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Priscilla, a swimming pet pig, does the pig paddle as Carol Burk snuggles her 11-year-old son, Anthony

Melton. The pig saved the boy from drowning in Texas's Lake Somerville.

Swimming pig saves boy

HOUSTON (UPI)—Priscilla, a swimming pet pig, saved the life of a youngster who ventured too far out into Lake Somerville, the boy's mother said yesterday.

Carol Burk took her 11-year-old son, Anthony Melton, and a friend's pig swimming a week ago yesterday near Brenham State School, where Anthony resides.

Anthony followed her into the deep water as she took Priscilla out for a dip. "I told my son to stay

Youngster grabs collar of pet, is pulled ashore

back—he didn't listen to me," Burk said. "Just as I was letting Priscilla go, he got out too far."

"He went down once, then he went down another time," said Burk, adding she couldn't reach the boy before Priscilla did. "I told him to catch hold of Priscilla's leash. Then they both went down. I thought,

'My God, I've lost them both.'"

Burk said Priscilla then swam toward shore, pulling Anthony behind her until his feet touched bottom. Anthony held onto the pig's collar throughout the ordeal, she said.

"I never appreciated pigs until I got her," Burk said. "She's a beautiful pig."

The unlikely heroine is the pride of her owner, Victoria Herberta, who says Priscilla spends most of her time on the front porch and has her own wading pool.

"I walk her every evening around 7 o'clock," Herberta said.

Priscilla weighs about 22 pounds and is not expected to top 100 pounds. "She loves dog food, tuna fish sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, chocolate chip cookies and she loves to drink Mountain Dew," said Herberta.

Meet the animals! film - Note-taking sheet



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What do all the animals need?

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2) _____

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What do you learn about the pigs?

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What do you learn about the sheep?

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What do you learn about the chickens?

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Why did Farmer Jay give away his cows?
