

PIG O'MY HEART EXPANSION

Since POMH was founded in 1989 and time passed, my passion to raise potbellied pigs only increased. I needed more unrelated breeding boars. Also, I realized that I required a proper structure to meet all aspects to properly house pigs in all life stages: breeding, farrowing, raising piglets, that were both good for the pigs and comfortable/convenient for me, the Pigstress. In 2005, plans were developed to build a state-of-the-art structure. It would be named "The Piggy Palace" (of course!).

It took a few months of research to figure out how I wanted the building to work. Brian, my husband, worked out all the structural stuff and found the contractor. This project could not have succeeded without his brains and brawn. Our partnership in working together was pretty seamless. I learned many new skills as well - and I LOVED that! Below are the many considerations needing addressed in order to complete the project to perfectly meet the specifications that myself and my precious pigs prefer!

Potbellied Pig Building Specs - April 2005

Building: 30-feet x 48 feet x 9-foot sidewall.

Construction Type: Footings with 2 x 4 stud wall construction.

Center Alley: Concrete in 14-foot alley - decide on rough or smooth.

Floor: 8-feet on each side of alley will be lime waste that will extend outside the building several feet. 2-foot vented Overhang on long sides. 1-foot overhang on end walls.

Ventilation: Continuous Ridge Vent.

Ceiling: Install metal ceiling and ceiling fan at each end on opposite sides.

Inside Metal Sidewalls: Install metal.

Storage Room: with shelving, sink, water, hook up for washer/dryer, small frig., shelving, exit door.

Doors: One 9 x 8 insulated garage door (no lights) on South Wall and lighting needed inside and out. Interior door into storage with front and back doors.

Windows: 6 or 8 thermal, vinyl, single hung windows with screens.

Insulation: Blow insulation above ceiling and inside the sidewalls.

Guillotine Doors for all 13 pens: Frame for 13-inch exterior doors. Dimension will be 17 x 24.

Insulation: Blow insulation above ceiling and inside the sidewalls.

Gutters and Downspouts: Install.

Drain in concrete floor: Install.

Electrical and plumbing: Fabricate metal pens & gates. Run underground drainage for the building on northwest corner.



Welcome to The Piggy Palace!



Front and East Side



West side of The Piggy Palace showing gated pens attached to building



... then extending beyond into spacious grassy penned areas



Brass Weathervane Brian's Sister Gifted



Chore And Treatment Time



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Pigs sunning in exterior pens on the East Side



*East interior wall with lighting, windows
and framing for guillotine doors*



Nancy with treats



Nancy with visitors & Benny the Beagle



Nancy & Winston, small gorgeous breeding boar



Breeding sow, Munchkin — very pregnant



The Home We Built In 1998



Nancy & Brian & Reba