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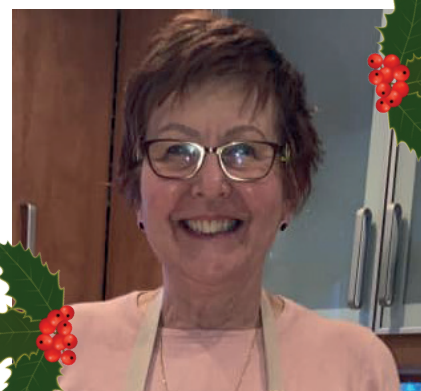


I want to wish everyone a Happy and healthy Christmas and New Year! Hopefully, we will all be able to meet with most of our loved ones during the festive period and enjoy an almost normal Christmas.

I would like to say a big thank you to the volunteers who have supported HR throughout this challenging year. Also, to those who have helped up with your kind donations, it makes all the difference.

We are hopeful that in the New Year, we will see the second and last phase of the new cages. It's been a busy year for hedgehog rescues, and these final touches will mean we have more space to care for even more poorly hogs. Merry Christmas everyone!

Yvonne



THE GIFT OF GIVING BACK

This year we have all begun to value our local businesses and charities a lot more and realised their importance in the local community. They all rely on the support of local people buying products, donating, or fundraising. At HR, we can only keep helping our dwindling hedgehog population with your continued support.

There are so many talented creatives who have made unique hand-made gifts for us. You can buy these for your loved ones while simultaneously raising money for Hedgehog Rescue. From individual felted baubles to hand-knitted bags, mittens, and hedgehog teddies, there is something for every hedgehog lover.

You can buy all of these lovely items on our new Etsy page

www.etsy.com/uk/shop/HedgehogRescueShop

All of the money from each purchase goes straight to Hedgehog Rescue so that we may continue treating our local hedgehogs and help to bolster the national population!





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CARING FOR WILD HOGS THIS WINTER

The temperature is definitely beginning to drop, but it's still fluctuating, meaning some hedgehogs might not be hibernating yet. Food such as beetles, slugs, and caterpillars are becoming much more difficult to find now, so to retain their energy, hedgehogs slow down their bodies by hibernating throughout the coldest months.

To ensure the survival of those who are facing winter head-on this year there are multiple things we can do to help.

EMBRACE THE MESS

Don't throw away fallen leaves. Instead, pile them into a corner to provide a delightful nesting spot for a hedgehog.



If you spot a hedgehog out in the day during these colder months or looking underweight, it needs to be rescued immediately. Make sure to contact your local hedgehog rescue. However, if you see one at night unless it looks particularly skinny, simply leave out some food and water to help keep their energy levels high.

PROVIDE A MEAL

Food becomes much scarcer, so leave out some cat food and water for a passing hungry hog. Create a feeding station to prevent other animals from stealing this precious meal.

GET WILD

It's too cold and wet for gardening, so let it run wild. This will provide a better habitat for insects, which provides essential meals for hedgehogs.

ENCOURAGE THE BEASTIES

Slugs are a delicacy for hedgehogs, so avoid putting out slug pellets. By encouraging hogs into your garden they create the perfect natural slug repellent.

If you're still feeling outdoorsy and want to go above and beyond for our prickly friends, then why not plant a fruit tree! Wintertime is the perfect time to plant fruit trees, but be sure to plant native trees such as apple, plum, and fig.

But hedgehogs don't eat fruit?

No, but what they do love are the insects that the tree attracts. When the fruit falls on the floor or, the tree is flowering, all sorts of insects are drawn to this delicious meal. Providing a delicious buffet for local hogs.

Although trees don't grow overnight, the rewards will be worth the wait, plus the hedgehogs will love it!



HOG OF THE MONTH

Eve was picked up by one of our volunteers Liz after she noticed that the hog didn't seem right. She wasn't doing any better, so eve was brought into the hospital, where Karen noticed an extremely nasty wound on the top of her foot.

We took Eve to the vet, where Fergus did a brilliant job at stitching up the wound.

This should make it easier to heal and less prone to infection. She has lost three toes on her back foot, but we have our fingers crossed that she will make a full recovery.

