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## **News Update**

## Local Sanctuary Issues Update on Escaped Guinea Hog

PENOBSCOT, Maine – In response to the two recent articles, <u>Sanctuary Offered for Runaway Hog</u> by the Associated Press and <u>Runaway Pig from Aroostook offered asylum in Hancock County</u> by Julia Bayly-Bangor Daily News, Peace Ridge Sanctuary is issuing the following statement to update our position on the escaped guinea hog.

"Peace Ridge Sanctuary is continuing to advocate for the safety of the escaped guinea hog in Aroostook County. We have reached out to farmer John O'Meara in an effort to discuss our offering of sanctuary. We reiterated that it is not our intent to unlawfully obtain the pig or become an impediment in the retrieval. Our only intent is to advocate for a safe retrieval and lifelong reprieve in a permanent home where the pig can enjoy his freedom within the safety of our sanctuary. Our call has yet to be returned, though our position will remain constant.

Our organization has been contacted by numerous individuals who have pledged their support for the pig, reinforcing the fact that the public is in favor of sparing this pigs life. We know this support will continue to grow and we are hopeful that a compassionate decision will be made to give him a chance of life."

Peace Ridge Sanctuary is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and provides permanent sanctuary to abused and neglected animals, with a particular focus on farmed animals and seeks to promote compassionate lifestyle choices through humane education.