

THIS LITTLE PIGGY HAD NONE

Don't give people food to pigs

Did you know that there are things pigs are not allowed to eat? There are strict laws in Australia that determine what can and cannot be fed to pigs. Pigs must not be fed or allowed access to swill.

Swill is anything that contains meat or has been in contact with meat or meat products. This includes beef, chicken, pork, lamb and goat. It also includes the bun from your roast pork roll, the chips and vegies you had with your steak, the rice from your lamb rogan josh, or anything else that was in contact with the meat portion of your meal. If it was served on a plate, cooked in a pan or stored in a container with any amount of meat or meat product, there's a chance it can make your pigs very sick.

Australia banned swill feeding to prevent diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease and African swine fever, which can be spread by feeding infected meat products to pigs. We don't have these diseases in Australia, and we don't import meat from countries we know are infected. However there's always the chance that something nasty makes its way in illegally or before a country knows it has a problem, and that could have a huge impact on Australia's livestock industries, not to mention the health of your pigs.

Swill feeding has been linked to outbreaks of disease overseas that have caused millions of livestock to become ill, die or be euthanased. Due to the high risk, feeding swill to pigs or allowing them access to swill is illegal in all states and territories, and carries large fines.

These rules apply to all pigs including pet pigs, commercially grown pigs and pigs raised for your own consumption.

WHAT CAN YOU FEED TO PIGS?

- Commercial pig food, such as pellets, sold through a trusted source such as a stock feed manufacturer, a produce agency or pet store.
- Dry meat meal that has been rendered in accordance with the Australian Standard and purchased from a trusted source such as a stock feed manufacturer, a produce agency or pet store.
- Fruits and vegetables that have not had any contact with meat.
- Milk or milk products that are made in Australia or have been legally imported for stock feed use.

HOW CAN YOU ENSURE SWILL IS NOT FED TO YOUR PIGS?

- Ensure everyone who feeds or handles your pigs knows about swill, including children, neighbours and guests.
- Do not leave swill food where pigs can access it.
- Do not feed pigs scraps from the table or discarded lunchboxes.
- Keep vegetable peelings intended for pigs separate from table scraps that have had contact with meat.
- Store meat and vegetables separately in fridges and cold rooms.



If you are unsure what you can and can't feed your pigs, contact your relevant government authority for guidance or see www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/livestock/pigs/feeding-your-pigs