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He (she?) was running loose around Lexington. Now the pig has a home.

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The vagabond pig bounding around Lexington neighborhoods has been captured and was

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taken Wednesday to a farm animal sanctuary.

“He’s doing pretty well,” said Diana Shaffner, president of Good Acres sanctuary between Lawrenceburg and Frankfort. “Of course, he’s a little bit skittish, but after he had some food and water, he went into some nice, fresh, fluffy straw that we made for him, and he kind of crashed.”

Lexington-Fayette Animal Care & Control began hearing reports of a loose pig on June 28. It was spotted several times between Winchester Road and New Circle Road, specifically on Benwood and Strader Drives and at Trinity Baptist Church.

Shaffner said the young pig was captured by two Lexington women. She had just met the women Saturday when the sanctuary hosted a vegan potluck.

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“The lady and her mother who captured the pig know me and called me, and I offered, of course, to take him in, and they delivered him to us this morning,” Shaffner said. “They set out a large trap, and he went into it and was safely captured.”

Shaffner refers to the pig as “he” but

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acknowledges that she's not entirely certain of the animal's sex.

“We're not 100 percent sure. When he has settled down in the next couple of days we will get him checked out by a vet. But right now we're referring to it as 'him.'”

Good Acres, a nonprofit sanctuary funded through private donations, currently has six horses, two cows, two dogs and eight cats. There was one other pig there before the Lexington porker arrived.

“All the animals that come to us live here for the rest of their natural lives,” Shaffner said. “We don't adopt animals out.”

Meanwhile, the sanctuary (its website is goodacres.org and the Twitter account is [@GAsanctuaries](https://twitter.com/GAsanctuaries)) is taking suggestions on a name for the pig.

“Some people who have called me said we should call him 'Lexington,’” Shaffner said. “And if it turns out to be a girl, we should just make it 'Lexie.’”

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