

**AGENDA**  
**JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**  
**DECISION MEETING**

*Steve Nass, Chair; Greg David, Vice-Chair; Don Reese, Secretary; Amy Rinard; George Jaeckel*

**ROOM 203, COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**311 S. CENTER AVE., JEFFERSON, WI 53549**  
**8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)**
- 3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law**
- 4. Approval of the Agenda**
- 5. Public Comment (Not to exceed 15 minutes and not to include petitions slated for decision-members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)**
- 6. Approval of November 30, December 14 and December 17, 2015 Committee Minutes**
- 7. Communications**
- 8. November 2015 Monthly Financial Report for Land Information Office – Andy Erdman**
- 9. Discussion and Possible Action on the Land Information Plan Update –Andy Erdman**
- 10. Discussion and Possible Action on the Strategic Initiative Grant-Andy Erdman**
- 11. December 2015 Monthly Financial Report for Zoning – Rob Klotz**
- 12. Update on Discussion and Possible Modification of Permit CU1438-06 for WD Hoard & Sons/Hoard's Dairyman Farm to Reflect Changes Required to Maintain Compliance with the Siting Standards of ATCP51 Regarding the Manure Storage Structural Repair Plan**
- 13. Consideration of Mini-Pigs as Household Pets**
- 14. Reconsideration and Possible Action on Petition R3834A-15 for Saddle Wish Farm LLC, Town of Concord**
- 15. Discussion and Possible Action on Petitions Presented in Public Hearing on December 17, 2015:**

R3858A-15 – Wayne & Joanne Armstrong to rezone approximately 2 acres to add it to an adjoining A-3 zoned lot at W8135 US Highway 12 in the Town of Oakland  
R3859A-15 – Wayne & Joanne Armstrong to create a 2-acre building site on Oestreich Lane in the Town of Oakland  
R3860-15 – Lars Hans Lein/Lein Acres LLC Property to create a 2-acre building site on Woodside Road and a 4-acre building site on Rockdale Road in the Town of Sumner  
R3861A-15 – Wilbur Miller to create a 3.5-acre building site at N8402 Witte Lane in the Town of Watertown  
CU1862-15 – Frank Pedone/Pedone Investments LLC Property to allow a construction company as a tenant at W1223 Linden Road in the Town of Ixonia

**16. Possible Future Agenda Items**

**17. Change in Meeting Dates in Part to Accommodate a Change in Board of Supervisors Rules of Order:**

February 22, 2016 in place of February 29, 2016  
May 23, 2016 in place of May 30, 2016 (Memorial Day)  
October 24, 2016 in place of October 31, 2016  
December 19, 2016 in place of December 26, 2016 (Christmas Holiday)

**18. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

January 18, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – Site Inspections Beginning in Courthouse Room 203  
January 21, 7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing in Courthouse Room 205  
January 25, 8:30 a.m. – Decision Meeting in Courthouse Room 203  
February 15, 8:00 a.m. – Site Inspections Beginning in Courthouse Room 203  
February 18, 7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing in Courthouse Room 205  
February 22, 8:30 a.m. – Decision Meeting in Courthouse Room 203

**19. Adjourn**

**If you have questions regarding the petitions, please contact the Zoning Department at 920-674-7131. Petition files referenced on this agenda may be viewed in Courthouse Room 201 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Materials covering other agenda items can be found at [www.jeffersoncountyiwi.gov](http://www.jeffersoncountyiwi.gov).**

*A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.*

**Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.**

*A digital recording of the meeting will be available in the Zoning Department upon request.*

**MINUTES OF THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE  
DECISION MEETING**

*Steve Nass, Chair; Greg David, Vice-Chair; Don Reese, Secretary; Amy Rinard; George Jaeckel*

**ROOM 203, COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
311 S. CENTER AVE., JEFFERSON, WI 53549  
8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nass at 8:31 a.m.

**2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)**

All Committee members were present at 8:01. Also in attendance were Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel; Andy Erdman, Director of Land Information; and Rob Klotz, Michelle Staff and Deb Magritz of the Zoning Department.

**3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law**

Reese verified that the meeting was being held in compliance with open meetings law requirements.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

There were no changes proposed to the agenda.

**5. Public Comment (Not to exceed 15 minutes and not to include petitions slated for decision-members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)**

There was no public comment.

**6. Approval of October 26, November 16 and November 19, 2015 Committee Minutes**

The October 26 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Jaeckel, seconded by Reese. The motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

The November 16 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Reese, seconded by Rinard. The motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

The November 19 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Jaeckel, seconded by Rinard. The motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**7. Communications**

There were no communications.

**8. October 2015 Monthly Financial Report for Land Information Office – Andy Erdman**

Erdman reported that revenues were up a little from this point last year due to an increase in recorded documents and map sales. The surveyor's revenues have pickup up also.

**9. November 2015 Monthly Financial Report for Zoning – Rob Klotz**

Klotz noted that revenues from the month of November are down from this point last year, but revenue projections for the year have already been met. Klotz reported that he raised revenue projections for 2016, but not dramatically.

**10. Preliminary Plat Review for Balsam Hill Subdivision, Sec. 2, Town of Watertown**

Staff noted that the review was postponed from the October 26 meeting, and in that time the surveyor had made the changes requested of him. She recommended approval of the preliminary plat with the conditions expressed in her review. Motion by Reese, seconded by Jaeckel to approve with the conditions as expressed by Staff. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**11. Discussion and Possible Decision on Whether the Proposed Revision to R3822A-15 for Paul & Mary Jaeger, Sec. 6, Town of Ixonia, Should be Returned to Public Hearing Because of its Location Change**

Klotz explained that the Jaegers propose changing the location of their request. Motion by Rinard, seconded by Jaeckel to take the petition back to public hearing for the new location, but to not charge an additional rezoning fee. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

The Committee moved to **13. R3798A-15** at this point for the convenience of a guest attending the meeting.

***PLEASE SEE INDIVIDUAL FILES FOR A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:***

**13. Discussion and Possible Action on Petitions Presented in Public Hearing on April 16 and Subsequently Postponed:**

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS** R3798A-15 – Cindy Krull Begeman to create one new building site on Mansfield Road in the Town of Aztalan on a motion by Jaeckel, seconded by Reese. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Petition R3829A-15 for Philip and Sandra Bittorf, N7103 Stoney Creek Road, Town of Lake Mills, Returned from the County Board on October 27, 2015**

Klotz reiterated facts to date; Ward added his counsel. Lengthy discussion ensued. The Committee discussed sending an ordinance to County Board as required, and in addition including reaffirmation of the original decision. Motion by Rinard, seconded by Reese to stand by the original decision to deny. Jaeckel was opposed; Nass, Reese, Rinard and David voted in favor. There was recommendation by Corporation Counsel to send the conditional use back to public hearing in light of all the new testimony that was given after the September 17 public hearing.

**13. Discussion and Possible Action on Petitions Presented in Public Hearing on October 15, 2015 and Subsequently Postponed:**

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS** R3844A-15 for Rex & Teresa Nienow/Terrapin Properties to create a new building site on Genz Road in the Town of Ixonia on a motion by Reese, seconded by David. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS** R3846A-15 for Roger and Sandra Anderson to create a new building site on Grogan Rd and a lot around the home at W6658 Sunset Ln, Town of Koshkonong on a motion by Reese, seconded by Jaeckel. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS** R3850A-15 & R3851A-15, both on motions by Reese, seconded by David for John & Lisa Schwaller/Jerome A Karrels & Shirley L Howard Karrels Trust Property to enlarge an existing A-3 zone and create a Natural Resource zone on State Highway 106. Both motions carried on voice votes with no objection.

**14. Discussion and Possible Action on Petitions Presented in Public Hearing on November 19, 2015:**

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS** R3854A-15 & CU1859-15, both on motions by Jaeckel, seconded by Reese for Steve Zak to create an A-2 zone with conditional use to allow for storage of contractor's equipment and materials at N7769 County Road O, Town of Waterloo. Both motions carried on voice votes with no objection.

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS R3855A-15** for Theodore J Mueller to create a 2.67-acre A-3 lot at **W2027 Church Dr** in the Town of Concord on a motion by Reese, seconded by Jaeckel. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS R3856A-15** for Steven Holz to create a 1.6-acre building site on **Lower Hebron Rd and County Road D** in the Town of Hebron on a motion by Nass, seconded by Jaeckel. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS R3857A-15** for Thomas Brown to create a 3-acre farm consolidation lot around the home at **N2033 County Road A**, and two, 1-acre building sites on **Danielson Road** in the Town of Sumner on property owned by Joyce Brown. Motion by Reese, seconded by Jaeckel; motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS CU1860-15** for Classic Seamless Gutters Inc granting a conditional use to allow retailing that is freestanding in an Industrial zone, allowing for a showroom for fireplace and masonry products at **N8209 County Road F**, Town of Ixonia . Motion by Jaeckel, seconded by Rinard; motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS CU1861-15** – Evenson Construction Co, Inc/Donald & Susan Ebbert property for a conditional use to allow extension of time limit for mineral extraction at **N2795 Ebbert Lane** in the Town of Oakland and to also allow consideration of a change in conditions for the operation as expressed with CU1624-10 so that when blasting will be conducted or structural evaluations are requested, neighbors within ½ mile radius will be eligible. The current language requires a 1 mile radius. Motion by Nass, seconded by David; motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**15. Discussion and Possible Action on SB266 (Smart Growth Repeal Bill)**

After discussion, Rinard asked that the topic be brought back to the Committee if staff feels there's a need for future action.

**16. Announcement of Training Opportunity for the Planning and Zoning Committee on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the UW Whitewater Technology Park**

Klotz explained; all Committee members will attend and Staff will sign them up.

**17. Possible Future Agenda Items**

Consideration of Mini-Pigs as Household Pets-this topic will be on the December 21 agenda.

**18. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

December 14, 8:00 a.m. – Site Inspections Beginning in Courthouse Room 203

December 17, 7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing in Courthouse Room 205-**Rinard will be absent**

December 21, 8:30 a.m. – Decision Meeting in Courthouse Room 203

January 18, 8:00 a.m. – Site Inspections Beginning in Courthouse Room 203

January 21, 7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing in Courthouse Room 205

January 25, 8:30 a.m. – Decision Meeting in Courthouse Room 203

**19. Adjourn**

Motion by Reese, seconded by Jaeckel at 10:37 a.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**If you have questions regarding the petitions, please contact the Zoning Department at 920-674-7131. Petition files referenced on this agenda may be viewed in Courthouse Room 201 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Materials covering other agenda items can be found at [www.jeffersoncountywi.gov](http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov).**

*A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.*

**Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.**

*A digital recording of the meeting will be available in the Zoning Department upon request.*

**MINUTES OF THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE  
SITE INSPECTIONS**

*Steve Nass, Chair; Greg David, Vice-Chair; Don Reese, Secretary; Amy Rinard; George Jaeckel*

**ROOM 203, COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
311 S. CENTER AVE., JEFFERSON, WI 53549  
8:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015**

- 1. Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nass at 8:05 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)**  
All Committee members were present at 8:05 a.m. Also in attendance were Michelle Staff and Rob Klotz of the Zoning Department.
- 3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law**  
Reese verified that the meeting was being held in compliance with open meetings law requirements.
- 4. Approval of the Agenda**  
Motion by David, seconded by Rinard to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.
- 5. Public Comment (Not to exceed 15 minutes and not to include petitions slated for decision-members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)**  
Klotz noted that there would be some meeting date changes in 2016 to accommodate a change in County Board rules of order.
- 6. Communications**  
There were no communications.

The Committee left on the following site inspections:

- 7. Site Inspections for Petitions to be Presented in Public Hearing on December 17, 2015:**  
R3859A-15 – Wayne & Joanne Armstrong, Oestreich Lane, Town of Oakland  
R3858A-15 – Wayne & Joanne Armstrong, W8135 US Highway 12, Town of Oakland  
R3860A-15 – Lars Hans Lein/Lein Acres LLC Property, Woodside and Rockdale Roads, Town of Sumner  
R3861A-15 – Wilbur Miller, N8402 Witte Lane, Town of Watertown  
CU1862-15 – Frank Pedone, Pedone Investments LLC Property, Town of Ixonia
- 8. Adjourn**  
Motion by Jaeckel at 10:15 to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Reese. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

Don Reese, Secretary

**If you have questions regarding the petitions, please contact the Zoning Department at 920-674-7131. Petition files referenced on this agenda may be viewed in Courthouse Room 201 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Materials covering other agenda items can be found at [www.jeffersoncountywi.gov](http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov).**

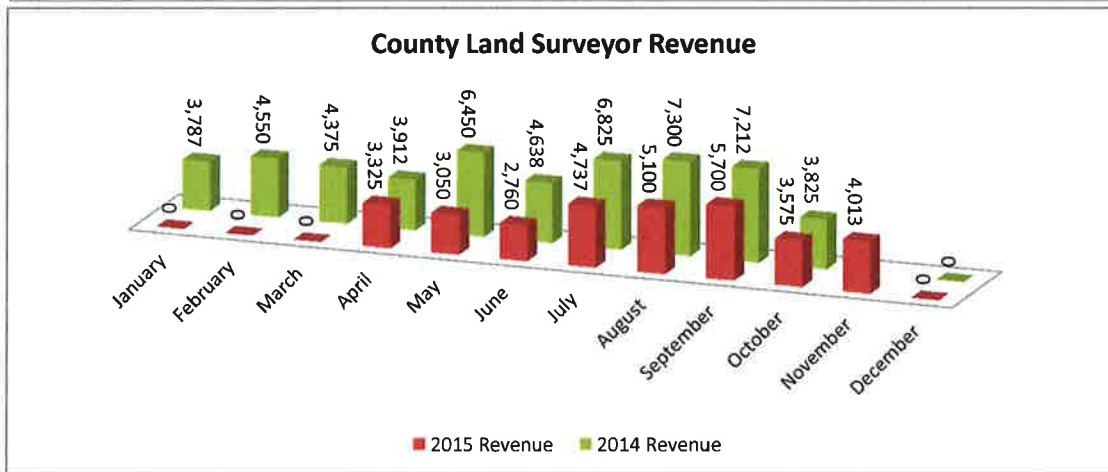
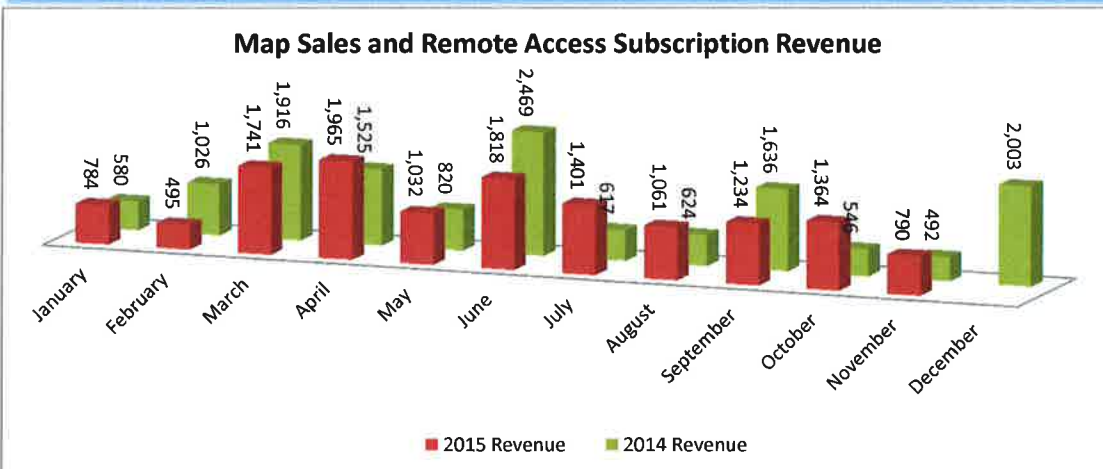
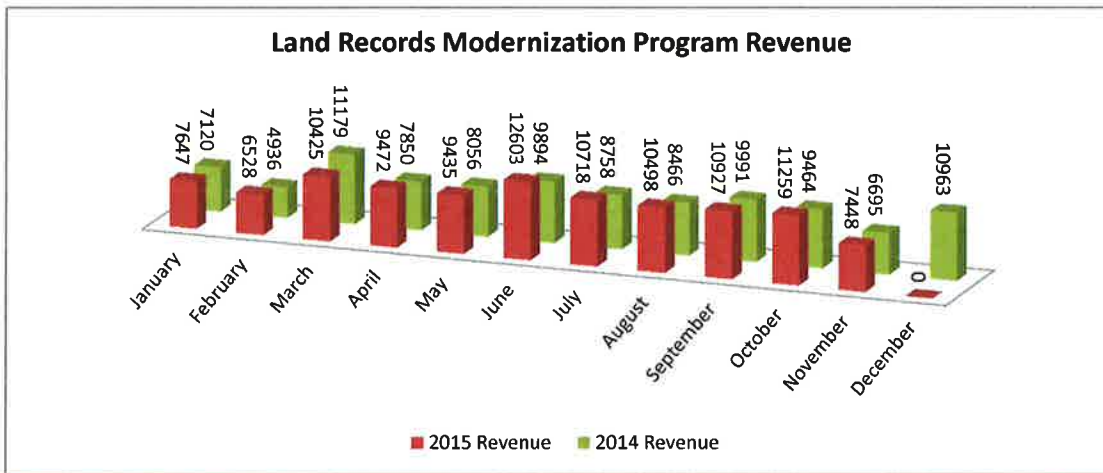
*A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.*

**Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.**

*A digital recording of the meeting will be available in the Zoning Department upon request.*



## November 2015 Land Information Office Monthly Revenue Chart Comparison to Prior Year



[Work Page](#) | 
 [Zoning Receipt](#) | 
 [Solid Waste](#) | 
 [Receipt Look-up](#) | 
 [Reporting](#)

## Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department

Enter Year: PDF:  Excel: Enter 2014 Actual Zoning Deposit: Enter 2015 Budget Revenues: 

MTM	Other Permits/LU 7101.432099	Private Parties Copies/Maps 7101.451002	Municipal Copies/Printing 7101.472003	Private Sewage System (County) 7101.432002	Soil Testing Fee 7101.458010	Farmland Qualifying Acreage Schedule 7101.458015	Farmland Agreement App 7101.458014	Farmland Preservation Fee/ Certs 7101.458001	Septic Replacement Fee/ Wis Fund 7101.458002	Wisconsin Fund Grants 7102.421001	Refunds	2015 Totals	2014 Totals	2014- 2015 Difference
Jan	5,845.00	519.30		1,750.00	300.00						1,500.00	8,414.30	6,832.86	1581.44
Feb	10,460.00	160.00		1,175.00	250.00						275.00	12,045.00	10,165.62	1879.38
Mar	11,130.00	168.08		1,825.00	150.00						250.00	13,273.08	9,843.03	3430.05
Apr	15,865.00	29.94		3,700.00	950.00							20,544.94	13,562.09	6982.85
May	13,379.00	8.36	2.50	4,450.00	350.00						250.00	18,189.86	16,253.03	1936.83
June	16,940.00	16.49		5,050.00	700.00			2.00			650.00	22,708.49	16,150.51	6557.98
July	15,220.00	84.36		3,525.00	400.00							19,229.36	20,802.00	-1572.64
Aug	15,335.00	11.58		6,475.00	850.00						150.00	22,671.58	23,015.79	-344.21
Sept	10,695.00	32.01		3,900.00	750.00							15,377.01	25,195.29	-9818.28
Oct	14,915.00	29.08		3,000.00	1,000.00							18,944.08	12,805.14	6138.94
Nov	6,410.00	60.29		2,150.00	550.00							9,170.29	13,848.22	-4677.93
Dec	3,415.00	25.42		2,850.00	150.00						30.00	6,440.42	10,000.29	-3559.87
Total	139,609.00	1,144.91	2.50	39,850.00	6,400.00			2.00			3,105.00	187,008.41	178,473.87	8534.54

2014 Actual Zoning Deposit: \$2,014.00

2015 Budget Revenues: \$136,300.00

2015 Deposits YTD: \$187,008.41

## Michelle Staff

---

**From:** Nicole Miller <tnnmiller@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 10:15 PM  
**To:** Rob Klotz; Michelle Staff  
**Subject:** FW: Julianne and PBP

**From:** Bill Stork [<mailto:billstork34@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 4, 2015 8:35 AM  
**To:** [tnnmiller@charter.net](mailto:tnnmiller@charter.net)  
**Subject:** Julianne and PBP

Nicole and whomever it may concern,

Pet PBP's and the like have risen and fallen in popularity over the years.

They make great pets and the rules for pigs is very similar to dogs and cats. If they are socialized properly they are friendly, entertaining and especially the Juliennes are of no social threat to people or other animals.

As for the disease aspect; they pose less zoonotic (diseases transmissible from animal to man) threat than dogs or cats.

Vaccines are basic and minimal. We recommend vaccination against a skin disease called erysipelas and possibly tetanus as well. We deworm and de-louse them twice per year with ivermectin under the skin.

Their impact on their environment is in direct proportion to their size...in other words, minimal.

They are comical and entertaining little garbage disposals. Good luck and call with any questions.

Bill C. Stork, DVM



**Lake Mills Veterinary Clinic**  
[www.lakemillsvetclinic.com](http://www.lakemillsvetclinic.com)  
920.648.2421

Blog: *In Herriot's Shadow: Musings by a Wisconsin veterinarian on sunrises, old yellow labs and well-written songs.*

No virus found in this message.

Checked by AVG - [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

Version: 2016.0.7227 / Virus Database: 4457/10948 - Release Date: 11/04/15

## Michelle Staff

---

**From:** Nicole Miller <tnnmiller@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 6:18 AM  
**To:** Rob Klotz; Michelle Staff  
**Subject:** FW: mini pig information

*Response from julienne pig breeder*

**From:** kristy bullington [<mailto:ozarkmountainminipigs@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 1:28 PM  
**To:** Nicole Miller <[tnnmiller@charter.net](mailto:tnnmiller@charter.net)>  
**Subject:** Re: mini pig information

That's awesome! The town that had the issues before you was Dexter, MO. I really don't know exactly what they did as far as limit wise or anything like that. We can get you a health certificate from our vet before the pig crosses state line saying that everything is good on our end. If it helps we were just checked by the department of animal welfare and passed with flying colors as well. Our vet tells us to tell people they don't have to have any shots other than being wormed like a dog unless they are around lots of other pigs but they can have regular shots such as rabies and things like dogs get.

On Monday, October 26, 2015 11:25 PM, Nicole Miller <[tnnmiller@charter.net](mailto:tnnmiller@charter.net)> wrote:

So they board finally happened this morning and they didn't say no!!! So excited. They want more information.

Vaccinations?

Crossing the line into another state?

The township that altered their ordinance in Missouri, did they list it as a dog or weight limit or how many?

I also getting a letter from my vet

If you could get me any of this information asap would be great!

Thanks

Nicole Miller

Jefferson Wisconsin

920-723-1054

**From:** kristy bullington [<mailto:ozarkmountainminipigs@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2015 4:30 PM

**To:** [tnnmiller@charter.net](mailto:tnnmiller@charter.net)

**Subject:** mini pig information

Our pigs are Juliana miniature pigs, the smallest breed of pigs, which grow 12-14 inches tall and 25-35 lbs so about the size of a beagle. Pigs are extremely smart animals, ranked #4 behind chimps, dolphins, and elephants, which makes them extremely easy to train. They are naturally clean animals that won't soil where they eat or sleep. Pigs are easily litter box trained or you can teach them to go outside just like a dog. Pigs will often act like a dog. They will do tricks, walk with a leash, and they love to cuddle and snuggle. People who are allergic to cats and dogs can get a pig because they are hypoallergenic and do not shed. This has allowed numerous kids and adults the ability to own a pet for the 1st time in their lives. There was a city close to where I live, Dexter, MO, that had a law very similar to yours. After reviewing the information of some residents who were interested and gathering some facts, they were able to revise their law to allow mini pigs. Mini pigs are too small to be considered livestock. As you will see from the pictures, they stay smaller than several breeds of dogs. They also aren't classified as exotic so they pose as no dangerous threat to the community. Dexter, MO was able to revise their laws to allow mini pigs under the same rules and guidelines used for dog ownership. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me Ozark Mountain Mini Pigs 334-744-1226.

No virus found in this message.

Checked by AVG - [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

Version: 2016.0.7163 / Virus Database: 4457/10909 - Release Date: 10/29/15



<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/09/140930-animals-culture-science-miniature-pigs-breeders-sanctuaries.html>

# The Big Problem With Mini-Pigs

When pint-size pigs grow bigger than promised, they wind up euthanized or in overburdened shelters. Can education, regulation, and more sanctuaries solve the problem?

By **Marissa Curnutte**, for National Geographic

PUBLISHED OCTOBER 01, 2014

In 2012, as a favor to a friend, Canadians Steve Jenkins and Derek Walter adopted a three-pound (1.4-kilogram) "mini-pig" named Esther. Or so they thought. Within two years Esther wasn't so mini. In fact, she weighed 500 pounds (227 kilograms).

"We didn't want to believe it," says Jenkins, "but at four months it became painfully obvious she would be larger than we thought. She grew about three-fourths of a pound a day. And she's still growing now."

Like thousands of others before them, Jenkins and Walter had been duped into thinking that their tiny pig would stay

tiny—perhaps small enough to fit in a teacup—and make as good a house pet as any dog or cat.

But as the couple soon learned, those promises are essentially marketing ploys—ones that unscrupulous breeders have been using more and more frequently over the past 15-plus years. Since 1998, the number of “mini-pigs”—a catch-all term that characterizes just about any small-breed pig—in the United States and Canada has risen from 200,000 to perhaps as many as a million.

To keep the animals’ size down, many breeders have been inbreeding and underfeeding their pigs, telling buyers that piglets are actually adults, or—as in Esther’s case—passing off commercial pigs originally intended for food as a smaller breed of pig.

Most of these animals end up in overburdened shelters or are euthanized once they outgrow their suburban habitats.

But there may be some good news. Reputable breeders and rescuers are working to educate the public and regulate the trade in the U.S. and Canada. And the number of sanctuaries has grown significantly—from a handful in the 1980s to a few hundred today—thanks, in recent years, to 21st-century fund-raising efforts.

Will those measures be enough to curb the surprisingly big mini-pig problem?

### **How It All Began**

The novelty of petite pigs in the U.S. began in 1986, when a few dozen Vietnamese potbellied pigs were imported to American zoos. Private breeders took notice. Some began to breed (or



inbreed) and underfeed their potbellies and other small-breed lines, such as New Zealand's kunekune and the state of Georgia's Spanish-descended Ossabaw Island pigs.

These strategies produced pigs much smaller than, say, a thousand-pound farm hog (455 kilograms). But they're never the size of a Chihuahua, as some breeders promise. And their weight is impossible to predict.

Until now, the mini-pig trade in North America—and to a lesser extent Europe—has been a hazy, unregulated industry, with few if any rules. But some individuals and nascent organizations are trying to change that.

The recently established American Mini Pig Association comprises 250 breeders across the country working to create a strict code of ethics and height-based breed classifications. Jaimee Hubert, one of the founders, hopes to launch the organization's website this year.

At the same time, she and others are trying to strengthen purchase contracts, extensively interview prospective buyers, and disseminate accurate information about mini-pigs. If reputable breeders, rescuers, and sanctuary owners agree on one thing, it's that education is key.

"Understanding the nature of your pet, whether it's a pig or a lizard, is vitally important to being a successful caretaker for that animal," says Susan Armstrong-Magidson, a breeder turned rescuer who has run the Pig Placement Network, a fostering and adoption system, since 1998. "Had the people buying them—from a

roadside stand, county fair, or backyard breeder—been given more information, they may not have bought the pig in the first place.”

Hubert says bad breeders can ruin things for the good ones.

“It really irritates us,” she says. “We’re just as mad as everyone else about it. We have to spend an exorbitant amount of time educating. And we’re taking a lot of flak and having to defend ourselves.”

Hubert says sanctuaries are quick to blame all breeders for the overwhelming numbers of rescued mini-pigs. Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, Utah, estimated a total of 300,000 in 2009—a figure that’s grown in the years since.

But, says Hubert, breeders who are reputable understand that they’re responsible for the pigs they bring into the world. It’s their duty to spay and neuter piglets, match them with dedicated and informed owners, and find new homes for them if anything goes wrong. Places that don’t, Hubert adds, are no better than puppy mills.

Rich Hoyle, a 20-year sanctuary veteran who founded The Pig Preserve in Jamestown, Tennessee, eight years ago, says he’s seeing more rescued minis with congenital problems—such as deep recessed eyes, males born with retained testicles, and females born without an anus—because of poor breeding practices. On many rescues, the herd of 50 to 100 pigs he encounters are descended from one pair of siblings.

“These poor inbred and half-starved pigs are inundating sanctuaries,” says Hoyle. “Probably 90 percent of the so-called

micro pigs”—that’s one of the mini-pig’s many nicknames; others include teacup pigs and pocket pigs—“will either be dead or in a sanctuary before they are two years old.”

Fortunately, there are more sanctuaries than ever to receive them.

### **Seeking Sanctuaries**

Lana Hollenback founded the Forgotten Angels Rescue and Education Center in Deer Lodge, Tennessee, in 2008 as a resource for individuals and other sanctuaries that need new homes for pigs. These days she fields ten calls a day for false minis.

Armstrong-Magidson’s Pig Placement Network adopts out 60 pigs a year from her boarding program at Ross Mill Farm in Rushland, Pennsylvania. She says phone calls—mostly concerning pigs under two years old whose owners thought they would fit in their pocket—have been “increasing tremendously” over the past few years.

And then there are Esther’s owners, Jenkins and Walter. As Esther grew, so did the couple’s resolve to keep her. That meant upgrading from their 1,000-square-foot home (93 square meters) and moving to a place large enough to open a sanctuary for Esther and other farm animals. This year, people from 40 countries donated more than \$400,000 to make their Happily Ever Esther Farm Sanctuary a reality.

Jenkins, a real-estate agent, and Walter, a magician, say the “Esther effect”—their term for how one pig has caused them to rethink their entire way of living—is inspiring them to do more. To

make sure the sanctuary in Campbellville, Ontario, is eventually self-funded, they want to open a year-round bed and breakfast, which would give visitors ample time to interact with the pigs and walk the area's forest trails. They also plan to open a meatless restaurant, with food grown in a community garden that becomes an ice rink in winter.

"It's easy to make changes to your lifestyle when you've got that kind of motivation," Jenkins says. "We love Esther so much that it's not a stretch to make it our life's work."

Havens are opening elsewhere as well. The American Sanctuary Association now accredits 37 such places in the United States, and estimates there are a few hundred more. About 20 long-running sanctuaries rescue only pigs.

Since the early 2000s, Best Friends Animal Society has taken in stray pigs let loose in the desert or left behind when people move. The organization recently remodeled its living quarters for the pigs, using \$500,000 it received via donations to turn the space into Marshall's Piggy Paradise sanctuary.

Meanwhile, mini-pig numbers at Marana, Arizona's Ironwood Pig Sanctuary grew from 329 in 2005 to nearly 600 today. Half the rescues in the past nine years were non-mini mini-pigs like Esther.

### **Too Many Pigs, Too Few Dollars**

While the number of sanctuaries has been growing, the funding for them hasn't been keeping pace. That means overcrowding is becoming an issue at existing havens. At least ten

pig sanctuaries have closed in the past two years from lack of space and funding.

Forgotten Angels' Hollenback says a big part of her job these days is persuading owners to say "no." The Pig Preserve's Hoyle calls it the "potato-chip theory"—thinking you can fit just one more rescued pig in the sanctuary is like thinking you can eat just one more chip.

"If you are not careful," says Hoyle, "you can 'just one more' yourself and your sanctuary right into bankruptcy. Our hearts sometimes get in the way of our brains."

The fiscal solution may lie in the wisdom of crowdfunding. In the past two years, crowdfunding sites have hosted thousands of campaigns for a variety of animal sanctuaries.

For contributing to Esther's home, the 7,461 online donors received an assortment of goodies, including a piece of Esther's blanket, a video chat with the pig herself, and an apple tree planted in their name (the apples will be used as food for the animals).

Esther's "dads" say they gladly ran a five-kilometer race in their Esther-adorned undies after receiving a \$30,000 donation. And they've promised that if someone donates \$1 million, they'll get married and let the deep-pocketed donor officiate.

Funding methods have come a long way since 1986, when Farm Sanctuary set up the first reserves in the U.S. for abused and neglected farm animals. Social media is a big reason why. Esther's Facebook page reaches two million people each week, and she's been "social" for only ten months.

## Going Forward

As the mini-pig problem wears on, new sanctuaries continue to open—but not quickly enough. Virtually all of the existing ones are already at or exceeding capacity.

Hoyle says part of the problem is generational. “We know that there are not too many young people coming along behind us who are crazy enough to want to step into our shoes,” he says.

Hoyle’s wardrobe consists of dirty jeans, battered boots, and sweat-stained shirts. One of his trucks, covered in mud, rust, and “a few petrified pig turds on the inside,” has almost 500,000 miles (805,000 kilometers) on the odometer. And his refrigerator contains more pig medicine than human food. But he wakes before dawn every day and works into the dark every night because, as he puts it, pigs don’t respect holidays, bad weather, or doctor’s notes.

To keep costs down Hoyle has learned to do routine veterinary procedures himself—a common strategy among sanctuary owners. He gives enemas to pigs that overindulge on acorns, trims their tusks and hoofs, and occasionally lances abscesses.

Hoyle has pared down his lifestyle to make up for donor shortfalls. He’s built a financial cushion that will allow him to stay operational for six months with no support. He’s networked with other sanctuaries, swapping pigs to level the cumulative load. And he’s traveled from New Jersey to New Mexico to help stage emergency rescues from failed sanctuaries.

"We watch the flash-in-the-pan sanctuaries that so often hit the scene with a lot of fanfare and up-front money," he says, "and we wonder how long they will last before they go the way of so many before them. And lately, we have watched a few of our old guard lay down and die well before their time."

Jenkins and Walter are months away from moving to their new farm. They've already secured spots in the sanctuary for a rescued horse and donkey.

But they're already having to deny animals; if they gave in to current demand, they say, their future sanctuary would be at full capacity within a week. So they know they need to develop Esther's haven slowly and carefully.

"People know who we are, and they want their animals to come to us," Jenkins says, "which is beautiful, but heartbreaking—when you have to say 'no'—and terrifying."

It's a lot to handle for a couple who, just a few years ago, didn't know farm sanctuaries existed. But the Esther effect makes it worthwhile. Jenkins and Walter continue to care for the pig that inspired it all, feeding the not-so-little lady her 14 cups of food each day.



© 1996-2015 National Geographic Society.

# Miniature pig

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A **miniature pig** (also **mini pig**, or **micro pig**) is a breed of pig developed and used for medical research or for use as a pet. Miniature pigs weigh between 75 pounds (34 kg) to 150 pounds (68 kg) when fully grown, while farm pigs may weigh more than 700 pounds (320 kg). They were first used for medical research in Europe before being introduced to the United States in the 1980s. Since then, the animals have been used in studies by scientists around the world, and have also risen in popularity as companion animals.

## Contents

- 1 History
- 2 Medical research
- 3 As pets
- 4 Other notable references
- 5 References

## Miniature pig



Full-grown miniature pigs

### Traits

#### Pig

*Sus scrofa domesticus*

## History

In the 1960s, pigs that grew to be 150–200 pounds (68–91 kg) were sent to zoos in Western nations<sup>[1]</sup> and were used for medical research in the fields of toxicology, pharmacology, pulmonology, cardiology, aging, and as a source of organs for organ transplantation.<sup>[2]</sup> These comparatively smaller pigs were easier to work with than the larger farm pigs, which typically reach weights of 300-500 pounds. <sup>[3]</sup>Potbellied pigs also became a fixture in many zoological parks where their small stature, sway backs, and potbellies attracted the attention of visitors. The purchase of a few potbellied pigs by wealthy pet owners helped start a new trend in pet pigs.

The popularity of miniature pigs grew in the 1980s, with pet potbellied pigs appearing everywhere from New York apartment complexes to small hobby farms. However, the trend was short-lived, mostly due to city ordinances forbidding raising farm animals within the city limits. Furthermore, many owners came to realize that even a 165-pound pig was difficult to handle in most housing situations.



The 1990s and 2000s saw a rising trend of marketing pet pigs that were supposed to be much smaller than even the potbellied pigs, and therefore suitable pets for house and apartment owners. While multiple animal protection groups and pig breeders question or deny the existence of true "miniature pigs",<sup>[4]</sup> there are currently breeders selling piglets claimed to be miniature pigs in North America and in the United Kingdom.

In the mid-1980s, Keith Connell of the Bowmanville Zoo in Ontario imported breeding potbellied pigs to Canada, which became the foundation for the potbellied pig in North America.<sup>[5]</sup> Because of customs laws, only their offspring could be sold in the United States. US zoos were the main target for the piglets, but private owners soon began purchasing them as pets. Up to five additional imports were made in the following 10 years. To track the pedigrees, the Potbellied Pig Registry Service, Inc (PPRSI) was created to preserve these bloodlines and establish a breed registry in the United States. This registry was dissolved in the late 1990s.<sup>[5]</sup>

The Miniature Potbellied Pig Registry Service, Inc (MPPRSI) was established in 1993 to provide a registry for those pigs who were pedigreed in the PPRSI and met the breed standard, when fully grown not being more than 15 inches (38 cm) tall and weighing under 55 pounds (25 kg).<sup>[6]</sup> All of the foundation pigs were dual registered in PPRSI and MPPRSI.<sup>[5]</sup>

In May 2015, the China Academy of Agricultural Science announced that its research team had successfully produced F-25 (the 25th generation) of inbred Chinese Wuzhishan Mini Pig (WZSP), with an inbreeding coefficient of 0.99519.<sup>[7]</sup>

## Medical research

Miniature pigs have been used for medical research, including toxicology, pharmacology, pulmonology, cardiology, and aging.

## As pets

Miniature pigs, also known as micro pigs, pocket pigs, and or teacup pigs, have seen an increase in popularity as pets, especially following Paris Hilton's attempt to purchase one in 2009 (She ended up with a much larger breed.).<sup>[8]</sup> They are intelligent animals and can be house-trained.<sup>[9]</sup> They do not shed and tend to keep themselves clean.

Micro pigs can potentially make great pets, but there are considerably more risks involved when buying a micro pig over other common pets, such as cats or dogs. The biggest concern is that, since there is no established breed of "teacup pig", there is no guarantee that the pig sold as such will actually stay small.<sup>[10]</sup> The risk of ending up with a large pig can be somewhat minimized by looking at the pig's parents and grandparents if



Young mini-pig on the streets of Condesa neighborhood (Cuauhtémoc borough, Mexico City) during an earthquake in May 2014

possible.<sup>[11]</sup> If they are on the smaller side, the odds are better that the pig will remain small. However, since pigs can breed years before they fully mature, unscrupulous or ignorant breeders may show off parent pigs which are not fully grown themselves, so have not reached their full adult size.<sup>[12]</sup> Some breeders may falsely claim that a mini-pig is guaranteed to stay under a certain weight, and sometimes will recommend a diet regimen that starves the animal and unnaturally stunts its growth.<sup>[13]</sup>

In 2012, the Juliana Pig Association & Registry (JPAR) was officially founded. This registry is concerned with the lineage and breeding of a subset group of miniature pigs called Juliana pigs. JPAR records lineage, size, and age on every pig entered and has an online database that is open to the public. JPAR has a breed standard, Code of Ethics for responsible breeding, and consequences to falsification of information for farms that make false claims about their pigs. As JPAR grows so does the consistency of this particular breed of miniature pig.<sup>[14]</sup>



'Teacup-sized' immature miniature piglet

Some towns and cities have ordinances disallowing farm animals within city limits; a pig is usually considered a farm animal regardless of its size. As well, many small animal vets will not treat pigs. Since these animals have a life span of 15 to 20 years, they require long term commitment. Due to their ability to bond, combined with their need for attention, people who have limited time for a pet may find a pig far more than they can handle. Additionally, if pet pigs are not properly trained when they are young, just like a dog they can strive for dominance and become aggressive.<sup>[15]</sup>

There are multiple animal rescue organizations set up to find new homes for pet pigs which have grown too large or otherwise unmanageable for their owners

## Other notable references

A Yucatan miniature pig is the unofficial mascot of the Animal Rescue League of Boston.<sup>[16]</sup>

The world's smallest wild pig species is believed to be the 28 inches (71 cm) long wild pygmy hog which lives in Assam, India.<sup>[17]</sup> It is an endangered wild species, not appropriate for domestication.

## References

1. John Pukite (1999). *A field guide to pigs*. ISBN 1-56044-877-6.
2. Sachs, DH; Galli, C (2009). "Genetic Manipulation in Pigs". *Current Opinion in Organ Transplantation* **14** (2): 148–153. doi:10.1097/mot.0b013e3283292549. PMC 2687522. PMID 19469029.
3. <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/aitc/lessons/extras/facts/swine.html>
4. [1] (<http://www.miniaturepotbelliedpigregistry.com/what-is-a-mini.html>) - Miniature Potbellied Pig Registry Service, ref>The Truth about "Tea Cup" Pigs (<http://www.bestfriends.org/The-Sanctuary/Explore-the-Sanctuary/Piggy-Paradise/>)
5. "History". Miniature Potbellied Pig Registry Service, Inc. Retrieved 4 Feb 2013.
6. About Miniature Potbellied Pigs - Miniature Potbellied Pig Registry Service, Inc. (<http://www.miniaturepotbelliedpigregistry.com/about-the-breed-1.html>)

7. <http://www.caas.net.cn/ysxw/gnhz1/256256.shtml>
8. History of pigs in research (<http://ori.hhs.gov/education/products/ncstate/pig.htm>) Andrew David Thaler, on October 14th, 2012
9. Mini Pig Care guide (<http://www.prettylittleporkers.com/careguide.php>)
10. You must have been told a porky: 'Micro' pig grows to 25 stone and takes over its owners' home (<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2179951/Micro-pig-grows-25-stone-takes-owners-home.html#axzz2Jq3kuGZy>) By Daily Mail Reporter PUBLISHED: 12:51 EST, 27 July 2012 | UPDATED: 15:00 EST, 27 July 2012
11. *Minimizing risk when buying a micro pig* (<http://www.mini-micro-pigs.com/micro-pig-info/bad-things-about-micro-pigs/>) About Micro Pigs and their size - UK
12. Teacup Pigs All the Rage, But Animal Welfare Group Urges People to do Homework Before Taking One Home ([http://www.prweb.com/releases/teacup\\_pigs/Animal\\_Welfare/prweb3119874.htm](http://www.prweb.com/releases/teacup_pigs/Animal_Welfare/prweb3119874.htm)) October 28, 2009
13. "Instead of providing breed-appropriate feed and portions, her breeder recommended tiny, toy breed puppy-appropriate food and water bowls." [2] (<http://yurtopian.com/2013/01/this-vegan-digs-on-swine/>)
14. Juliana Pig Association and Registry (<http://www.julianapig.com>)
15. Pot Bellied Pigs as Pets (<http://exoticpets.about.com/cs/potbelliedpigs/a/pbpexpect.htm>)
16. <http://www.teacuppigs.info/Mini-Yucatan-Pig.html> Meet Rosie a Yucatan miniature pig] May 10, 2009 NECN.com
17. Mini pigs are big success on farm ([http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/low/uk\\_news/england/devon/7044897.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/low/uk_news/england/devon/7044897.stm)) 15 October 2007 BBC News

Retrieved from "[https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Miniature\\_pig&oldid=692186856](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Miniature_pig&oldid=692186856)"

Categories: Pig breeds | Pig breeds originating in Canada | Mammals as pets

- 
- This page was last modified on 24 November 2015, at 10:32.
  - Text is available under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License; additional terms may apply. By using this site, you agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization.



# Why I Cringe When People Buy Teacup Pigs

By Dr. Patty Khuly | October 11, 2012



Alamy

Go ahead, Google it.

When you do, your search for "teacup pigs" will produce the following results: "We specialize in cute, happy and healthy miniature pigs, micro-mini pigs and Juliana pigs!"

Scroll down a bit and images of piglets nestled within mugs and other random bits of pottery appear alongside such slogans as "We have some of the smallest teacup pigs in the world!"

All of this mostly makes me want to throw up.

I know it sounds harsh, but here's just a smattering of the reasons why the concept of a teacup pig turns my stomach:

## The Paris Factor

Also referred to as "dandie pigs," "mini potbelly pigs" and "pocket pigs," these teacups have become increasingly fashionable over the past decade.

Enter celebutante Paris Hilton, whose penchant for accessorizing with pets took a detour toward the porcine with her purchase of a tiny piglet in 2010.

Here's what she told *Hello* magazine back then: "I went online and found these tiny teacup pigs that stay under 12 pounds when they're fully grown. They're incredibly smart, lovable, really clean and litter trained."

And here's a [photo of Paris](#) with her "ultra teacup royal dandie piglet" in 2010.

All of this, of course, added kindling to the concept of impulse pig purchases and sourcing animals sight unseen online — neither of which is a recommendable practice.

## The Teacup Designation

Whether we're talking about teacup pigs or Pugs, I simply can't stand the appellation. What's so compelling about an animal who fits inside a teacup?

Just as with dogs, the word "teacup" purports to describe the size of a pig for marketing purposes alone. It is not a distinct species or breed of pig. It's just a pig who's been bred to be smaller than most.

## The True Story About Size

Forget what Paris said — 12 pounds is *not* what these pigs weigh when fully grown. Try 40 or 50, if you're lucky. Many of these pigs will weigh well over 100 pounds once they reach their maximum poundage — at which point they're often surrendered to a rescue.

## Deb Magritz

---

**From:** Jeff Leverenz <bowshooter66@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 06, 2015 8:26 AM  
**To:** Rob Klotz; Michelle Staff; Town of Concord Clerk; Deb Magritz;  
bill.ingersoll@centurytel.net  
**Cc:** Sandy Leverenz; Jeff Leverenz  
**Subject:** reconsideration request  
**Attachments:** 132916-concept 12-2-2015.pdf

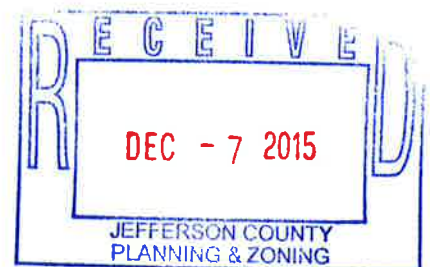
Good morning -

I have attached the revised plan that we would like to submit for the reconsideration request by the Jefferson County board. The new plan shows the original farm buildings at W158 Concord Center Drive being set into a 4.2 acre site and a new 2 acre building site across from W191 Concord Center Drive.

If this new plan is approved by the County Board, and since this plan is different (the building site to the east of the original farm buildings removed) than what was originally approved by both the Town of Concord Board and the Village of Summit Board, we will need some guidance from someone who is familiar with these types of situations to assist us the next steps required to obtain new approvals from both of those groups. Hopefully these new approvals can also be achieved at no additional out-of-pocket expenses to us.

Please let me know when this reconsideration request will be reviewed by the County Board so I can attend the meeting.

Thanks - Jeff





# CONCEPT PLAN

BEING A PART OF THE SE 1/4 AND SW 1/4 OF SECTION 13, T.7N., R.1E.,  
TOWNSHIP CONCORD, JEFFERSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.



ENGINEERS,  
PLANNERS,  
ARCHITECTS  
SCIENTISTS  
501 MONTE AVENUE  
SCARLETT, WISCONSIN 53081-4400  
WWW.SEHINC.COM



CLIENT:  
KEITH A. JACOBSON, P.E. S-2882  
SEH, INC.  
501 MONTE AVENUE  
SCARLETT, WI 53081  
(414) 946-4813  
WWW.SEHINC.COM

SURVEY FOR:  
JERRY & SARINA LEVINSKY  
12000 WISCONSIN AVENUE  
OCCASAWATON, WI 53055

DEC 7 2015

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
PLANNING & ZONING

RECEIVED