**Polynesian Pygmy Pig**

**Native to:** Polynesian islands

**Predators:**

* Large cats, humans

**Prey:**

* Fungus, vegetation, they will eat just about anything

**Facts:**

* Pigs are extremely intelligent animals
* They cannot sweat to regulate their temperature, hence why they bathe in mud
* Invasive to Hawaii
* They destroy vegetation and are harming the rainforest ecosystem in Hawaii
* Feral pigs can be dangerous to humans
* One of the smaller wild species of pig generally weigh around 25 to 50 lbs
* They eat decay in their native islands to help return nutrients to the soil

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Spots on back create camouflage
* Long eyelashes to protect their eyes from dirt while digging

**Reproduction:**

* Can have 8-10 babies in a litter

**Handling Tips:**

Bo is a 2 year old male. He will eat anything he finds on the floor so be sure there are no erasers or other trash around. Handlers can bring peanuts or dry pellets for him. Students are welcome to pet him, but should keep away from his mouth in case he mistakes their fingers for food. He will likely poop on the floor, so bring towels to clean up.