted out to other forever homes. We feel so blessed this year inasmuch as most of us are in excellent health and all of us are very happy and safe. Remember... Christ is the reason for the season!

Merry Christmas and Happy 2011. God Bless you all.
Merry Christmas and Hogaday Greetings, this is Tracey Mae... still reporting... but Mom said it had to be short and sweet... yea... like that’s gonna happen... how sweet it is... how about News in a Nutchell because I have to put lots of photos in this newsletter and need more room.

2010 started like any other year... cold and rainy but not to worry because all the annual tarps were in place by November 2010 and all pig houses were bulging with straw and blankets. The horses that have shelter, stand at the entrance and look inside. What a bunch of dummies. The ones that don’t have, used to and did the same... so after many $$$ of investment in shelters and time and $$$ for setting them up... Mom gave up worrying if they would use the shelters or not and lets them exist in the open. Thank goodness horses are waterproof and have thick winter coats, unlike pigs, who desire straw and blankets and all the comforts of home. One horse shelter now is home to piggies, Sabrina and Toby, where they are snug as bugs in rugs or blankets I guess I should say.

The city where we live has really mild weather, however, in my opinion, winter always lasts too long for me... and Mom... we are always praying for spring to arrive early and stay forever. Piggies just love bacon in the warm sun but not too hot of a sun. About 75-80 degrees is perfect for us. Spring came and so did summer which was quite moderate this year; thank goodness and fall stopped by briefly. Now it’s winter... yuck! I hate winter. Feels like snow. Brrrrr! :(

January and February were uneventful except for Mom decorating and going all out for Valentine’s Day. Poor Mom and our feeding schedule. If it wasn’t for us piggies who need supplements and vitamins and extra special care, it would probably only take her about 30 minutes to feed instead of 3-4 hours from setting up to feed and cleaning. Grammy is the dish fairy, nicknamed by Jerry because she helps wash our feed bowls. The horses are easiest to feed but some of us piggies are on special diets including two of the dogs. So it takes Mom about 3.5 hours to feed in the a.m. and 2.5++ hours in the p.m. If that doesn’t take her enough time... then there is cleaning pootees, changing waters and checking houses for straw, etc. Mom’s only available for outside stuff between noon and 4:00, at which time she starts to feed the evening meal all over again. In the summer, more daylight and more time. Mom also hand feeds piggies, Kelly Belly and Ernie now. Ernie is almost 19.5 years old and Kelly Belly is about 15 years+ but she is not doing so well these past few weeks. Piggies, Chuckee and Mary are also on borrowed time so every day Mom goes outside to our pens she has to prepare herself in case we have traveled over the Rainbow Bridge to Heaven, but not yet, we are still hanging in there for her. She would miss us so much... she takes our going to Heaven really hard... she hates when we leave this earth and she has to still walk by our pen to feed... many memories, but when it’s our time we must go.
Speaking of going, on March 4th, Piggy, Annie Puddles went to live with Heavenly Father and Jesus. Grammy Patty had her 58th Birthday Party here with a cake, but it really was her 85th. Momma Suey put the candles on backwards so Grammy wouldn’t feel so old. Mom and Grammy went to visit Grampa Redley in the rest home for his birthday. In March, Momma Suey also started me on a new program on my cancer machine of every 5 days instead of every 3. She still has to change the machine every hour, 4 times and then every 2.5 hours for 2 times, then turn it off, so she can get some uninterrupted sleep. But it is all worth it because I am still alive (2.5 yrs extra) hopefully remaining cancer free??

In April, 14 year old Toby Piggy, got a huge jaw abscess, EWWW, and our vet had to come out and well... it’s just too gross to talk about. Abscess comes back periodically, but Mom takes care of it now, so he’s just fine. Seems like it is always something! We get one thing solved and poof another problem comes our way. Mom’s theory is ‘life happens’ and it’s not what happens to you but how you handle your situation that counts, she says? Whatever, I say, let Mom handle it! In May we had our 19th Anniversary and Birthday Party. Hard to believe Mom has been doing this for that long?

Everyone had a grand time especially Margaret Piggy, our public relations greeter, who gobbled down lots of goodies. :) On June 1st, Auntie Anna had to board her piggie Willy with us until she moved to a place she could have him. Still waiting, so he is now with her friend who wanted a pig. We miss him so much. June 6, Mini Schnauzer, Miles, 7 years old, died after a year of struggling with digestive issues. Thanks Auntie Elaine Reinhardt for advising us how to feed and care for him thus helping him to live with us comfortably for another year. In July we had Piggy Checkers, Piggy Bella and Dog Milo come and stay while their families went on vacation. (Their photos are on Page 3). In August, Friday the 13th, LuSquel, aka Lucky Lucy came to live with us... Grammy sponsors her. She was abandoned in the bay area by her family who were evicted. Surprisingly and unexpectedly on September 15, Missy Piggy of 5 years old died suddenly. It was such a shock and Momma Suey is still upset about it because she never got to say farewell to her, just tucked her in the night before. She got sick on a Friday and died Sunday night or early Monday a.m. Boo hoo! Rest in peace Missy Piggy.

On October 30 Casey Pup, Aunt Heatherly, (our Editor and friend) and Momma Suey went to our church’s Trunk or Treat night. Casey had the most fun! On November 19, our vet, Dr. Auntie Ann Wimmer came out for Kelly Belly again... she had been off her feed for two weeks and we couldn’t figure out why? She is such a trooper and has been sleeping in the house with Mom for the past week. Some pigs will do anything to get extra attention. Just kidding. Mom was trying anything and everything... but it didn’t look good... Kelly was drinking water a bit on her own and Mom was hand feeding her special stuff from the vet but Mom figured it was just a matter of time until the Rainbow Bridge and we had to try and give her a chance in case she could turn it around. Mom never gives up and always hopes and prays for the best... the best for the critter in need. Goliath, our Mini Horse, also traveled over the Rainbow Bridge to Heaven... he was somewhere around 40 years old. Our friends, the Wood Family came for four days for Thanksgiving. They brought bunches of small pumpkin pies for us piggies and a few people pies and lots of whipped cream... mmmmmmm... loved it when they sprayed it in my mouth. Thank You! They have three Potbellied Pigs, Myrtle, Jasmine and Peanut who they bring with them. Everyone had a great time and we were still full for days from the turkey and all the trimmings.

It’s Wednesday, December 1, 10:30 a.m. and Kelly just left us to spend Christmas with Heavenly Father and Jesus. She took a turn for the worse and Mom had to make the dreaded decision... very sad for the ones left, especially Mom, but very happy for Kelly Belly Button Nose because Kelly’s happy and free from pain now. Rest in peace sweet Kelly Belly Button Nose. At 15 years, she died peacefully. After a necrospy, it was found that she had lived her whole life with only one kidney. What a miracle she was and a sweet blessing in our lives. Well, that is about it for this year... don’t know what tomorrow will bring...so that is our news in a nutshell. Have to get this newsletter finished so we can send it out. Don’t forget about Shelby and Eddie’s new book and our 2011 Critter Calendar, because, any type of support and/or help is sooooo very much appreciated. All proceeds go to the Critters. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Tracey Mae
OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE TO HEAVEN

MEMORIES!

Casey Pup & Missy Piggy

Annie Puddles

Miles

Kelly Belly Button Nose

“Farewell Miles... till we meet again.”
Love, Casey Pup.

Miles

Kelly Belly Button Nose

Annie Puddles

Goliath

Goliath

Kelly Belly Button Nose

God be with you! Till we meet again!
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