

MEET OUR ANIMALS

Introducing Vivien: the Smallest Pig, the Noisiest Pig



Vivien came to Diamond Forest Farm Stay in June 2015. She is an Australian Mini Pig. Vivien came to us from a family in Mandurah who could no longer keep her. This family had dogs who liked to chase Vivien. To keep Vivien safe from the dogs they put her into the chicken pen. But then she ate all the eggs!!!

So Vivien came to live with us. We didn't know if Vivien would get on with Charlotte and Wilbur so we were very cautious about putting them all together straight away. So we put her into the paddock right next to them so they could all meet in safety through the fence. But Vivien decided she didn't want to wait so she snuck under the fence to be with Charlotte and Wilbur. We tried putting her back into her paddock but she kept sneaking back in so we let her stay where she wanted to be.

Did you know?

- Pigs are social animals and like to have friends. Our pigs are such good friends they all cuddle up together at night to keep warm.
- Pigs like to dig holes but Charlotte and Wilbur had forgotten how. So Vivien has shown them how and now we have to section off part of their paddock just so we can get some grass to grow for them.
- Pigs also like to eat food. They are omnivorous, which means they eat both meat and vegetables but we don't feed our pigs meat at all.
- Pigs can live to about 12 years old.
- Pigs have incredibly strong jaws and can crack open a whole pumpkin very easily. This is why we have a special plate in their pen so that we can throw their food onto it to make sure that the pigs don't accidentally grab our fingers.

Our Secret

Our pigs love cherries and peaches, plums, potatoes, carrots, beetroot, tomatoes, pineapples, watermelon, greens and coconuts but they don't like Brussel sprouts!

