

HEDGEHOG HAVEN

Tiptree, Frinton & Colchester, Essex



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What's happening

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April

This is one of our secure garden hogs who is blind and has lived in an elderly gentlemen's garden for quite a few months. Peter is very fond of his garden and also April who is his little 'helper'. He phoned us to proudly let us know that he had won garden of the year this year and kindly said that it was all down to April and her nightly patrols and getting rid of all the snails and slugs. Congratulations to you both !

Colin

Colin was handed into us by a local school when the school children had found him out and about in the daytime. He was very thin and lethargic and it was touch and go for a while as to whether he would survive. The school phoned and said that the children had named him 'Colin' and wanted to know how he was so that they could announce it in assembly. Luckily Colin made a full recovery and was released back at the school. Just recently we had a call at 11pm saying that someone had seen a hedgehog being clipped by a car close to the school. When the hog arrived, Liz recognised him, it was Colin! After a thorough MOT and monitoring for a few days he was well enough to be returned after having another lucky escape !

Important news

AUTUMN JUVENILES.

These babies can be born as late as October, they are faced with the real possibility of not surviving their first winter. By the time they leave the nest they would roughly weigh around 250-300g. To survive a long winter sleep they need to be at least 600g. With winter almost upon us, their food sources diminishing and most adult hogs already in hibernation you may see these babies out in daylight foraging for food and trying desperately to survive. Should you see any hog out in daylight, please immediately secure it in a box with some warm towels, give food and water then immediately contact your nearest carer.



FOSTERERS.

We are in need of fosterers to overwinter some of the hogs that are brought to us. We will supply the hibernation cage along with the nesting box. To foster a hog the following requirements are needed:

1. A place that has plenty of natural daylight - i.e shed/greenhouse and is dry.
2. Whilst awake the hog needs to be checked, cleaned out, given fresh food and water, daily and weighed weekly.

Your reward ? Is knowing that you have helped massively 1 more hog survive a winter.

Donations

Please, please keep those donations coming. We will not survive without them!

If you would prefer to set up a direct debit please contact us directly.

We always desperately need:

- ♦ Canned dog or cat meat are used to feed our hedgehogs who seem to prefer the chicken varieties (not in gravy). Cat biscuits are also appreciated in fact, some hedgies prefer them
- ♦ Old towels in good condition.

We would welcome your unwanted gifts. These are always wanted and needed by us for our fundraising events.

Shrimp

Shrimp's mum was found in a shoe box on Liz's doorstep when she returned from an evening out at midnight. It soon became apparent that she had suffered some kind of head trauma. When Liz took her to the vets and lifted her out of her basket there was a tiny stillborn hoglet which she had given birth to in the car on the way. On the way home she had another two hoglets which were alive so Liz quickly placed them all in a hutch and left them in peace. The following morning mum had given birth to a further two babies which had sadly not survived. She sadly was not caring for the two surviving babies so after seeking advice Liz decided to remove the babies to give them the best chance of survival. Unfortunately one died shortly afterwards but we are happy to report 'Shrimp' now weighs approximately 90g her eyes are open, and she is lapping nicely thanks to the hard work of Christine who took over her care.

Email

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Winter Food.

Please continue to leave out dried food such as Whiskas kitten biscuits and fresh water throughout the winter months as hogs will occasionally awake for a feed and then return to hibernation. A feeding station is an ideal answer to this as the food is kept dry and can be placed out again if uneaten.

Feeding Stations.

We are also selling feeding stations for your garden. This keeps the food safe and dry. They are reasonably priced at £8.50 with all proceeds going directly to Hedgehog Haven. An ideal present!



Please contact your nearest carer for more information and collection.

Fundraising

We are looking for volunteers to help with fundraising. Can anyone hold a coffee morning, Look after one of our tombola stalls at events already booked. Or do you know of any table top sales you could attend on our behalf? We would be happy to help with the arrangements. Please contact us by telephone or email.

Hedgehog Houses.

If you are considering purchasing a cosy home for your hedgehog. We sell handmade hedgehog houses priced at £25. with all proceeds going directly to Hedgehog Haven. An ideal present!



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Website

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