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Pig Found as a Stray in East Palo Alto Available For Adoption at Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

San Mateo, CA--—An adult female pig found wandering the streets of East Palo Alto is now available for adoption at the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA). She was found at the intersection of Alberni Street and Laurel Avenue on November 8, 2018 by the East Palo Alto Police Department and was brought to PHS/SPCA.

"As an open admission shelter, we accept all kinds of animals, including pigs, although they are not common animals that come through our doors. It is surprising that this is the third pig we've admitted into our shelter this year," said PHS/SPCA Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. "We are committed to finding her a loving home where she will be kept as a pet, not a source of food, just like the other two pigs we received earlier this year."

Named Piggy Smalls by PHS/SPCA staff, the pig is an adult female, but her age is unknown. No one came forward to claim her, so PHS/SPCA has now placed her up for adoption. She weighs about 45 pounds, and it is possible she will continue to grow, so potential adopters should have ample space for her.

"Piggy Smalls is extremely friendly and will make a wonderful pet for someone who has the space she'll need to thrive and live a happy life," according to Tarbox. "Pigs can live on average 12 to 18 years. Their diet consists of pig pellets, fresh vegetables and alfalfa hay, although Piggy Smalls is very fond of apples."

People interested in meeting Piggy Smalls can call PHS/SPCA at 650-340-7022. Her adoption fee is \$100.00



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About the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is a local, private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to animal welfare. Among our major programs, PHS/SPCA adopts fully 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in our care and also, through our charitably funded Hope Program, makes well and finds homes for thousands of animals who come to us sick, injured, or too young to survive without supportive care. PHS/SPCA is truly an open admission shelter, not only accepting many pet animals who might be refused at other shelters, but also taking care of injured and orphaned native wildlife from San Francisco through San Mateo and the northern half of Santa Clara County. Our work means 6,300 lives saved each year. Please visit www.phs-spca.org to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.