

The Story of Esther the Wonder Pig: A Valuable Lesson



What would you do if you had the adorable 4-lb miniature potbellied pig, expected to grow to 70 lbs maximum gradually grows to 650 lbs.?

The little piggy in question later named Esther, was, in reality, a commercial animal and not the tiny porcine represented.

Faced with the unexpected costly upkeep of a beloved pet, Esther's owners combined their skill set and ingenuity with entrepreneurship: social media, humor, animal rights, and education

Otherwise, Esther's owners might have been forced to give her up. So one can't help wondering whether Esther's breeder pulled a fast one or sell the pig believing it was a miniature, making an honest but incompetent mistake?

(Hmm, even Esther might roll her eyes.)

There's a simple way to identify whether a piglet is mini versus regular sized. For example, a miniature pig will have a straight tail. Commercial porkers have curly tails. Research beforehand would have revealed that information. Legally, in one case, the judge ruled against an unhappy pet owner, citing failure to research the traits

and behavior of the animal purchased.

Some info professionals point to one explanation for the pig purchase originally gone awry
The Dunning-Kruger Effect: relying on faulty assumptions about what one knows about a subject or in this case, relying instead on someone else's knowledge or skillset.

Viewing Esther at bath time may well inspire some viewers to always apply the Dunning-Kruger Effect in every situation when deciding to buy a service or product ...especially if the product eats and needs care.or

Making decisions based on assumptions and failing to gather facts independently gives others the upper hand. Sometimes consequences are enormous.

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