



Pig and Piglet Q&A

1. Q. What are pigs called?

A. The words pig, hog and swine are all generic terms without regard to gender, size or breed.

2. Q. What are a group of pigs called?

A. A group of pigs is called a passel, a team, or a sounder.

3. Q. What is a female pig called?

A. A sow

4. Q. What is a male pig called?

A. A boar

5. Q. What is a baby pig called?

A. A piglet.

Pigs are pregnant for 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days.

6. Q. What are a group of piglets called?

A. A litter

7. Q. How many piglets are there is a littler?

A. Litter size varies from 1 to 20+.



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8. Q. Pigs are *omnivores and can consume a wide range of food, similar to what?

A. Humans

*an animal or person that eats a variety of food of both plant and animal origin

9. Q. Why do pigs roll in the mud?

A. Pigs are much more tolerant of cold than heat. Pigs have no sweat glands, so they can't sweat and therefore always need water otherwise they'd end up with salt poisoning and die. They roll around in the mud to cool their skin. The layer of dried mud protects their skin from the sun. If available, pigs, who are great swimmers, prefer water to mud.

10. Q. How many toes does a pig have on each hoof?

A. Four on each hoof, but they only walk on two toes per foot.

11. Q. All pigs have curly tails – true or false?

A. False – pigs can have curly or straight tails.

12. Q. Why do pigs grunt?

A. Pigs grunt to greet each other, talk to their piglets, communicate with loved ones, and simply to chatter about their day.

13. Q. Pigs make a high-pitched sound, what is it called?

A. A squeal. They can be as loud as 115 decibels – that's 3 decibels higher than the sound of a supersonic airliner.



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14. Q. What makes a pig happy?

A. A belly rub, pigs love to use trees to rub and scratch on and enjoy belly rubs from their human caretakers.

15. Q. What food products come from pigs?

A. Pigs are reared to produce pork, sausages, bacon etc.

16. Q. What is a piggy pile?

A. Pigs love to stay connected with each other by sleeping close together, they like to sleep nose to nose. Pigs dream while they sleeping.

17. Q. What is the pig's strongest sense?

A. It's sense of smell, they have poor eyesight.