

## Kito the "Teacup Piggy"

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Hi, I'm Kito  
and this is the  
story of my life...  
sold as a  
**TEACUP PIGGY!**  
But still a great  
service pig!



My name is Andrew and I have a four legged son named Kito. Kito was sold to me at 8 weeks old by a local breeder and weighed a mere 9 lbs. I did my research on the normal care regarding feeding, housing, training and the proper needs of a 10 week old pig, which was the age when I brought Kito home with me. Kito, as are all pigs, was very intelligent, so intelligent that I trained him to provide a much needed service for me and have licensed and registered him as my service animal because of my handicap status. Kito is your normal happy, healthy and growing pig who has now tipped the scales at 140 lbs at 2 ½ years old. Remember that they can grow for 3-5 years! He eats a proper well-balanced daily diet of pig chow, grains, fruits and vegetables with no junk foods ever given to him, even as treats. The weight reality I was given in the documents I received with his ownership instructions clearly stated he would grow to only 45-55 lbs given only the daily allowance of pig feed and nothing more per the breeder. Initially that is all I fed Kito per their instructions. But as my research expanded my knowledge to care for Kito, it became quickly apparent to me that minimal amounts of food per day over the months or years ahead would have devastating effects on the health, growth, well-being and his proper normal development. Misinformed by breeders and limited education by buyers can spell disaster for the first time pig owners and the pigs themselves. The truth with regards to pigs, is there is really no such thing as a miniature pig that will fit in a shoe box once fully grown and there is no pig at a "healthy full grown age" that will fit in a tea bag, tea cup or even a tea pot. Please don't be fooled, lied to and in essence "ripped off" by the illusions and lies of profit seeking breeders as I once was.

