

Bobo, Delores and the Bait Pigs

An Invitation to Support Metropolitan Guinea Pig Rescue

Friends of MGPR,

Every year is an exciting year at MGPR. This year was certainly no different. However, we did run up against a few things we never expected.



The first was Bobo. His epic story started back in February of 2016 and has just recently concluded (we hope). Our much-loved Bobo has not only managed to acquire 100s of followers on Facebook but has taught us all a lesson with his unwavering good humor and desire to live. Over a period of 11

months he required 6 surgical procedures and an additional 4 months of wound care. Never once during all that time did he become withdrawn or depressed. Each day, he was greeting his caretakers at the side of his cage, while begging for snuggles and cookies. He was eventually paired with another sanctuary guinea pig (Favor) and the two are living very happily together. Our veterinarian has asked that Bobo remain in our care permanently as there is some fear that the tenacious infection that plagued him could return.

Then came little Delores - a tiny little thing with a bizarre history and the ability to wrap every human she meets around her little paw. MGPR was contacted to take Delores because the shelter considered her unadoptable, thus she would be euthanized. The diagnosis was



congestive heart failure. Wait not only that, they previously thought she had been pregnant. When no babies appeared, they decided she resorbed them or

ate them – never realizing that she was way too old to be pregnant. A trip to our exotic vet showed no signs of a heart issue, and he got a good laugh out of the pregnancy issue. Her real issue is soft stool which could have been caused by the heart drugs. Due to her age and health, Delores has been taken into our sanctuary program and is living out the rest of her life with us.

Next came the Bait guinea pigs. MGPR received 12 tiny, baby guinea pigs found in a cock fighting raid in South Carolina. Our rescue was the only one that animal control found that had room for the group. The guinea pigs were transferred to us by way of a van full of dogs also being transported elsewhere. There is no way to know if the guinea pigs were

traumatized at the farm where they were found or during transport. The 12-hour van ride with barking dogs had to be awful for them. Five months later we still have 6 of the 12 pigs. They continue to be very timid and skittish. Their foster parents are hoping that with a bit more time and a lot of TLC, we can bring them around to trusting humans again.



These are just a few of the 172 guinea pigs that MGPR has been able to help this year, and it's all because of you. Your donation is what enables us to step in when others can't and gives every guinea pig that wants to live a chance once it reaches our doors. Please help us again this year.

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

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