



To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dr. Kristie Mozzachio, and I operate a pet pig-exclusive mobile veterinary practice (since 2001) that currently serves 5 states. This letter provides support of minipigs as pets under similar guidelines to those used for dogs. To address some of the common misunderstandings involving pet pigs, I have created the following list of facts:

- Minipigs vary in size but are far smaller than commercial hogs. Overall size typically ranges from that of a Cocker Spaniel to the size of a Labrador.
- Minipigs are naturally clean animals, with minimal odor. Bathing is unnecessary to maintain an odor-free animal; “poop scooping” is required, just as with dogs, to keep an odor-free environment.
- Minipigs are typically quiet animals, with some exceptions occurring at meal times. They are far less likely to cause noise disturbance than the average barking dog.
- Minipigs are extremely intelligent and easily trained.
- Minipigs are herd animals that tend to do better in a group of at least two pigs.
- Neuter is recommended for all minipigs intended to be kept as pets.
- A healthy minipig should not carry zoonotic disease that is a danger to humans.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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