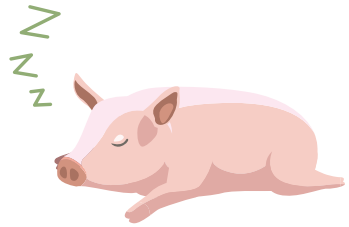
Conversation guide for pig adopters



Do your local zoning regulations allow pet pigs?

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- NO → Reconsider adopting a pig.
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- YES → Are you prepared to supervise pigs and children together at all times? *Pigs may attempt to become dominant over small children or smell food on children's hands and mistakenly bite them.*
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