

Hedgehogs in need of help:

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| LETHARGIC Hedgehogs don't sunbathe! | FLIES If there are a lot of flies around a hedgehog it needs help. | WOBBLY If hedgehogs are wobbling as they walk there is something wrong. |
| OBVIOUSLY INJURED | TRAPPED Have been caught in netting, a pond, drain, etc | HOGLETS If seen out in the day without an adult and/or squawking |
| OUT DURING THE DAY Some exceptions being a mum nest building or taking a break from the nest or any adult that has been disturbed and is seeking safety. These hedgehogs will be healthy looking and walking with 'purpose'. | | |

If you see hedgehogs in need of help, please carry out the following first aid:

- + Use gardening gloves or a folded towel to gently pick the hedgehog up and pop it into a high sided cardboard or plastic box.
- + Bring the box indoors away from flies.
- + 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.
- + 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.
- + Offer a small amount of hedgehog food or meaty cat or dog food and some water – don't force feed.
- + If it is a small hedgehog or hoglet do check nearby for others from the same litter that might also be in trouble.
- + Call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890 801 for the phone number of your local hedgehog rescue volunteers (or go direct to the rescue if you have contact details).

