

# HEDGEHOG S.O.S.

HERE ARE  
SOME SIGNS  
THAT SHOW  
A HEDGEHOG  
IS IN NEED  
OF HELP:



## LETHARGIC

Hedgehogs don't sunbathe!



## OBVIOUSLY INJURED

Wounded or clearly  
in distress.



## FLIES

If there are a lot  
of flies around a  
hedgehog it  
needs help.



## TRAPPED

Have been caught  
in netting, a pond,  
drain, etc.



## WOBBLY

If hedgehogs are  
wobbling as they  
walk there is  
something  
wrong.



## HOGLETS

If seen out in the  
day without an adult  
and / or squawking.

## IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE SIGNS PLEASE CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING FIRST AID:

1. Use gardening gloves or a folded towel to gently pick the hedgehog up and pop it into a high sided cardboard or plastic box.
2. Bring the box indoors away from flies.
3. Keep the hedgehog in a quiet room away from pets and children and don't be tempted to look at it any more often than you must to carry out first aid.
4. Unless it's a very hot day, wrap a warm hot water bottle in a towel and place the hedgehog on it, with another towel gently draped over the hedgehog to keep the warmth in, make sure it has room to get off the bottle and that it stays warm (but not hot) at all times.
5. Offer a small amount of meaty cat, dog or hedgehog food and some water, don't force feed.
6. If it is a small hedgehog or hoglet do check nearby for others from the same litter that might also be in trouble.
7. Call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890 801 for the phone number of your local independent hedgehog rescue or look online and go direct to the rescue if you have their contact details.

