

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



Jesus is the Reason for the Season



Handson  
Harold  
Edgar  
Allen  
Pig

Volunteer Lorena



OLIVIA FLOWER

Nellie



Savannah Claus

HAPPY HOG-A-DAYS



Olivia



AMBER



Miss Piggy

Pudgie Girl

Porkey Piggy

DOTTIE DOODLE BUG



Grady







Merry Christmas Greetings and Happy Hog-A-Days

To All Our Wonderful Friends

# News In A Nutshell

by Margaret (Cuddly's Head Potbellied Pig)



Oh my goodness, it's almost Christmas again. Where has the time rushed off to? I have been unanimously chosen to compose our Christmas Newsletter for 2017. Hog-A-Day Greetings to all. Since I am in piggy retirement and don't type on Mom's 'puter any more because of my arthritis, I am pig-tating, (dictating) my thoughts to Momma Suey so we can create our annual Christmas Newsletter. I must tell you, that 2017 has been quite a year for me, the Cuddly Critters and Momma Suey. Whew, where does one begin? Maybe a brief update and then lots of photos, how does that sound? Great!

Let me begin, at this time, on behalf of Momma Suey and all of us Critters, we would like to send a big 'Thank You' to all of you who have donated to Cuddly this year, whether it be \$\$\$'s, volunteer time or items we needed from our Wish List. (oo)

To those of you who continue to support us every year, a 'Special Thank You' to you! Without your continued support, we couldn't continue our rescue/sanctuary, that saves the lives of many needy animals, thus providing them with a healthy, happy and secure environment to live out their lives in peace and safety, while inspiring the people who visit us. Some rescues come from situations of abuse, abandonment and/or neglect. Other rescues are from people needing to rehome their pet(s) for whatever reason. Your **generosity** is very much **appreciated** by all involved with Cuddly Critters. (oo)

Overall, life, as always, is and has been great and even though we have had challenges and bittersweet moments at times, we are truly thankful for all our many trials and Blessings. Currently, Mom is trying to cut back, not taking in any more animals except in emergency situations. Because of the recent floods and fires, we were and will remain on stand-by mode, available to help with rescues needing a safe place. We are still hoping to find a larger piece of property to purchase, so we can save more lives. However, we've had no luck finding suitable property that would fit our needs. It is still a seller's market in our area, but we are hopeful that the right place will come along in the near future, hopefully at an affordable price.

Winter 2017 was considerably mild, except for some much needed, although pesty rain, off and on with fierce winds at times. The only hazards were a lot of standing water, really sticky gooey mud and part of our 35+ year old fence blew down. No worries though, it was in a section of our property with no animals... what a relief. The good news is... we got a new redwood fence. Also, Mom had our friend Gabriel put up wire fencing inside to keep our farm pig, Sunny in and away from the new board fence. He also reinforced some of our older piggy pens and put new roofing on them. Little Graycee's dog kennel got a new roof also. There is still tons to do but it'll just have to wait until spring, 2018.







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**Spring** brought really nice weather and the sunny days were enjoyed by all. Us piggies each got a new kid's swimming pool and some even got new mud holes to cool their bodies. With donations at an all time low, Mom had to figure ways to raise much needed funds to pay for animal feed which is our #1 expense. We asked our friends Ann Wood and Tina Chavez if they would like to run some online piggy auctions. They were delighted to help out Cuddly Critters once again. Thank You again Ann and Tina for taking the time to hold the auctions, you are awesome! Thank you bidders, who took part in our auctions and thank you to those of you who donated items for our auctions. This May, marked 26 years and we held our annual partee again to celebrate. What a wonderful time it was for all.

**Our vets and vet techs visited twice this year** to perform routine maintenance on our animals. It is not easy to wrestle piggies, but they do an awesome job. Piggies hate getting their annual shots and their hooves and tusks trimmed but it has to be done as needed. We run a tight ship here and no animals are neglected, all are treated equally. We appreciate our vets and helpers. Many Thanks ya'all.

**Summer was really, really hot at times** and we were so thankful for our afternoon breeze. We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful place on earth. Two of our piggies went over the Rainbow Bridge to Heaven in June and July which was so sad. Our farm pig, Lacey was only 3 years old and she passed without warning but in Mom's arms, thank goodness. Louie, a Potbellied Pig, was sick for about a month and he went quickly too. There was nothing we could have done and we still don't know why. It is sad when an animal lingers on and suffers, which we don't allow at Cuddly Critters. We give them a chance to pull through, doing what we can to nurse them along but when their quality of life goes down hill, they either die on their own or are humanely euthanized by our vet. They are truly missed by all, especially their friends. Lacey had a pet dove who hung around with her all the time. Her pretty little white dove would sit on her back and eat with her and when Lacey passed, her dove, Angel, hung around her pen for days and then moved over to Sunny's pen. Even the dove was sad to lose her friend Lacey.

**Fall brought Halloween then Thanksgiving** and not much to report except Lana, Gabriel and Mom are cleaning, building and winterizing everything in sight before our real winter sets in. Mom went to her friend Jeanine's house for Thanksgiving dinner, She had a great time but missed Momma Patty this year. First year without Momma Suey cooking and entertaining family but she needed a break.

**Winter is here, again and it is mild so far**, a little light rain a few days ago and mild winds, which we were grateful for. Hopefully it continues to be mild. Currently, Mom is gearing up for Christmas, decorating with piggy ornaments, pig towels and pig everything... what fun and I LOVE the holidays, because of the leftovers. This year we have an indoor Christmas light show with lots of different pics. It will be sad this year without Grandmaw Patty. Sniff, sniff... oinkety, oink!

Stay tuned for more...

With Much Love from the Cuddly Critters and Momma Suey...

May God Bless and Keep You in the Palm of His Hand, Always... (oo)

May you have the Spirit of Christmas in Your Heart and May God Bless You with Blessings, Happiness and Safety this Season and Warm Wishes for a Prosperous 2018.





# Critter Gallery



"Hey!"

HAY!! My hat is falling off!"



"HEY!"

Anyone out there, HELP... PLEASE?"



Margaret: "OMGoodness, where does Mom find these pics to post, this really is not one of my best poses. Talk to the tongue!"



Grady: "Helleou?"

Ah, my gate?

YO, People... Somebody... aw cummon... my G.A.T.E.?"



Lorena: "Aw, a little lady and her dog, Foxy."

Eddie: "Hi little girl, what's your name? Lorena? I love your pink piggy mud boots."



Eddie Houdini: "Ab-ra-ca-dab-bra..."



Haley PAULianna: "Aw Mom, I think my 'Time Out' should be over? How 'bout letting me out now? Pumpkin, someone say pumpkin pie? OMGosh, I need to get out of here, NOW, gate, GATE, HEY, save me some!"

Bella: "And, NO... I don't have rabies... I froth at the mouth at food sightings.. do you have a problem with that?"





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Edgar Allan Pig:

"Did someone say Mom's a comin' with my grub?  
Where's the beef? LOL."



Gordy:

"I just don't know what I'll do today? Eat grass, maybe? Sleep, possibly? Pester Lily Bug... sounds good to me..."



Margaret: "Yea Mom, I know, I know. If I make a face like this, it will freeze this way."



"Just chillin' in the sun."  
Dollie-Ollie.



"Here comes Mom, here comes Mom, I am so pigcited! BTW... Do I look fat in this photo?" Lacey.



"Nom,Nom,Nom!"  
Olivia Dos:

**"Lovin' Life!"**

"I am so grateful that I live at Cuddly Critters. I have the best life ever!"  
LuSqueel Ball.

"OMGosh, Seriously, U've got to be kiddin? My hair is not brushed, I look terrible and it's way toooo early to get up, what were you thinkin? What time change? Please come back later." Margaret.

**"We've Got It Made!"**

Me and My Shadow...  
Fawny and Olivia Flower





# GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



Eddie



Heavenly Father and Jesus welcomed our Beloved 'Grandmaw Patty of the animals' and Momma Suey's Mother Home to Heaven on December 23, 2016. Grandmaw Patty was 91 years young and ready to go home, passing peacefully in her sleep. She is truly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Mom and we are still grieving since she left a huge hole in all of our hearts. But she is still with us because we can still feel her presence. Life is to be lived and enjoyed, going through challenges to cause us to grow and become more like our Savior in the process. We are only on this earth for a short period of time and we must gain as much knowledge as possible and try to be grateful every second. Patty surpassed that challenge and what she takes with her is her love of people and animals, passion, knowledge and her sweet spirit she shared with everyone she could on this earth! RIP our beloved Grandmaw and Mother and Friend! God be with us all until we meet again in Heaven with our beloved family, friends and animals who passed way to early from this challenging earth! God bless anyone who has ever lost a loved one and is still dealing with the grief that goes along with saying so long for now. Whether it be a friend, family member or an animal, the hurt is the same and it takes time to heal, sometimes more time for others, but one must take that time. They are gone from here but will never be forgotten because they are ever in our hearts and close to us. God's Plan is that we will all be reunited in Heaven for Time and all Eternity. We cannot wait for that day! What a glorious time it will be. God Bless! RIP Patty, Mom, Grandmaw, until we meet again. We miss you so much!





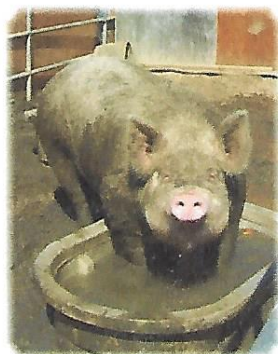
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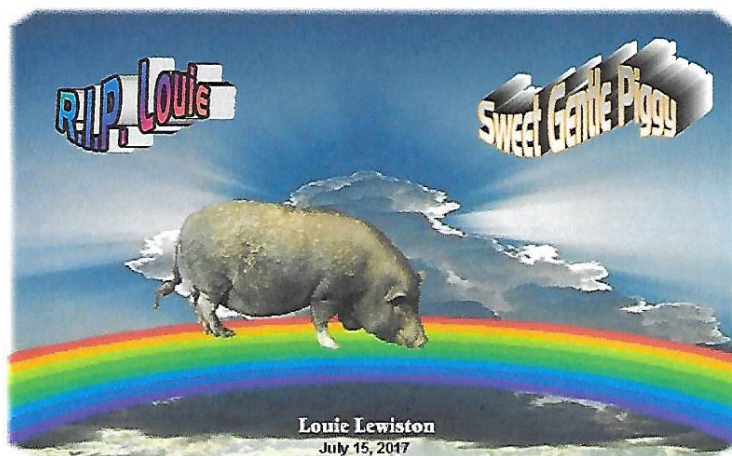
SILLY



GIRL



Somewhere Over The Rainbow Bridge





Life today is more challenging than ever before. Massive amounts of evil people fill the world and some people have lost their way. We need God in our lives more than ever. We need to take time out of our busy schedules to smell the roses, pay it forward, smile at someone and make their day, love more, accept one another unconditionally, walk a mile in someone else's shoes and have more compassion towards one another. Why not try to make a difference in somebody's life every chance you get. Each day, do one Random Act of Kindness for someone. Ask yourself the question, what would Jesus do in a situation, and then do it! Go forward in faith and when God knocks, open the door!

It is not what happens to us but how we handle the situation. We only get one life here on earth, why not make it our best life ever? A lot could be learned by watching animals interact. The two pigs in the picture below were bitter enemies at first and then they became friends and were inseparable.

What a grand and perfect example of love. Spread a little love today, tomorrow and always, it is what this world really needs more of now!

Come together and be the best you can be! God Bless and always 'Choose The Right'.



Sunny:  
Mud Hog

Sunny:  
Sucky Face



Graycee

Hammekins



Peek-A-Boo



Ebony and Lorena

