

HEDGEHOG DANGERS



WE NEED FRESH WATER ESPECIALLY IN HOT WEATHER.



IF YOU UNCOVER A NEST PLEASE RE-COVER AND SEEK ADVICE FROM A RESCUE.



PLEASE DONT SQUASH ME!



PLEASE BUILD BONFIRES ON DAY OF BURNING OR RESITE BEFORE LIGHTING.



IF YOU THINK YOUR DOG MAY PICKUP/BITE A HEDGEHOG IN YOUR GARDEN, PLEASE SUPERVISE OR KEEP ON A LEAD LATER AT NIGHT.



CHECK UNDERGROWTH FOR WILDLIFE BEFORE USING GARDENING EQUIPMENT.



WE CAN SWIM, BUT NEED A ROUTE OUT. PLEASE KEEP THE WATER LEVEL TOPPED UP!



WILD HOGS HEDGEHOG RESCUE



GLoucestershire HEDGEHOG NETWORK



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Wild Hogs Hedgehog Rescue – Frampton on Severn, GL2 7EA – 07949 976717

Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue – Gloucester, GL3 4AR – 07789 268296

Vale Wildlife Hospital – Beckford, GL20 7AN – 01386 882288

(For Vale Wildlife, if you do have a casualty or you need immediate advice, please ring on 01386 882 288 (7am-5pm). From 5pm until 7am, they are on answerphone but the hospital is staffed 24/7 so casualties can be brought to them at any time, there is no need to ring beforehand).

When does a hedgehog need your help?

If you find an ill or injured hedgehog it will probably be suffering from hypothermia, even in summer.

Never try and force feed a hedgehog and do not put down food or water for any hog until it has warmed up and is active again as it will be unable to swallow or digest. The danger is the fluid/food will be inhaled.

Wrap a hot water bottle (but not boiling hot) in a towel and place the hedgehog on it (with space for it to move off if it wants to), and put in a cardboard box or recycle box lined with newspaper.

Cover the box in a blanket, place in a quiet place to warm up and **phone us immediately**.

Hedgehogs that need help are:

Particularly in Summer

- **Orphaned hoglets** - found out of the nest in the day, or when the nest has been destroyed and the mother killed or injured. If you do find what you think is a nest of hoglets (common places are under sheds, compost piles/bags and decking), please hastily put back as found, move away and contact us for advice.

All Year Round

- **Injured hedgehogs** - with open wounds, fractures, bites, burns, or trapped in some way.
- **Sick hedgehogs** - usually found out in the day, thin, dehydrated, possibly poisoned, or with breathing problems. Hedgehogs that are unsteady on their feet (wobbling, rocking) and ones with flies around them.
- **Autumn juveniles** - young hedgehogs born late in the year, weighing under 600g from September onwards - especially if out in the day.

If in doubt, call us for advice.

Hedgehogs that should be left alone:

Particularly in Summer

- **Adult females** that are uninjured but found out in daylight may be nursing mothers, please phone for advice.

All Year Round

- **Any large uninjured hedgehogs found at night** (e.g. in winter or in the road) and picked up should be put back away from the road but near where found.
- **Healthy hedgehogs** will often arouse from hibernation for short periods even in cold winter weather. Do not assume these hedgehogs need help unless they are underweight or obviously unwell.