

Resources/Signposting for Small Scale Pigs Vets

This page is designed as a handy signposting guide for small scale pig vets to access useful resources for smallholders and pet pigs owners, including legality and regulations, husbandry and general management, nutrition, health planning, disease and common procedures.

- **AHDB Small Scale Pig Keeping:** [Small-scale pig keeping | AHDB](#)
 - Excellent summary of key legislation
 - Principles of Pig Production Webinars for smallholders
 - African Swine Fever and correct feeding information
 - Useful links to other bodies including BPA, NPA and RBST
- **Gov.uk Keeping a Pet Pig or Micropig:** [Keeping a pet pig or 'micropig' - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
 - Essential guidance for new pig keepers around the legality of keeping pigs
 - Information on biosecurity, hygiene, getting a CPH, herd mark, animal identification, feeding (illegality of kitchen scraps), walking licenses, movement/medicine records and carcass disposal
- **InPractice Articles Working With Small Scale Pig Keepers** by Mandy Nevel and Claire Scott
 - **Part 1: Encouraging Legislative Adherence:** [Working with small-scale pig keepers. Part 1: encouraging legislative adherence - Scott - 2024 - In Practice - Wiley Online Library](#)
 - **Part 2: Encouraging Antibiotic Stewardship:** [Working with small-scale pig keepers. Part 2: encouraging antibiotic stewardship - Scott - 2024 - In Practice - Wiley Online Library](#)
- **InPractice Article Prevention, diagnosis and management of swine dysentery for the general farm animal vet:**
<https://bvajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/inpr.548>?
- **Livestock article An Approach to the Incidental Sick Pig: a toolkit and case discussion:** [An approach to the incidental sick pig: a toolkit and case discussion | Livestock](#)
- **CPD: A Vet's Guide to Small Scale Pig Producers and Pet Pig Owners** with Beth Reilly and Pete Siviter: [Continuing Professional Development - A vet's guide to small scale pig producers and pet pig owners \(rvc.ac.uk\)](#)
 - A full day's CPD aimed at non-specialist pig vets and run twice a year by the Royal Veterinary College and Synergy Farm Health, including practical guidance on:
 - Clinical examination
 - Common diseases and treatments
 - Sedations and surgical procedures (including practical on pig models)
 - Biosecurity, pig health planning, and diagnostic testing (including blood sampling practical on pig models)
 - Notifiable diseases
 - Euthanasia of pigs
- **Keeping Pigs: A Practical Guide for Smallholders** by Claire Scott, James Adams and Pete Siviter: [Keeping Pigs - The Crowood Press](#)

- This book is a comprehensive guide for smallholders and pet pigs owners, covering all aspects of husbandry, management, breeding, nutrition, legislation, disease, medicine usage and small scale pork production.
- **PVS Membership** – apply on the website for membership of the Pig Veterinary Society to include access to a wealth of resources and opportunity to attend Spring and Autumn conferences with other pig vets