

# The Pigs That Came for Easter And Stayed for Thanksgiving The Gift of Time

## An Invitation to Support Metropolitan Guinea Pig Rescue

Friends of MGPR,

2011 has brought many challenges to MGPR and its members, not the least of which is the large number of guinea pig pairs we have that are either sanctuary or just difficult-to-adopt.

Jelly Belly and Peep fall into the difficult-to-adopt group. MGPR got the call on the Saturday before Easter. One of the local shelters needed an



opinion. They had a lumpy pig they were going to euthanize - should they just go ahead and put her daughter down too? Our volunteer went immediately to the shelter to retrieve the girls. Did I say lumpy? Yes, she was lumpy - 6 big fat lumps on a piggy that was just one big lump of love. And the daughter that had nothing wrong with her but was being lumped in with her mom.

The lumps were tested and turned out to be harmless backed-up follicles. However, the girls would have to be listed as "Special Needs" making it very difficult to find a forever home. They were featured by a popular blogger, featured on the Less Adoptable Pet Week on Petfinder, named as our Guinea Pigs of the Month. We were trying everything. After seven long months of being fostered by MGPR, we received an application from a family who could see past her lumps. These guinea pigs didn't need much, just time. MGPR was so happy to be able to give them the gift of time.

Other guinea pigs come into MGPR and become sanctuary because their medical problems are such that it would be impossible to adopt them out. We have a few of those pair right now.

Take Truman and Apple Jack. Truman owns the heart of all that meet him. He has an unusual skin condition and will never leave MGPR.

Apple Jack (the bun in the oven of Apple Pie, the "trash can" pig), is Truman's best buddy. Truman really needed a friend. Because he is stinky, the girls wouldn't have him. The boys are truly bonded and are often seen sleeping cheek to cheek in the same hide.

Shake and Quake are a dear pair that will remain with MGPR for the rest of Shake's life. Shake is simply not thriving but really doesn't need too much to be a happy little girl: A little love; a little time. That's not asking so very much is it?

MGPR continues to keep our operating cost very low while increasing the number of guinea pigs that we find "forever homes" for each year. The Gift of Time has been given to these wonderful guinea pigs with your donations: Time to be happy, time to be loved, time to be well-cared for.



Learn more about these and other guinea pigs on our website,

[www.mgpr.org](http://www.mgpr.org)

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Thank you from your friends at MGPR



Yes! I would like to support MGPR with a tax-deductible contribution:

- \$100 to care for spaying/neutering guinea pigs     \$50 to care for 3 months    \_\_\_\_\_ Other Contribution

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