



Newsletter

May 2023

SUCCESSFUL BONDING



Ginger and Rolo



Poppy and Jack



Cracker and Dolly



What a week this has been!

Good news and sad news

Part 1

Rose, one of our gorgeous long-term Sanctuary residents who has battled many health problems in her little life, gave us all an awful scare by appearing to be on her way to the rainbow bridge for two days and then making a miraculous recovery! Recently, a hard mass has formed in Rose's abdomen that we know is not a good thing and we suspect that this was the cause of her problems this time. She was so poorly that her previous owner and sponsor came to spend a few hours cuddling her and to say goodbye! But, this lovely piggy has defied the odds yet again and is looking quite bright today.

We have had to separate her boyfriend Revel from Rose as he was taking advantage of her vulnerability and pushing her around, mounting her and chasing her.

Rose is perfectly happy being a single lady. Revel isn't so happy! We will work out the best solution for them both.

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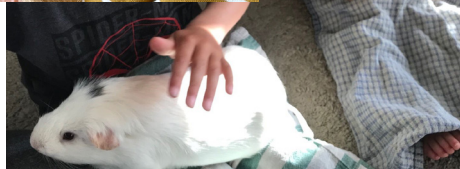
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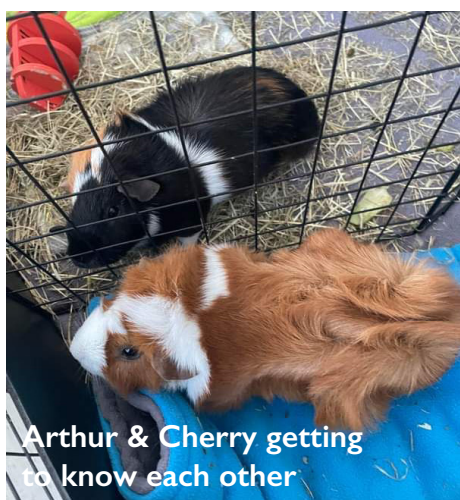
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Ant and Dec



Sprout



Arthur & Cherry getting to know each other

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Jeff is a recent addition to the Rescue and a lovely, mature gentleman. He has a quick visit to the Vet this week to check out his eyes that have been watering and had a slight discharge. Fortunately, his teeth and ears etc all seem good and he is being treated for an eye infection which should clear up quickly with the eye drops.



Rescue Intake

Tommy, Arthur, Jeff, Hulk, Storm, Sprout from the waiting list and Maisie as an emergency.

Vet Visits

Tommy, Arthur and Hulk neutered. Boris and Rose health check (all three boys who were neutered on Monday have recovered and are healing nicely. They will need a minimum of 4 weeks cooling-down time before they are ready to safely live with a girlfriend!

The Vet examined both Boris and Rose as part of their continued care. Boris has big problems with impaction requiring painkillers and help to empty his anal sac twice daily. With this type of ongoing issue he will more than likely be joining the resident piggies in our Sanctuary. Rose has been through a lot in her life, all of which she has battled through with loving support from her previous owner (who still supports her in the Sanctuary) and from us here. She is actually doing very well at the moment but has developed a firm mass in her abdomen. It's in an unusual place but doesn't appear to be causing any problems so we are going to keep a close eye on her (as always!) and maintain the daily painkillers.)

I am back at the Vet's with Chakotay on Friday 19th.

Boarders

27 guinea pigs, 5 outdoor tortoises and one hamster by May 31st
Nail trims/Health Checks - 4 pairs of non-resident piggies

Other news

7 deliveries of 15kg haybox hay, 16 bales woodshavings, two bags dried forage, mountains of fresh food! and 1 large bale of dried grass.

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Part 3



Chakotay. Our beautiful, brave piggy has been losing weight again despite upping all the foods that help to add condition to piggies - his best friend and cage mate, Rumba has become quite a chubby fella because of it! Thanks to you and the donations you raised he spent Friday at the Vet's with Rumba for company, and had some more investigations. Sadly, scans showed what I had suspected, which is that there is significant damage to both kidneys. Chakotay's light-weight condition prevents us from doing more invasive investigations or the use of anaesthetic and as the Vet said, these will only confirm what the scans revealed. Operating is not an option. So we are looking at keeping him happy and comfortable for as long as he's here - lots of time out on the grass now the weather has improved and lots of treats. I confess, I am heartbroken. The little guy has proved to be such a character and such a fighter given his appalling first 18 months of life. But, on we go.

Thank you as ever, for your support and donations.

Update on Chakotay written by one of my lovely volunteers

Here at Ashted Guinea Pig Rescue we are so sad to share the news that our little Chakotay passed away 26/05/2023.

Chakotay had such a rough start in his life and he overcame so many traumas, learnt how to act like a piggie thanks to his friend Rumba and opened his heart to one human and one human alone.

Carolyn was the only person he trusted, so much so once he came to us he would only ever come out of hiding if he could hear her voice. He became quite attached to our Carolyn and began to show attitude when it was dinner time or if she had the audacity to trim his nails. He learnt that cuddles from his human were actually quite relaxing and that it didn't take much to get an extra special treat because of his cuteness.

A lot of you will not know but Carolyn gave her all to this little fluff ball and make it her mission to show him a life he deserves... and she did just that!

Life is incredibly cruel and due to the neglect he suffered as a young boy his body was never the same and eventually his organs gave up. He tried so hard to hold on and I believe that this was for his chosen human Carolyn.

Chakotay we will miss you so much at the rescue. Popcorn free over the rainbow bridge you cheeky boy. Lots of Love F x

