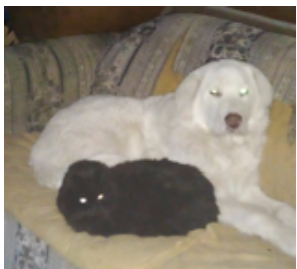




## Farm News from February

After many years of sharing meat from our farm with the omnivores of Edmonton through the Farmers Market and quitting in October, I have once again returned to the big city. This time it was a special event held in the parking lot of Edmonton's Waldorf School. Having collected pre-orders, the three generation team of my son Donovan, his son Murray and myself, over a period of four masked hours distributed close to 1000 pieces of bison, beef, pork, chicken and fresh eggs. I called it "Meat Up Day". It was good to meet up with the people I had grown to know through so many years at the market.

The dog/cat relationship can be a difficult one, especially if you like cats. Figaro, our new pup looked quite embarrassed when I caught him snuggling with his leg around



the cat, holding her close to his chest. As soon as he noticed me, he quickly removed the leg as if saying "not me, nope. I don't like cats". They are best of

friends but I think they want to keep their relationship a secret.

Can a pig stay warm when it's -40 C?

When it's that cold and we're out there doing chores (usually with cold fingers and feet), snuggling with pigs could be a wise idea.



Over 400 "WWOOFers" have shared their time helping out on the farm and learning about organic farming. Much of that time was spent caring for the animals and of all the animals on the farm, pigs consume time the most. Not just feeding but fixing. Their curious snouts with bulldozer strength can destroy buildings, feeders and fences. Repairs can happen every day and along with repairs comes the search for tools. Those 400 WWOOFers, when looking for stuff were directed to the "Stuff Box". Originally an old box for wild turkeys to nest in, the Stuff Box has been moved dozens of times. Finally the box

bust apart into several pieces leaving the stuff (bolts, hammers, wire, drill bits, etc) scattered on



the ground. Then came the snow. Anyone who has had to look for stuff will appreciate the new Stuff Box, organized with shelving on the inside, heavy pipe for a base so the wind doesn't blow it over and an adjustable wrench for a handle.

Another project off the list. This door to the attic has been on the list since 1987.

Some people watch TV in their spare time.

Jerry

