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Latest news

This has been another very busy year and at the time of writing, we have around 90 hedgehogs to care for. We believe that the hedgehogs have had an extra litter late in the year because the babies coming in recently have been so tiny. Some only weighing around 190 grams!

Patients

Percy

We had Percy since 2011 when he came in to us as an adult with a head injury, which unfortunately had caused him to lose his sight.

Because he was blind and unable to be released back into the wild he lived with Lesley in Witham, in a secure garden. Percy had always been out in the daytime which once led him into trouble when some workmen left the gate open and he escaped.

Liz received a call that day from a vet in Witham to say that they had two hedgehogs to bring over which needed care. Just before they arrived, Lesley phoned Liz to say that Percy had got out and she was really upset as he could have been anywhere. It was an amazing stroke of luck that when the hedgehogs came in from the vets, Liz recognised one of them as being Percy and she was able to return him to Lesley who was very relieved to see him again. Unfortunately Percy has since passed away but he had a good five years in his secure garden.

Elsa

At 9 years old, Elsa was our oldest secure garden hedgehog. Sadly, she passed away last month.

Her carer had not seen her out and about for a few days and no food had been eaten, so she made a thorough search of her garden. The carer was really sad to find that Elsa had trapped her head in a bow which she had tied in a cover for her patio furniture.

Please everyone can we learn from this and only tie knots instead of bows when securing anything in the garden.

Lucky escape

This photo shows two of the babies who had a very lucky escape from a dog attack. The lady who rescued them told us that her own dog had found them one after the other on different nights, but had only led her to them and not harmed them.



They were all far too tiny to make it through hibernation. She told us that her neighbour had a terrier type dog and that she had heard a terrible noise one evening whilst taking her own dog out into the garden. She then heard her neighbour say that they needed to get the dog in because it had killed another hedgehog! This is so sad and all too common when people let their dogs out for the last time in the evening.

Please if you have a dog, supervise it when it goes out, especially if you know that you have hedgehogs visiting.

One evening one of our volunteers, Red, found a hedgehog badly injured in the road near to where she lives. Its face was in such a mess that Red thought the hedgehog would have to be put to sleep at the emergency vets.

However, when she got there she saw the vet and he decided that he would try and save the it because as he said, they are now very endangered.

He set to work wiring up the hedgehogs jaw and it was collected by Christine the following morning for some tlc. We are pleased to say, that the hedgehog has made a complete recovery and has recently been released back into the wild.

Fundraising

Thank yous

We have been extremely lucky this year. We won the highest token collections at two Asda stores and also the Co-op.

Thank you to TLC Rescue Me Intensive Care Units who by a donation after they held a raffle to celebrate their 40th Birthday and raise money for hedgehog rescues.

We also won a Brinsea incubator from TLC, which is so useful for keeping tiny hoglets at the right temperature.



We are pleased to announce that the winner is...



Thank you very much to everyone who has purchased items from our Amazon wishlist recently. We had a definite rise in items being delivered to us over the Christmas period and we are very grateful. We received lots of items including food, puppy pads, kitchen roll and hedgehog carriers. You can view our wishlist by clicking on the link below-

https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/1AR5YK5Y25EGUH/ref=cm_wl_rlist_go_v

Please remember we can make use of your old postage stamps. You can send your used stamps to- Hedgehog Haven Essex, Used Stamp Appeal Fords Farm, Horsey, Norfolk, NR29 4EP

Or if preferred, you can pass them on to your local Carer. The stamps must be totally unsorted and will need to be on single paper (just the front part of the envelope), and with approximately 1/4 inch of paper around each one.



We would like to wish all our supporters a very Happy New Year and we hope you enjoyed Christmas. Thank you very much for all your support throughout 2016.