

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2010

## Did you see the pig doing a jig?

Think you'd seen it all? Well did you see the pig doing a jig at the Echuca-Moama Market on Sunday? Little Hamish, the ambassador pig from Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary, really hammed it up much to the delight of his adoring fans as he and his guardian, Pam Ahern, trotted a little boogie together. The soundshell really came alive as the quirky little porcine stole not only the show but many a heart as well.

"We've had a ball here today" commented Pam as Hamish obediently sat beside her "People have just been blown away with meeting dear little Hamish and we have collected hundreds of signatures on our petitions to help stop animal cruelty"

As an ambassador for farmed animals, Hamish has made it his personal duty to reach as many people as possible with his special message of kindness for all animals. Each weekend sees him and his loyal band of helpers, out and about throughout Victoria, at community events and markets. Happily walking on his lead, sitting on command and posing for photographs, Hamish is indeed proving to be one clever and personable pig indeed.

"Right now as we speak, the majority of animals in human care, some 500 million farmed animals do not receive the same legal protection from acts of cruelty as our beloved pets. Meeting Hamish certainly helps people connect the dots between ethics and actions. As one lady said to me, "you wouldn't do it to your dog would you?" And she's right, it really is that simple"

Edgar's Mission Farm sanctuary is situated in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range at Willowmavin, just west of Kilmore. They provide a life long haven to over 150 rescued animals, while their outreach work aims to expand the public's circle of compassion to include all animals.

Photos attached for media use: large file photos available upon request

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Useful websites: [www.edgarsmission.org.au](http://www.edgarsmission.org.au)

*"If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others...  
why wouldn't we?"*