

Eddie's Gate Escape

A true story of patience and perseverance
as told by two Potbellied Pigs,
Eddie and *Shelby*,
and Momma Suey.



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Preface

This is a true story about two little Vietnamese Potbellied Pigs. It takes place in their home at the Cuddly Critters Farm in central California. The two piggies are siblings and live together in a large pen with a pig house on Momma Suey's back patio. When they are not in their pen, they can be found grazing on the lawn or rolling over for belly rubs from whomever will give them such attention. They are "people pigs" and live life to the fullest.

Eddie is a very confident and handsome white pig with small black patches around his eyes. He is not afraid of anything and is always up to some sort of mischief. Eddie is very inquisitive and nosey - "TROUBLE" with a capital "T" would be a great middle name for him. Thank goodness for his older sister Shelby because she was the reasonable sibling who always kept him in check.

Shelby was a natural beauty. She was a white pig also with large black patches around both eyes and a large round black spot on her behind shaped like a target. She could have been in an advertisement for a discount store. Shelby was patient, sensible, honest, and very intelligent. She loved everyone and everybody adored her, be it animals or people. Even though her days were consumed with keeping an eagle eye on her brother Eddie—making sure he stayed on track and out of trouble—she still had quality time to spend with others. These two piggies were inseparable; where one piggy went the other was sure to follow close behind. When one was out of sight, the other would make grunting sounds and they would find each other immediately.

Eddie is still very much alive on the farm; however, this story is being written in Shelby's memory since she sadly passed over the Rainbow Bridge to Pig Heaven in November 2009. She is greatly missed by all who knew her, especially her brother Eddie and Momma Suey. We truly believe she is watching from above and is with us in Shelby Spirit.

Come along with me and you will read a story about Eddie and Shelby. This story would not have been written without Momma Suey rescuing two little Potbellied Pigs in the fall of 2002. They were abandoned and neglected as babies and Momma was asked to pick them up and find a forever home for them. It only took seconds for her to fall madly in love with the two of them and bring them home to live forever with her and the rest of us at the Cuddly Critters Farm.

I can attest to the truth of this story because I have lived on the Cuddly Critters Farm my whole life, in my pen just a few yards away from Eddie and Shelby.

Tracey Mae

Momma Suey's Head Potbellied Pigress



"Tracey Mae... have you seen my sunglasses?"