

WE LIVE WITH A MINI PIG

10:23:00

10:23:05 Today we'll meet Mina. She's a mini pig. When you say mini pig, everyone's thinking of a small piggy. Of course, Mina used to be small, but even mini pigs grow as they get older. Mina has a sweet tooth and she's not very particular about her food. Her favourite pastimes are eating and sleeping. But a mini pig should eat a varied diet to stay healthy. Her basic diet consists of corn and vegetables. She loves fruit.

10:23:47 Mini pigs have relatively short legs, and their joints are overstrained by excessive weight. Summer is a lovely time. Mina is busy in the home garden with good friends.

10:24:06 – This is like the story “Three little pigs on a bridge”.

10:24:12 – The bridge would collapse under three pigs. – Shut up, you spindleshanks.

10:24:27 Mini pigs are gregarious animals. Without the company of other mini pigs they like to play with any other animals. But they need to be acquainted from the beginning. Mini pigs have poor eyesight but an excellent sense of smell. The snout is very sensitive. They use their snout to smell, feel and taste the world. Mini pigs also have an excellent sense of hearing and when they listen to something attentively, they stand still and hold their breath.

10:25:02 – I've tried to teach the dogs to eat grass as well, but they won't. They say dogs eat grass to empty their stomach, but I eat grass to fill it.

10:25:16 When it's hot, many pigs like to refresh themselves in clean water. You can make a pool for them. Pigs don't sweat, so they take mud baths if clean water is not available.

10:25:32 – I won't take a mud bath now, because it means I'll have to take a real bath afterwards, and it's not so nice.

10:25:45 Rooting about is characteristic behaviour of mini pigs. Outdoors they root, dig and look for food. They are happiest living in the country, where they can be free and keep to themselves, perhaps in a pen of their own. In summer, they love to rootle from morning till night. In winter they spend their days sleeping in a warm nest. If it's cold, windy and rainy, it's almost impossible to tempt them out even to go to the toilet.

10:26:25 – Rootling the garden and flower beds is so nice, though forbidden.

- 10:26:34 Pigs are said to be intelligent animals, and they are. Mini pigs easily learn small tricks if they are rewarded with treats.
- 10:26:59 – As long as you give me treats, I'll learn anything.
- 10:27:09 – Time for a nap. The stairs are not very easy.
- 10:27:19 Mini pigs are cleanly pets. They learn to go to the toilet outdoors. In summer everything is simple, but when it's winter and cold, they need a coat to go out. Mina has a room and a bed of her own. Here she can sprawl out as she likes.
- 10:28:15 The End