

World's Biggest Pig Becoming A Celebrity

Want to own a piece of "Big Norm", the world's biggest pig? For \$75 you can have an honorary share of this folk hero.

Or how about a T-shirt with a photo of Norm on front?

Norm is a 4-year-old Yorkshire owned by Kerry Dart of Hubbardsville, N.Y. Norm weighs a whopping 1,600 lbs. and measures 8 ft. from snout to tail. He's 4 ft. high and so big that his belly drags the ground. A normal market-weight Yorkshire weighs only about 240 lbs.

Norm has become quite a celebrity. He has been on TV three different times and written up in USA Today, the Syracuse Post Standard, the Chicago Tribune, and even been mentioned on the Paul Harvey radio show.

Bob Peterson, Norm's original owner, purchased the pig as a service sire from a local farmer. Norm was kept in a pen with 16 to 18 pigs of various sizes. He got regular hog feed like all the other pigs, but he started to grow to freakish proportions and soon it became clear that Norm was no ordinary pig. "He just started growing into this super-sized pig," says Norm's new owner, Kerry Dart. The two friends would always talk back and forth regarding the weight of this humongous pig.

Norm's daily feedings consist of 10 lbs. of dry hog feed supplemented with milk replacer mixed with water. The milk replacer adds nutrition and flavor. Norm also has free choice water available to him. Norm also likes to consume outdated dairy products, pizza, slightly soured milk and other food scraps.

Bob was proud of Norm and showed him off as often as possible. Norm's popularity started growing last year when the Syracuse Post Standard wrote an article on him. Word spread fast, and people started coming to Peterson's farm to see Norm for themselves.

Peterson began to make plans on sharing Norm with the rest of the world. Late last



Weighing in at a whopping 1,600 lbs., Norm is the "world's largest known pig", says owner Kerry Dart.

fall, he approached friend Kerry Dart to become partners in Norm. Unfortunately, before the partnership could be finalized, Bob died suddenly during December. After losing his friend, Dart wanted to honor Peterson's wish that Norm never be slaughtered and approached the Peterson family about taking care of Norm.

Dart moved Norm to his new home, a 16 by 20-ft. pen with a half roof, last July.

"I call him the world's largest known pig,

which is an unofficial title," says Dart. "However, I think he really is the world's biggest pig because Norm has had so much media coverage and no one has come up with a bigger one. Apparently the all-time world's record is held by a Poland China pig from the 1950's that weighed more than 2,500 lbs."

Dart is offering honoree owner shares for anyone who would like to buy a piece of Norm. Fifteen hundred shares will be offered at \$75 apiece. Darts says this will give people

a chance to say they actually own part of the world's biggest pig.

The shares are for novelty only and carry with them no rights or responsibilities. A personalized certificate will be issued to each shareholder stating authentic part ownership. They can be purchased online only.

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Easy Way To Make Your Own Rock Fence

By Alison Schole

Laurent Terrault of Busby Alta., lives at the corner of a busy intersection, and he was tired of people driving on his lawn. He wanted to build a fence on his acreage that would be attractive yet intimidating to anyone tempted to drive off the road.

He decided to build a rock fence. "For each post, I used an 8-ft. section of 3/4-in. sucker rod, which I drove into the ground about 4-ft. Then I made a sleeve out of stucco wire and put it around the pipe, before filling it up with rocks and stones."

Terrault had an ample supply of rocks from nearby fields.

He made two different sizes of posts – larger ones at the corner and to hold the gate, and the smaller ones along the length of the fence. He says he finished all of the small posts in one day, and the two large posts required a couple of hours to build.

The large gate post is 2 ft. in dia. and stands 8 ft. tall. Terrault added decorative "roses" at the top of the bigger posts using old drill bits and gears painted with rust-colored paint to look like flowers.

The small posts are only about 7 in. dia. and 4 ft. high.

"The whole project cost me only \$20 for the wire, and I think it will last until someone knocks it down," Terrault says. "I like it because it's different."

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Tired of people driving on his lawn, Laurent Terrault decided to build a rock fence. Sucker rod and stucco wire is used to hold the rocks in place.

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