

2014

Merry Christmas Greetings from The Cuddly Critters



Eddie



Oh The Weather Outside Is Frightful!



Merry Christmas Greetings To All... Once again I, Margaret The Head Potbellied Pig of Cuddly Critters, Inc. is reporting for 2014 on all the happenings of the year. There are many new faces since 2013 and a few of our piggy and doggie cousins got to go on an extended vacation over the Rainbow Bridge to Heaven to spend this Christmas and others with Heavenly Father and Jesus... we miss them so much and Momma Suey is still mourning their departure from their earthly existence... but as they say... time heals all... I sure hope that is true? Mom tells me that when God closes one door, He opens another door, or window... we must keep the faith and journey on our Heavenly designed path and never get pig-scouraged.

Even though as I type this, our weather is stormy and dreary, one must not worry... we will thaw out soon and Spring flowers will soon begin to bloom and our famous Missy Piggy Butterflies will be back for our enjoyment... I am still hanging in there, and will try and remember everything to share with you.

As usual, Momma Suey is swamped with taking care of us, chores, her bookkeeping, her hobbies, her new horse and making sure Grandma Patty is doing her exercises, which is why I am writing our Christmas newsletter again! Literally, our acre is mostly under water and really muddddd so chores are a real 'CHORE' for Mom!!! Our newest little addition, (more on her later), just can't seem to "get it", where to go potty... oh well... that is what happens when breeders wean babies too early... their Moms can't teach them the ropes in their formative first weeks of life.

Just when we thought 2014, would be our best year ever... it started out with some challenges. Momma Suey ended up in the hospital after having seven strokes, (TIA's). When she had her eighth stroke in the Emergency Room, she was immediately airlifted (crossed helicopter ride off her bucket list), to the Stroke Center for three gloriously restful days of pampering, ha ha ha, LOL? What a way to get her much needed rest? Yea right? After, 2 major mistakes by hospital nurses and going against Doctor's orders, Mom checked herself out and came home early... much to her surprise, four of us were off our feed because of her absence. We were being well taken care of by two of our human aunts, but missed Mom so much we just didn't want to eat. She recovered at home and resumed her duties immediately... she hasn't stopped since... and thanks to her wonderful and caring new Chiropractor, Dr. Osborne (Maximized Living), she is the healthiest ever and off all meds! I think she is like a cat... nine lives you know... well, she believes God gave her a second chance at life and she made a promise to Him in the MRI unit to live her life to the fullest! She still has not learned how to say "NO" though?

Throughout 2014 we had visits from the local high school special program kids who sometimes helped with chores. Mom met a new friend (Mercedes) who will be our future business partner for our dream of more property, expanded rescue/sanctuary and Therapeutic Horse-back Riding for Special People. While sharing their dreams they realized their dreams were connected! God does work in Great Ways! We made a lot of new friends on Facebook and some new people sent donations to us. Once the year really kicked off, there were so many blessings flooding our way. We are very thankful for everyone and everything! In the following pages are photos of this past year with captions of the happenings. One of the most important blessings to us are the people who continue to bless Cuddly Critters, Inc. with donations, wish list items and purchases to help us continue our much needed animal rescue/sanctuary. We still are always in need of wish list items and can always use continued donations to pay for feed, our #1 expense.

Most importantly, **Thank You** from all of us to all of you, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Love, Margaret.



But Our Loyal Supporters Are So Delightful!

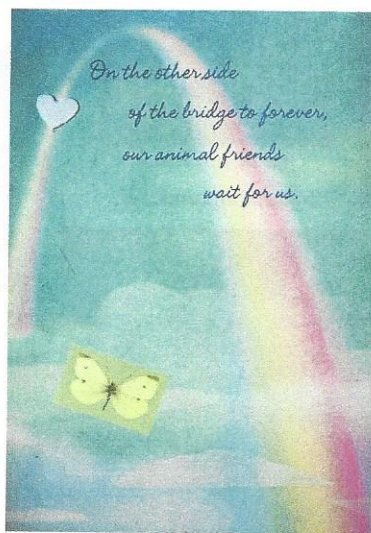
Don't snow, don't snow, don't snow!



Somewhere Over The Rainbow Bridge



Guess Who?



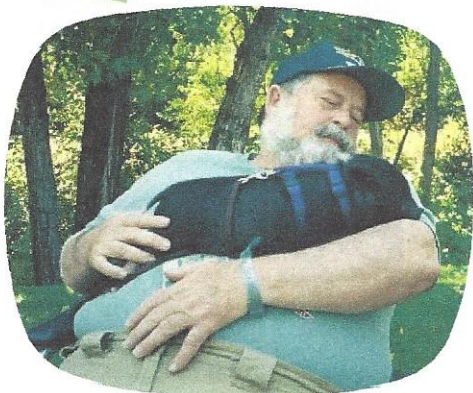
Casey Pup



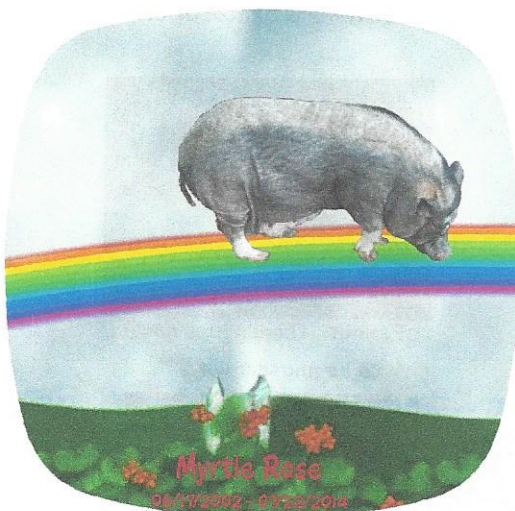
Keiki



Keiki in her Wheelz Chair.



Myrtle Rose Wood and
Grandpa Charles Wood



Myrtle
Myrtle Rose Wood

Rest In Peace Our Beloved Pets



Andrew: "Closer, CLOSER."

Up On The Houstop) Out in the backyard jigetty jigs...



Savannah: "I Can't Believe I
Ate The Whole Thing?"



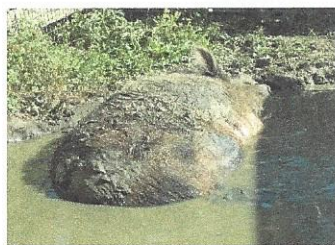
Olivia 2: "I have the best
house on the property."



Dottie: "I never gave my
pigmission for this?"



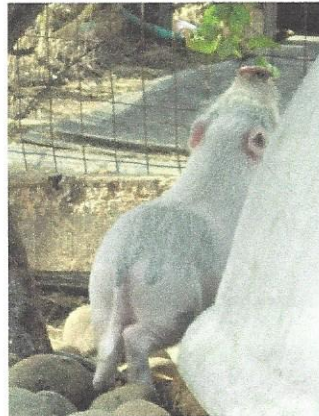
Dottie: " Stop, Wait !
I haven't signed a release
of liability form yet."



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Miss Piggy



Hammekins: "Gonna get
that leaf... I will get it."



Semi-Annual Yet Visit
With Piggy Wrestling and
Hoof Trims & Shots, OUCH
!



Peanut: There's just got
to be another way?"



"MEOW?"



Many, Nice Blessings of Pigs, Pigs, Pigs...

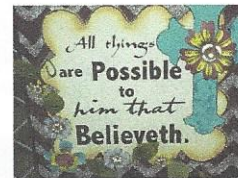


One of our usual
beautiful sunsets.

"I'm Shedding?"



"My hair, my hair... it's
coming out in clumps."



Lacey... "I have absolutely no idea
where all this mud came from."



Lacey: Busted !



Best Buddies...
Hammekins and Claudia.



LuSqueel: "Really? Don't you think
this feed bowl is a little bit over
the top?"



LuSqueel: Now this size
bowl makes more sense."



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Some of the Current Residents of Cuddly Critters



Claudia: "Resting on Grandma's exercise bike."



Persey Cat, daughter of Claudia.



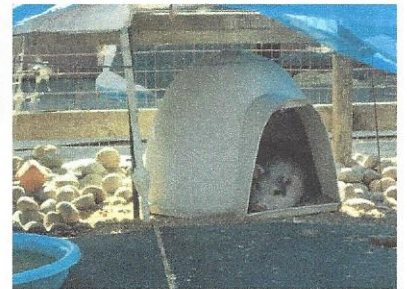
Mom doing Reiki on Gee Money.



Lily Bug



Lil Charlotte... is in the house.



Lazy Little Hammekins.



Hammekins: "Kiss me once, then kiss me twice, then kiss me once again..."



"New Piggy? Where is she/he? I wanna see?"



Lacey: "I love water more than life... but I love food the best..."



Graycee



"There really is a piggy in/under the blanket?"



Lil Charlotte



Pudgey Girl



Louie Louiston

"Waitin patiently to meet the new arrival?"



Louie: "Is there something I can help you with?"



"Clever balloon piggy made by a clown at a party Mom attended."

Dottie:

"I, absolutely, DID NOT okay this pigcedure?"



Dottie Doodle Bug:
"No Comment?"



"My hoofies were just fine."



"Can't believe, I ate the whole darn pie?"



"Holy MUDDDDDD."



Danny Boy: "Yummm."



Bubba: "Yep, I'm still here."



Andrew: "Move over Hammie."



Hammekins: "Peek-A-BOOOO."



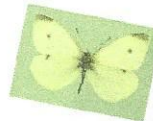
Lily Bug: "One can never have too many pics of me?"



Andrew & Calvin: "Workin it out?"



Lily Bug: "Let's see how many times my photo's in our Christmas Newsletter?"



Bubba: "Just chilling waitin for my breakfast."



Pixie: The Wood Family arriving at the Cuddly Critters for a visit.

And Our Special Cousins and Friends Who Visit Regularly



The Wood Family of Piggies visiting Auntie Suey, Grandma Patty and the Critters.



Virginia and Catherine on their first visit to the Critters.



Hi, My name is Pixie Sue, I came to visit my Auntie Suey and she put me to work!!!!



She had me weeding!! (she's got a big front yard!!!!)



Holding the umbrella for my sister Myrtle...



& bringing the news paper from the road for Grandma Patty...



Peanut Wood in her seat in the van waiting to go home.



Hammekins: "This pic is of me and two of my BFF's."



Olivia #2: I am just sittin here contemplating just how I will spend today... live in the moment I guess."

Olivia Flower



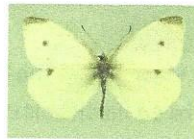
Gee Money: "I'm Outstanding in My Field."



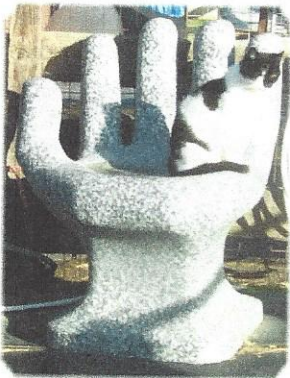
Lacey: "The rubber mats? I just can't imagine who would want to rearrange the heavy horse stall mats in my pen... O.M.Gosh... It sure wasn't me, Mom?"



"I love my life and I especially love the mornings."



Eddie: "And that's the truth."



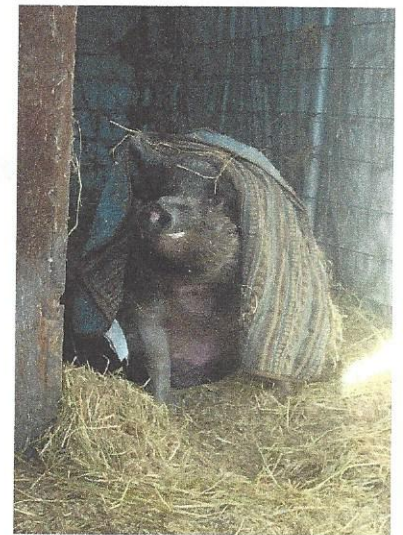
Claudia: "Talk to the hand... I'm resting."



Savannah: "There is no bond stronger than the bond between a pig and their human."



Now and Gee as babies with their Mom, Liz.



"IS SHE FOR REAL?"

Savannah: "Oh My Gosh... Did Olivia just say she loved mornings?
Well I despise mornings.
Don't even think about messin' with me in the morning hours."



Hammekins: "I Love My Mom."



Maggie Mae: "I just can't seem to get this blanket right."

NEW Residents



Just ask these Piggies



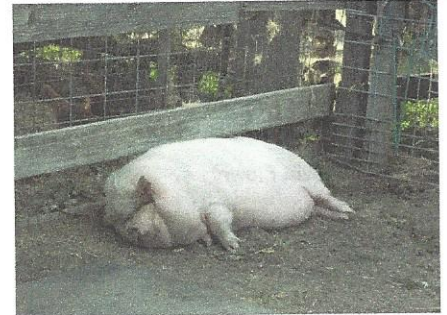
Maggie Mae: "Maybe I can try it this way?"



Maggie Mae: "I guess this will just have to do?"



Maggie Mae: "Ah... The Pigloo works so much better."



Maggie Mae: "Neither the blanket or the Pigloo worked out?"



Graycee: "Has the new little piggy arrived yet? (Pant, pant, pant.)"

Welcome Precious Piggies to Your Forever Home SWEET HOME



Aunt Deanne and Lil Lulu



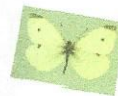
Lil Lulu: "Hellou? Still in here?"



Pancake: "I'm shedding weight for my girlfriend, Olivia #2."



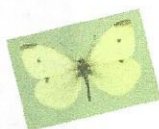
Olivia #2: "I have a boyfriend and his name is Pancake."



Calvin: "I'm just visiting til my family buys a piece of property."



Bubba: "I'm just visiting?"



Pancake: "Diets don't work? The only things I've lost are sleep and FOOD?"



Lil Lulu: "Hopefully, this is only temporary housing?"



Missy Piggy @ Easter



Missy Piggy and
Casey Pup

Story of the Missy Piggy Butterfly:

(In Memory of Our Beloved Missy Piggy)

A few years ago, one of our precious physically challenged piggies, Missy Piggy crossed over the Rainbow Bridge to Heaven. I asked God for a sign that she was with Him and Resting in Peace. Within hours I received my answer from two butterflies.

I was walking past Missy Piggy's pen and house and a couple of these butterflies started flying around my head. Thinking they were moths I gently brushed them away, numerous times. After a few more times of flying by and around me, I stopped to really look at them. They were indeed butterflies, I realized.

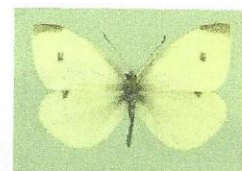
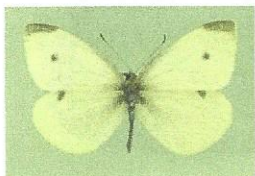
A while later more seemed to appear but they only hung around Missy Piggy's area where she once lived? Hum? Could it be my sign. Never before had I seen this type of butterfly around our property? I sat in silence and thought? Had my answer to my simple request been granted? So I sat there in silence, enjoying their beautiful and graceful, fluttering movement and watched in amazement. I couldn't wait to get back to my computer to Google them as to what specie of butterflies they were. One friend said they were just moths, but I so wanted them to be butterflies of some kind? (Cabbage White).

Since that day, they come faithfully whenever the weather is warm and sunny, but instead of just staying by Missy Piggy's pen, they now follow me everywhere throughout our property. When Missy Piggy was being transported by van to be cremated, the Cabbage White Butterflies flew and followed on top of the van until out of sight. God is really Good... not only did that happen but the view from our driveway was that of two white doves flying side by side just above the van also. How's that for signs?

When Missy Piggy's ashes were delivered back to me in a cedar box, the Butterflies reappeared and have been here ever since on warm and sunny days. This Cabbage White Butterfly has been renamed by us, and is now known as the Missy Piggy Butterfly because I believe they were sent to us to give us the much needed Peace we so needed for closure.

Thank You God, Missy Piggy and Cabbage White Butterflies.

by: Sue E. Foster (12/2014)



Grandpa Wood & Missy Piggy



Missy Piggy Resting
on her favorite pillows.



Casey Pup & Missy Piggy St.
Patty's Day





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

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Portable Dog Exercise Pens

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Lil Charlotte



Savanah:

Waitin for Treats.



Casey, Miles, Patty Jo



Dottie: Time Out.

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