



## **WILD DISCOVERIES**

### *Effect of training on aggression between Visayan warty pigs*

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There is little published on the subject of pig training, and even less about the use of training to resolve aggression issues. We hypothesized that increasing the frequency of training would reduce the number of aggressive interactions between two male Visayan warty pigs during the breeding season. We used continuous zero-one sampling during thirty minute intervals to record the presence of aggression. Week one we took control data with no training present, the second week we observed after training, and the final week we planned to increase to two training session. However, there was difficulty with scheduling training and observation times. We did not observe as much as aggression as we anticipated with two male pigs during the breeding season ( $P = 0.45$ ). We did learn that the majority of pig aggression observed was food was present. Our data proved to be inconclusive with regards to training and reduced aggression. We did observe a trend ( $P < 0.10$ ) showing pigs displayed more aggression during the morning hours as opposed to the afternoon but further studies are needed.