

# Black Pine Animal Park

## Animal Facts

Breed: VIETNAMESE POTBELLY PIG

Names / Sex / Age:

Spike            Male            At least 12-15 years

Previous Home: Former farm pets.

Native to: Vietnam

Weight: Up to 200 pounds.

Life Expectancy: Late teens and longer.

Diet: Vegetation. At Black Pine grass hay and horse feed.

Facts:

- Dwarf swine breed developed in the 1960's, originally distributed into Sweden and Canada from Vietnam
- First sold in the U.S. in 1986 to become a hugely sought-after household pet
- Unspayed females suffer from PMS and experience vast mood swings
- George Clooney famously owns a pot-belly pig named Max

Personal History:

After one of two male pigs killed a newborn lamb the owners feared more killings could occur. Unwilling to house the animals separately from the other livestock the pigs were relocated, adopted by Black Pine. Hamlet passed away in late 2009 from unknown causes.

The pigs' original owners were employees of Black Pine at the time the park adopted the animals. Shortly after they moved out of state and would have sought out a new home for them anyway.