

THE BEST GARDEN FOR HEDGEHOGS



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-HEDGEHOGS ARE ON THE RED LIST-

TO BECOMING ENDANGERED!

LESS THAN 1 MILLION LEFT IN THE UK

**THEIR POPULATION HAS DECREASED
BY ABOUT 30% IN URBAN AREAS**

**AND
50% IN RURAL AREAS**

SINCE THE YEAR 2000

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-ACCESS TO YOUR GARDEN-

**CUTTING A SMALL 13CM X 13CM HOLE
IN YOUR FENCE OR WALL
IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS YOU
CAN DO TO HELP HEDGEHOGS**

**THIS ALLOWS A ROUTE THROUGH
YOUR GARDEN AND ALLOWS
HEDGEHOGS TO ROAM FREELY
WITHIN YOUR AREA**

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-STOP USING POISONS & CHEMICALS-

**SLUG PELLETS THAT ARE USED TO KILL
THE SLUGS ALSO KILL HEDGEHOGS!**

**HEDGEHOGS WILL EAT SLUGS AND IN
TURN THE POISONS ENTER THE
HEDGEHOGS BODY**

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-BONFIRES CAN BE DANGEROUS-

**HEDGEHOGS LIKE TO NEST INSIDE
BONFIRES AND HIBERNATE
IN THEM DURING THE COLD MONTHS**

**BEST THING TO DO IS TO BUILD AND
LIGHT THE BONFIRE ON THE SAME DAY**

OR

**MOVE THE BONFIRE A FEW METERS
AWAY BEFORE LIGHTING IT**

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-PLANT HEDGES-

**HEDGES ARE A GREAT PLACE FOR
HEDGEHOGS TO MAKE A NEST IN
AND FORAGE FOR FOOD**

**HEDGES ARE A NATURAL HABITAT FOR
HEDGEHOGS AND PROVIDE A
SAFE HAVEN FOR THEM**

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-TAKE CARE WHEN MOWING-

**SOME LAWN MOWERS WILL EASILY
RUN OVER A NESTING HEDGEHOG
AND CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURIES OR
DEATH**

**ALWAYS CHECK THE AREA BEFORE
MOWING LONG GRASS AS
HEDGEHOGS LOVE TO NEST IN THOSE
AREAS**

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-TAKE CARE WHEN STRIMMING-

**STRIMMERS CAUSE TERRIBLE INJURIES
FOR A NESTING HEDGEHOG
AND WILL OFTEN KILL HEDGEHOGS**

**ALWAYS CHECK THE AREA BEFORE
USING A STRIMMER ESPECIALLY IN
LONG GRASS OR OVERGROWN
AREAS AS HEDGEHOGS LOVE TO NEST
IN THOSE PLACES**

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-WILD CORNER OF YOUR GARDEN-

**CREATING A WILD AREA OF YOUR
GARDEN WITH NATIVE WILDFLOWERS
AND SHRUBS WILL HELP HEDGEHOGS**

**THEY LOVE TO FORAGE FOR FOOD
IN THOSE AREAS AND WILL OFTEN
MAKE A NEST TO SLEEP DURING
THE DAY**

**IT WILL ALSO HELP MANY OTHER
INSECTS AND WILDLIFE!**

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-PLACE RAMPS IN PONDS-

**HEDGEHOGS ARE EXCELLENT SWIMMERS
BUT IF THEY GET STUCK INSIDE A
POND THEY WILL DROWN**

**PLACING A SMALL RAMP AT ONE
SIDE OF THE POND WILL ALLOW
THEM TO ESCAPE SHOULD THEY
FALL IN**

**YOU COULD USE BRICK, LOGS,
PEBBLES, OR EVEN SLATES**

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-MAKE PILES OF TWIGS-

A DENSE AREA WITH PILES OF TWIGS PROVIDES BOTH A HABITAT FOR HEDGEHOGS AND A PLACE TO FORAGE FOR FOOD

SMALL BUGS WILL TAKE UP RESIDENCE PROVIDING A MUCH NEEDED FOOD SOURCE FOR THE HEDGEHOGS

DURING THE HOT SEASONS IT ALSO PROVIDES A COOL PLACE FOR A HEDGEHOG TO REST AND NEST IN AND THEY MAY ALSO HIBERNATE INSIDE THE TWIG PILE TOO!

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-REMOVE LITTER AND NETTING-

**LITTER CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS FOR
HEDGEHOGS**

**PLASTICS CAN WRAP AROUND THE
HEDGEHOGS SPINES OR BECOME
ENTANGLES AROUND THEIR
NECKS**

**PLASTIC NETTING SUCH AS THE TYPES
USED TO PROTECT VEG IS A SERIOUS
DANGER TO HEDGEHOGS AS IT GETS
CAUGHT UP IN THEIR SPINES**

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-CREATE A COMPOST OR WORMERY-

**COMPOST HEAPS ARE GREAT PLACES
FOR HEDGEHOGS TO NEST IN AND
PROVIDE A SUPERB PLACE FOR
THEM TO FORAGE FOR FOOD**

**BE CAUTIONS THOUGH AS FORKS
WILL HURT HEDGEHOGS**

**AS A COMPOST DECOMPOSES IT
CREATES HEAT AND PROVIDES
AN IDEAL NESTING PLACE FOR
MOTHERS AND THEIR HOGLETS**

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-COVER HOLES AND DRAINS-

**OPEN DEEP HOLES AND DRAINS ARE
VERY DANGEROUS FOR HEDGEHOGS
AS THEY CAN FALL INSIDE AND
BECOME TRAPPED**

**MAKE SURE YOU COVER THEM UP
BY PLACING SOMETHING HEAVY
ON THEM SO NOTHING CAN NUDGE
THE COVER OFF AGAIN**

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-BUILD A HEDGEHOG HOUSE-

**HEDGEHOGS WILL LOVE YOU FOR
MAKING THEM A HOME IN YOUR
GARDEN**

**HEDGEHOG HOUSES CAN BE MADE
FROM LOTS OF MATERIAL SUCH AS
WOOD, PILES OF LOGS, BRICKS, AND
EVEN CLAY!**

**THEY ONLY NEED A SMALL 13CM X 13CM
ACCESS HOLE WITH DRIED HAY OR
STRAW INSIDE. EVEN BETTER IS DRIED
LEAVES!**

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-MAKE A FEEDING STATION-

HEDGEHOG FEEDING STATIONS ENSURE THAT WHEN YOU PLACE FOOD OUT FOR THE HEDGEHOGS IT WON'T BE EATEN BY THE LOCAL CATS, FOXES, OR BADGERS

THEY ARE SIMPLY A COVERED AREA WITH ONE SINGLE ACCESS ENTRY OF 13CM X 13CM IN SIZE

IDEALLY WITH A COVERED ROOF

THEY CAN BE MADE FROM WOODEN BOXES, PLASTIC TUBS, OR EVEN LARGE POTS!

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-FEEDING HEDGEHOGS-

THE BEST FOOD TO PLACE OUT FOR
HEDGEHOGS IS EITHER JELLY BASED
DOG OR CAT FOOD, OR HEDGEHOG
FOOD

IDEALLY IN THE EVENING WITH A
SHALLOW BOWL OF WATER

NEVER FEED HEDGEHOGS MILK!

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-CAREFUL WITH DOGS-

**IF YOUR DOG IS AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS
HEDGEHOGS IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO
TURN ON LIGHTS IN YOUR GARDEN
AND CHECK IN THE EVENING TIME
BEFORE LETTING YOUR DOG OUT**

**DOGS CAN HURT HEDGEHOGS
WITH NASTY BITE WOUNDS**

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-IF A HEDGEHOG NEEDS HELP-

**PICKUP THE HEDGEHOG AND PLACE IT
IN A CARDBOARD BOX
(USING GLOVES) WITH SOME
OLD TOWELS TO SNUGGLE UP TO**

**THEN FIND A QUITE PLACE OUT OF
DIRECT SUNLIGHT TO PUT THE
HEDGEHOG UNTIL YOU GET HELP**

**PHONE THE BRITISH HEDGEHOG
PRESERVATION SOCIETY AND
THEY CAN GIVE YOU ADVICE
ALONG WITH PUTTING YOU IN
CONTACT WITH A RESCUE CENTRE
LOCAL TO YOU**

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