

# Owner Of Giant Boar Hopes To Challenge World Record

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Suey is one big boar, and he is still growing. He is more than 8 ft., 6 in. long and more than 4 ft. tall. Owner Jeffrey Bogrette raised him from a piglet and hopes to beat the Guinness Book record big boar, Big Bill. Big Bill was 5 ft. at the shoulder, 9 ft. long and weighed 2,552 lbs.

"I don't know how much Suey weighs, but he was almost 500 lbs. at 6 months of age," says Bogrette. "He is 3 years old now, and I am sure he is well over 1,200 lbs. Researchers says bone growth continues until 6 years of age."

Suey may be a bit trimmer than Big Bill, as he spends his days in a 1/2-acre pasture. He eats up to 30 lbs. of corn a day.

"I don't feed a special diet," says Bogrette. "If he breaks records, it will be on his terms and time."

The mixed-breed, big boar is fully intact, including tusks. Bogrette can walk into Suey's pen, scratch him and even climb on his back. While he is generally very docile, Bogrette never forgets that this is a dangerous animal. He recalls being charged by the big boar while standing outside his fence.

"I jumped the fence into the pen as he was jumping out," says Bogrette. "He kept running until he tired, and I was able to get him back into his pasture."

Precautions include never walking up to the boar's face. "I always come up behind him and let him know I am there from 30



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ft. back," says Bogrette. "We raised him as a family pet, but we are all aware of what he can do. We treat and handle him with the utmost caution."

Now raising Idaho Pasture Pigs, Bogrette knew nothing about pigs when he brought Suey home. What he did know as he watched him grow was that the young pig grew fast.

"I did some research and realized Suey was blowing record growth out of the water," says Bogrette. "I checked with extension and tried giving him away, but nobody wanted him. I decided to keep him and see how he did."

Bogrette hopes to put Suey on display at this year's New York State Fair, but has had no response from fair officials. "A large boar called Big Norm was an attraction there in the past, and Suey already has him beat in height and length," says Bogrette.

Currently Suey is in a fenced pen with posts every 6 ft. and a hot wire on the inside. Bogrette is unsure how the boar should best be displayed in a public setting, both for the boar's comfort and the public's safety.

He admits Suey is an experiment he wouldn't do again. He understands why there

are few people trying to raise a big boar.

"Feeding him is expensive, and he creates a lot of worry," says Bogrette. "When my friends see him, they say 'What were you thinking?' Not one person has said they wished he were theirs."

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Jackman's big screwdriver is about 3 ft. long and weighs 15 lbs.

## How To Make A Giant Screwdriver

After seeing a photo of Paul Jackman's 15-lb. screwdriver, we checked him out online and learned the Washington, D.C. woodworker makes some impressive upscale furniture pieces from pallets. But he has a "passion for making YouTube videos that are very easily digestible so people are entertained while they learn and often laugh at my own expense," Jackman says.

The screwdriver video is a lesson on creating a mold and using epoxy. Jackman begins by cutting scrap plywood into 6-sided pieces and gluing, stacking and dowsing them together to get the shape of the handle. After further shaping and sanding on a lathe, he cuts it in two, where the blue and clear parts join. He coats the pieces with primer to show any imperfections and adds wood filler as necessary until the form is smooth.

Jackman made boxes out of melamine to surround each piece, then mixed a 2-part silicone and poured it around his wooden models. After slicing the silicone and removing the wood, he reassembles his boxes to hold the molds and pours in the epoxy (in small batches so it doesn't overheat) adding blue dye to the shorter piece. Altogether it took almost a gallon of epoxy resin.

After drying and removing the molded pieces, he flattened both ends on a disk sander, and used a little epoxy between the two pieces to secure them together.

He painted one side of the handle red and personalized it with his name. Then, he drilled a hole to accommodate the 1-in. steel bar stock for the screwdriver bit that was forged by Jackman's friend.

For details, check out the video at YouTube.com - Giant Epoxy Resin Handle Screwdriver. Jackman has several other how to videos on YouTube as well as how-tos and products on his website, www.jackmanworks.com.

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