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# Esther may soon have a new home

A Georgetown couple has raised close to \$95,000 in less than two weeks for a farm sanctuary they hope to open for their 450-pound pet pig Esther and other animals.

The money has come in to Steve Jenkins, Derek Walter and Esther through the crowd-funding site Indiegogo from approximately 1,300 people across the world.

The couple started the fundraiser after they found a \$900,000 farm in Campbellville they feel would be a perfect sanctuary for Esther, who was supposed to be a mini-pig, and other farm animals. Jenkins said they hope to be able to provide a home for other pigs that are abandoned after being sold to unsuspecting people as mini or micro pigs, and animals that escaped from their farm or on their way to slaughter.

They're well on their way to reaching their \$400,000 goal. They hope to close the deal on the farm by November, and open the sanctuary by next spring.

That's not all that's been happening for the couple and Esther since the media shone a spotlight on them last year.

Jenkins said they have a book deal with "one of the biggest publishers in the world" and are just waiting for an author to be selected. He said the non-fiction book would tell the story of how Esther impacted the couple's lives.

"She's changed everything," said Jenkins.

There's also a reality show about them in development by a California production company that is currently shopping it to networks.

Jenkins said the pilot will be shot soon, focusing on their and Esther's lives in their suburban Georgetown home and when they'll make the move



Steve Jenkins with his pet pig, Esther.  
*File photo*

to the farm.

"Derek and I are not farmers," he said.

They have also launched the Esther Store online where they have sold well over 1,000 Esther t-shirts and have more than 135,000 followers on Esther's Facebook page.

"It's created this whole kind of movement," he said.

The couple will be speaking at The Humane Society of The United States national conference in Washington D.C. in June.

It's overwhelming, it's unbelievable," Jenkins said.

Check out their story and the fundraising site at [www.estherthewonderpig.com/](http://www.estherthewonderpig.com/) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/estherthewonderpig](http://www.facebook.com/estherthewonderpig)

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