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**What do you do when your urban “micro” piglet grows up to be a 650-pound rural sow? You get a bigger house - then make her an Internet superstar!**

**Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, March 26, 2019** - The summer of 2012 was a life-changing time for Steve Jenkins and Derek Walter.

When a friend could no longer look after their 4-week old “micro” piglet, they asked animal-loving Derek Walter to take her in.

Derek, knowing Steve may not be too happy to add to their myriad pets, agreed to take the adorable little piglet anyway. Little did either new owner know how Esther would change their lives forever.

Over the next three years, as they discovered there was no such thing as a “micro” pig, little Esther grew to an enormous 650 pound, full-sized commercial sow. Alongside numerous dogs, cats and a few rabbits, crammed under the roof of a 1,000-square-foot bungalow, Derek and Steve knew they had no choice but to move to a larger space.

In 2014, thanks to a bit of luck and some generous donors, Happily Ever Esther Farm Sanctuary became home to Esther and a host of other farm animals in need.

**The Kitchener Waterloo Humane Society is thrilled to host Steve and Derek at this year’s *Homeward Bound – An Evening for the Animals* fundraiser.**

**Steve and Derek will tell the incredible story of Esther the Wonder Pig and how she led them to buy their animal sanctuary farm in Campbellville, Ontario, gain over 1 million Facebook followers, purchase Canada’s first large-sized animal CT Scanner and, recently, answer a call from Hollywood.**

***Kitchener Waterloo Humane Society Homeward Bound – An Evening for the Animals***

**Thursday, May 9th, 2019 – 6 pm reception, 7 pm dinner – talk to follow**

**Federation Hall, University of Waterloo, 200 University Avenue West, Waterloo**

**The evening includes entertainment, appetizers, dinner and dessert, live and silent auction, grand prize raffle and a moderated talk with Steve Jenkins and Derek Walter.**

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