WHEN YOUR PIG IS SICK...
Your vet will need detailed information in order to diagnose and determine the course of treatment for your pig. This form can be used so your vet can get accurate and appropriate information to help treat your pig. This is a basic assessment of your pig to help with details that you may not see as significant. Make several copies so one is always available when you need it.

Basic info:
Pig’s Name: ____________________________________________

Age __________________ (Or how long you have had this pig) Weight ________________ Temperature ___________________

Body condition: _____ Thin ______ Normal _____ Obese

Sex: _____ Spayed/neutered

Vaccinated: _____ (y/n) Which vaccinations given? ____________________________ When? ____________________________

Last dewormed? _______________ What medications were used/doses? ____________________________

When was your pig’s last exam ____________________________ Regular medications/supplements given?

Last time your pig ate/drank (date & time) ____________________________

What meds or vitamins/supplements do you give, if applicable?

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General health:
Indoor/outdoor/combination? __________ Temperature of living quarters? __________ Any recent illnesses? __________

Availability of shelter: _____ Appropriate shelter _____ Fresh water _____ Pool or wallow _____ Shade _____ Climate controlled

Regular diet consists of: ____________________________ Frequency ____________ Amount ____________________________

Access to toxins? _______________ Household or plants? _______________ Any new foods introduced? _______________

Other pertinent information: (Example: Exposure to new pig)

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SETTINGS/SPOTS/HIVES on body…. This could possibly be Erysipelas, must treat immediately!

Any lesions? _____ Y/N Description of lesions ____________________________________________

BREATHING: _____ Normal _____ Slightly rapid _____ Labored _____ Open mouth/panting

COUGH: _____ None _____ Slight/infrequent _____ Slight/hard _____ Productive _____ Nonproductive/dry cough

Describe…dry cough, gagging, etc., ____________________________

NASAL DISCHARGE: _____ None _____ Slight drainage _____ Heavy drainage _____ Occasional drainage

Describe discharge _____ Clear/watery _____ Clear/thick _____ Yellow/green & thick _____ Blood-tinted

URINATION: _____ Normal frequency and amount _____ Reduced _____ Straining/little or no passing _____ Excessive

Color of urine _____ Watery clear _____ Light yellow _____ Med. yellow _____ Dark/Amer _____ Blood-tinted

DEFECATION (POOP): _____ Normal frequency and amount _____ Reduced _____ Straining/little or not passing feces

Describe manure: _____ Normally formed balls _____ Tube-like _____ Very soft/unformed

_____ Diarrhea/some control _____ Watery/no control _____ Mucous noted in feces _____ Worms noted

Describe color: _____ Normal green/brown _____ Black _____ Light green/yellowish/greyish _____ Blood-tinted _____ White colored

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TAKING PIG’S TEMPERATURE (rectally) every 6 hours and document it!!!!

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Onset of illness and symptoms:

SYMPTOMS and WHEN FIRST NOTICED date/time ____________________________________________________________ AM _____ PM _____

What was your pig doing prior to these symptoms occurring? Does anything make the symptoms better or worse?

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*EATING: _____ Eating well _____ Slightly off feed _____ Refusing food altogether _____ Eats some food, very particular

*TEETH: Does your pig have difficulty swallowing or chewing? _____ Slightly ____ Moderately ____ Painful _____ Stiffness

Does your pig have regular dental cleanings? _____ Slightly ____ Moderately ____ Painful _____ Stiffness

*DRINKING: _____ Drinking well _____ Drinking less _____ Not drinking at all _____ Will only drink:

*LETHARGIC: _____ Active _____ Slightly ____ Moderately ____ Down/not up at all _____ Seems tired/lazier than normal

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**NOTES:**

*VOMITING* indicates a problem. Pigs do not normally vomit, as a dog or cat might. A single incident may be due to choking. It could also indicate your pig ate something that the body is trying to eliminate. Multiple incidents indicate something more serious and could indicate a blockage of some kind. Note if the vomit appears to be:

| Undigested | Partially digested | Each time your pig eats | Occasionally | Infrequent/rarely |

*ABDOMEN:*

- Normal/soft
- Full/firm
- Distended hard
- Unusual shape (lumps/bumps)

Reaction when palpated (pushing inwards)

- None/not painful
- Some/uncomfortable
- Strong/painful

*HEAD/EARS:*

- Head tilt
- Recent bath or pool time
- Doesn't seem to hear you
- Strong/painful

*HEAD/EARS:*

- Blind
- Suspected blindness
- Unable to see
- No issues with vision
- Excessive eye drainage

**EYES:**

- Blind
- Suspected blindness
- Unable to see
- No issues with vision
- Excessive eye drainage

*BACK INJURY POSSIBILITY:*

- Difficulty walking
- Spine may curve
- Unable to stand
- Falling down

*BEHAVIORAL CHANGES:

- Acting aggressive
- Lethargic
- Not responding
- Normal Behavior
- Seems to be in pain

**Dippity pig syndrome** is a condition that pigs get and may appear to be a back injury. Symptoms range from mild to severe, including screaming and falling down. Pig will “dip” his/her back in pain. Lesions, typically like tiger stripes may appear on back that may simply look like wet spots. Alarming, but usually resolves on own in 48-72 hours, occasionally longer. Once a pig gets dippity, it will likely reoccur at some point. Keep pig quiet, in a dim-lit area, out of the sun and as stress free as possible. Speculation as to cause can be internal or external in nature and includes stress, excessive sun exposure, or other unknown causes. Typically seen in pigs less than three years, but, it can occur at any age. Discuss pain management with vet. (Please see our website [www.minipiginfo.com](http://www.minipiginfo.com) for additional information regarding diseases that commonly affect pigs)

**OTHER NOTES:**