

HELPING HEDGEHOGS CHECKLIST

1. Leave a pile of leaves

Leaf piles are a perfect place for hedgehogs to sleep and they also attract insects and grubs.



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1. Make a log pile or build a hedgehog house

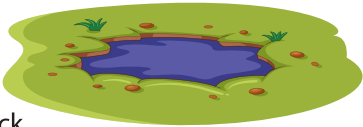
They make the perfect place for hedgehogs to hibernate and sleep and also attracts insects and grubs.

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3. Make ponds safe

Hedgehogs can get stuck in ponds and drown so make sure there is a ramp for them to get out. For this you could use large rocks or heavy logs.



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4. Check before strimming

Take care when using a lawn mower, strimmer or other power tools in your garden. Check the area first for wildlife before using. Hedgehogs are killed and injured by these tools.

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5. Bonfire night

Always check bonfires for hibernating hedgehogs. Move the bonfire before lighting it to give wildlife a chance to escape.



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6. Don't use slug pellets

Hedgehogs can eat poisoned slugs and snails and become seriously ill. If you must use pellets put them inside pieces of pipe or under stones where hedgehogs can't get at them.



SLUG & SNAIL CONTROL

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7. Make a Hedgehog Highway

Hedgehogs need to be able to roam. Make a 13cm hole in a fence to help them get between gardens.



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8. Food and water

You can put out meaty dog/cat food, specialist hedgehog biscuits and a shallow dish of water - remember **never give milk or bread**.

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9. Hibernation

Try not to disturb hedgehogs between November and April.



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10. Support your local hedgehog rescue

Donate food and bedding materials needed, fundraise and get involved by volunteering with your local hedgehog rescue.

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MAKE A HEDGEHOG FEEDING STATION



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Hedgehog Rescue

A cat proof hedgehog feeding station is super easy and cheap to make!

What you'll need:

- Large plastic storage box
- Insulation tape
- 2 bricks or large stones
- Hacksaw / strong scissors or for the perfect cut, a dremel!

How to create a simple hedgehog feeding station

1. Carefully cut a 13cm x 13cm (5" x 5") square (or round) gap in one of the short sides of the box. If the edges are sharp, cover with insulation tape.
2. Place the food and water at the back of the box as far away from the entrance as possible.
3. Place one brick on top of the box to prevent it from being easily moved and another approximately 13cm (5") away from the entrance to stop larger mammals being able to lie down and hook the food out with their paws.

Remember

Always leave out a dish of water; especially during any dry spells of weather. Provide a 'top-up' meal consisting of a small dish of any meaty dog or cat food, plus a handful of dog / cat biscuits to keep their teeth healthy (hedgehog biscuits are also now available).

Don't forget to NEVER feed them mealworms, bread or milk.