



LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS AND GROOMING

This is offered as a brief outline of what your pet pig needs to live happily in your home. There are several good books and manuals available to you that expand these recommendations. Please seek out advice from your breeder and other sources of information as you continue to live with your pig.

To help your potbellied pig live a long and healthy life; the following are several considerations

DO

- Provide your pet pig a sleeping area free from drafts with a bed or pillow or blankets in which to snuggle.
- Provide your pet pig a fenced area to protect her from dog attacks. Your pig, no matter what her age, has no defense against dog attack.
- Provide your pet pig with:
 - Summer: shelter, shade, sunscreen, and fresh water to drink. Don't forget water in which the pig can cool off (like using a child's wading pool).
 - Winter: shelter and bedding, fresh water to drink, supplemental heat and bedding when the temperature is under 50-degrees.
- Provide your pet pig with a reasonable environment by not leaving her in a car when the outside temperature is above 50 degrees or the car is sitting in the full sun.
- Provide your pet pig with no more than a monthly shampoo. "Too much" shampooing or using dog, cat, or baby shampoo will cause your pig to have drier skin.
- Provide your pet pig with a moisturizer or humectants for her dry skin. If needed, you can treat internally by adding either fatty acids or a daily tablespoon of natural oil to her food, or supply a Vitamin E capsule every day.
- Provide your pet pig with a monthly beauty check.
 - Clean your pig's ears and treat for ear mites, if necessary.
 - Trim your pig's hooves.
 - Have the vet trim your pig's tusks, if needed. ..

DON'T

- Assume your pet pig can survive without the proper inside and outside living conditions.
- Assume your pet pig can ward off dog attacks.
- Assume your pet pig can survive in extreme cold or heat.
- Assume your pet pig can survive in a car, even with the windows open, when the temperature is above 50 degrees.
- Assume your pet pig cannot be over shampooed.
- Assume your pet pig does not need to be groomed on a regular basis.
- Assume your pet pig needs to be rubbed with oils to maintain less dry skin.
- Assume your pet pig does not need her ears cleaned, hooves trimmed, and tusks cut.

By caring for your pigs environmental and grooming needs, you assure yourself of giving your potbellied pig the necessary living conditions for a healthy life. With the monthly beauty checks, you provide yourself an opportunity to identify and to ward off a potential health problem for your pet.