

Hogaday Greetings

2017



Persey

I have **Faith** that I'm not allergic to roses??? A-Chew!"

Faith



Hannah May Wood and Lily Bug

"I know you're the "cookie lady"
'cuz I have **Faith** that you'll
find the rest of the cookies...
Hurry and no one will get hurt!"



Savanah Claus

"Charity begins at home, with me!
Where's my DINNER?"

Charity



Eddie

"I **Hope** this greeting
is eat-able?"

Hope



Khemo and Aurelio

"I **Hope** this isn't going to hurt?
You put your right hoof on... you
put your right hoof off... you put..."

from the Cuddly Critters

Hogaday Greetings (Merry Christmas) from the Cuddly Critters:

O Come All Ye Faithful dear friends of Cuddly and read our News in a Nutshell about 2011. 'Tis hard to believe that another year has passed us by... where does the time go? For those of you who don't know me, I am Tracey Mae, Momma Suey's Head Potbellied Pigstress... yep, I'm still alive and kicking this December 1st. Momma Suey is busy as usual with way toooo much on her platter but she still keeps going and going and going and is very happy continuing her "Labor of Love", caring for all of us. She too sends her greetings. Grammy Patty, aka 'The Dish Fairy', is keeping busy playing bridge each week and helping Mom around the acre. Daddy Jerry works three days a week in San Francisco and two days at home. As for me, well I am living one day at a time... on borrowed time... but doing as well as can be expected.

Deck-o-rate the Halls with lots of piggy stuff and time to put up the Christmas tree with piggy ornaments. Personally, I am looking forward to the See's Candy under the tree activity which will allow me to try and get into somebody's box of candy like Gilda taught me how to do. I think I'll have an or-deu-vour... mmmmm... candy canes... yummmm. Oh how I love junk food which I never get now since there is a fence around our Christmas tree. Fa la la la la la la la... give me land lots of land under starry skies of blue... don't fence me in... I mean, don't fence me out! Will figure out the fence in the morning after breakfast. :o)

It's Silent Night, Holy Night, All is Calm, All is so peaceful here... cold... and bright. The pig lights are up. Everyone is happy, healthy and waiting patiently for Christmas for lots of goodies. This year was filled with many happy times, new Kodak moments, along with sad goodbyes. Otherwise, all is well on the Critter front. Our lives are so blessed and we are so grateful for our wonderful friends who continue to help support us each year because of their generous donations and time. Thank you sooooo much.

O Little Town of Critterville, how lucky we are to be here. Our newest addition, Chi Hu, traveled with the Wood Family and arrived the Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. Thank you Charles, Hannah Mae and Ann Wood for bringing us a new piggy. A few of our Critters traveled to Heaven. Although they are most definitely happy, we are very sad and they are very much missed by all of us. Mom says... one can never have too many piggies and that life is a journey and we are to enjoy the ride, staying positive, but sometimes death is so hard for us to handle. Oh well... life goes on and as usual, our Hollister weather remains really mild, sunny and nice except for really cold mornings. Burrrrrrrrr! :o)

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all... okay enough singing... The start of 2011, was not very happy. In January, our Aunt Mary Jo Appel (Suey's Aunt) passed away. It's just not the same without her. In February and March three more of our older Potbellied Pigs, Peggy-Sue, Kelly Belly Button Nose and Chuckee (19 years) passed away. On May 2, our little Rootin Tootin Jesse Jamison also crossed over the Rainbow Bridge to Heaven. Although the first seven months of 2011 were mostly sad ones... we continued on and had our Cuddly Critter's 20th Anniversary Partee on May 21st. It was fun for everyone. Many thanks Aunt Marcella for the yummm, delicious cake. Twas the night before the partee, we rescued a baby piggy which we named Andy after Grammy's friend, Andy Erickson, of many years and after Momma Suey's friend Andrew Billings of Zoom Pigs Home. Andrew is our dear friend from Southern California who loves pigs and devotes his life to transport rescue pigs to their new forever homes on the weekends. Kito is his companion and also a Potbellied Pig that he rescued. Andrew brought us a new piggy we named Olivia Flower on May 28 and Auntie Deanne Deville Sausen met Andrew in Bakersfield to transport Olivia to Cuddly. Thanks Auntie Deanne and Uncle Andrew!

Best news of all... Lily Bug is now a permanent member of Cuddly. Yey! :o) Lily is the baby piggy Mom took care of for two ladies when they went on vacation. When they moved to Texas they couldn't take her so they gave her to us. Thank you Jessica and Jeannette for letting us have your beloved baby piggy. Lily, the comedian, has Pig-tude (attitude) she is such a character and always on the go just like her brother, Andy. Andy reminds Mom of Jesse Jamison, hyper and both he and Lily are always on the go... whew... they wear me out. I am still on the cancer machine once a week but have taken a turn for the worse these past two weeks. Planning to live life to the fullest until I die though.

Just when we thought that things had calmed down, Momma Suey had to make the dreaded decision to send precious Ernie over the Rainbow Bridge to Heaven... the hardest thing she has had to do, because they had a long history, but he was on his last legs so to speak. He passed on July 5, just two days after his 20th birthday celebration on July 3. Mary, his only living sister is still alive and well for 20++ years. She is the last of Mom's original piggy offspring. In Octoboar, Lily Bug, Mom and Aunt Maureen Caddell went to Cerra Vista Grammar School, "Kiss the Pig Contest". It was fun for all, especially Lily Bug. Thanks Auntie Maureen for volunteering. In Novemboar, we celebrated Thanksgiving with family and friends. All of us piggies got leftovers and the best of all were our very own pumpkin pies, made by the Wood Family, with whipped cream and we are still enjoying the extra pumpkins and apples from the Wood Family. Thank you for the wonderful goodies.

Since I am writing this Christmas Newsletter today, I can't report on December yet except that we are alive and well at the moment... happy and contented... and looking forward to Christmas cioppino, turkey, cornbread dressing and my favorite, homemade pies. We want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Again, many thanks for your continued support of Cuddly Critters, Inc. and welcome new friends of Cuddly. May God Bless You and Your Family! Finally and most importantly, may the Glory and Blessings of the Christmas Season surround you and may God continue to Bless you in 2012. Have a safe, healthy and happy Hogaday Season.

Remember, Christ is the Reason for the Season! :o)

Love from the Cuddly Critters, especially Tracey Mae, Momma Suey, Daddy Jerry and Grammy Patty.



Note to the Reader: The Lord works in mysterious ways... just before my Aunt passed away in January, 2011, "The Dash" was sent to me via email in December 2010. It really inspired me and for that reason I used it as part of the memorial letter I wrote in memory of my Aunt Mary Jo Appel. Her life, aka 'her dash' was amazing. As I pondered this poem, I thought that it can also be applied to animals as well as people. I feel an animal's dash is continuous as was my Aunt's. Life is eternal and it has been said that people will be judged by the way they treat animals and one another. This page represents all of my loved ones who traveled over the Rainbow Bridge to Heaven in 2011. I hope you will enjoy the words of The Dash and our photos! Suey.

Over The Rainbow Bridge



Mary Jo Appel
(March 29, 1928-
January 7, 2011)

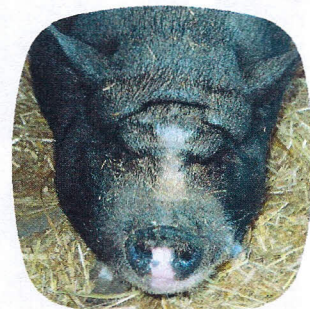
The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end.
He noted that first came the date of her birth
and spoke of the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.
For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth
and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash.
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.
So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real
and always try to understand the way other people feel.
And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.
So when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash,
would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

Kelly Belly Button Nose



Best Friends & Roommates



Rootin' Tootin'
Jesse Jamison

Rest In Peace and
God Bless!

Peggy-Sue
17 Years+/-



Chuckee

Chuckee went to be with his friend
& step-brother, Harley
in Heaven. He was 19 years old.



Kelly Belly Button Nose



Linda Ellis



Esther Kitty



Esther

Jesse Jamison was so sad and lonesome after Kelly
died that his heart was broken... he lived only a few
more weeks & then chose to cross over the Rainbow
Bridge to Heaven to be with his best friend for all
eternity. They are together again.



Tracey Mae's work was
done here on earth. She finished
our 2011 Christmas Newsletter for
Momma Suey & then on 12/5/2011,
crossed over the Rainbow Bridge to
Heaven to be with Heavenly Father &
Jesus for
time & all eternity. She is with her
Mom, Peggy-Sue &
her many siblings.



Peggy-Sue leaves behind her
Hubby, Buddy Lucky & Daughter,
Jody-Joy.
She is in Heaven with her babies
who went before her
and daughter Tracey Mae.



Ernie
7/3/1991-7/5/2011

Ernie was a miracle baby. The runt of a litter of
six & never supposed to survive. But he beat the
odds & lived to be 20 years old. Photo is of Ernie
and Momma Suey saying their goodbyes before
going to Heaven ... he is now at Peace with his
Momma Gertie, Daddy Sparky & his brothers &
sisters.



Andy

IT'S Pumpkin Pie



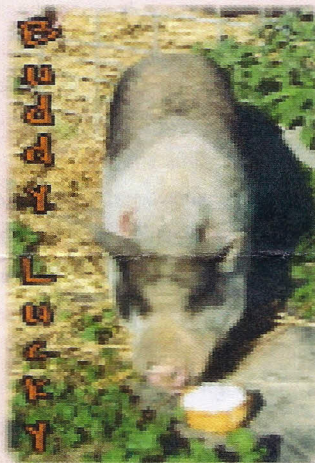
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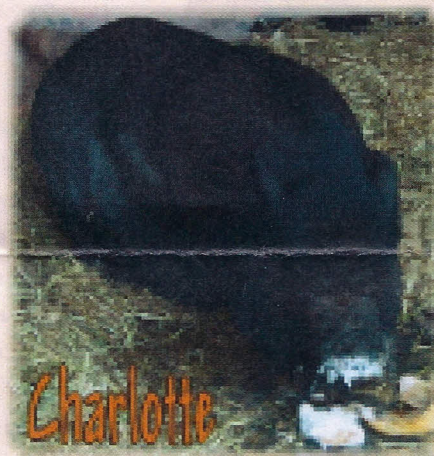
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Bonnie



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Charlotte



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George



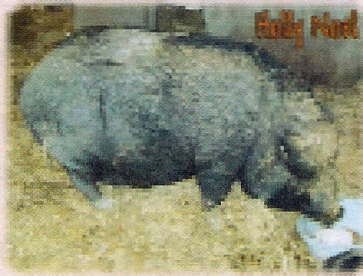
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Go-Money



Harriett



Ruddy Rood



Tudy-Tudy



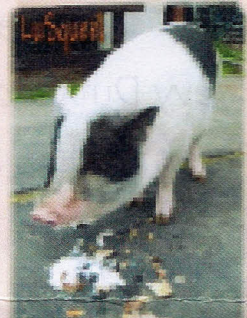
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Keiki



Lilly Pig



Lo-Squid



Margaret



Mary



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Olivia Flower



Penny



Pig-E-Pig



Sabrina



Sarah



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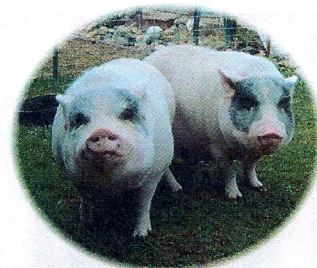
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"Kiss The Pig" Cerra Vista School.
Thank You Jerry.





Casey Pup



Eddie & Shelby

CUDDLY CRITTER'S WISH LIST

Blankets, Comforters, Sleeping Bags, Towels

Grass/Alfalfa Hay and Grain Hay

King Brand Potbellied Pig Feed (Mature)

Pure Pine Shavings and/or Play Sand

Children's Wading Pools or Kid's Turtle Shape Sand Boxes

Heavy Duty Contractor Grade Grey Tarps - Shade Cloth - Bungee Cords

Fresh Fruits, Apples, Bananas, Melons, Pumpkins and Green Vegetables

Juice Plus+ Whole Food Supplement

Kirkland Fish Oil 1,200

MSM and Cetyl M Supplements

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Waitin for Treats.



Dottie: Time Out.

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