



International Hedgehog Association

Rescue Application

The International Hedgehog Association (IHA) is a charitable organization with IRS 501c(3) non-profit status. The IHA is dedicated to improving the care and quality of hedgehogs worldwide by means of supporting rescue, education, research and exhibition. IHA membership is required to become a new or continued IHA rescue contact. By becoming a member in this organization, you will help support many projects underway to help hedgehogs. Membership benefits include a one-year subscription to the IHA News, as well as listings in the IHA News and on the IHA website (<http://www.hedgehogclub.com>).

Name (last, first, middle initial)

Age

Address (number, street)

(city, town, municipality)

(state, province)

(country)

(zip code, postal code)

Telephone (home)

(cell)

Email

Please provide the following information as fully as possible. Having no experience in a particular area is not an automatic disqualification. This data will aid the IHA in mentoring potential rescuers and assuring the best possible care for the hedgehogs.

How many years experience do you have handling and caring for hedgehogs?

Do you have experience involving "special needs" for hedgehogs?

If yes, please indicate in what areas this experience falls:

- Pregnancy and/or newborn care
- Terminally ill (cancer, Wobbly Hedgehog Syndrome, congestive heart failure)
- Amputee
- Elder care
- Special dietary issues
- Vision problems (blindness or cataracts)
- Prior abuse or neglect

IHA realizes rescued hedgehogs must be evaluated individually. Some rescued hedgehogs will need periods of time for the treatment of illness or injury, while others will require special handling and socialization. In rare cases, a young and healthy hedgehog may find its way into a rescue situation.

Do you agree to keep ALL incoming hedgehog rescues in quarantine (separately housed and isolated from contact with other hedgehogs and animal companions in the home) for a period of 30 days or until such time that a veterinarian wellness check gives the hedgehog a clean bill of health?

yes no if no, explain:

In cases of maternity, do you agree to maintain care and habitat of expectant mothers, new mothers, and newborns until such time as any newborns are fully weaned (usually a minimum of 6 weeks from date of birth)?

yes no if no, explain:

During such time, will you abide by advice and mentoring from a member of the Hedgehog Breeders Alliance to assure quality life and health of mother and offspring?

yes no if no, explain:

Do you agree to re-home or place any hedgehog, including newborns, only to screened applicants and at no or minimal fees (donations) as applies to basic wellness veterinary care?

yes no if no, explain:

In cases of cancer, terminal illness, or advanced age, do you agree to maintain care and habitat to insure good quality of life until the hedgehog dies due to natural causes or is in need of veterinarian-assisted euthanasia?

yes no if no, explain:

Do you realize such cases may demand higher financial costs as well as more time and work?

yes no

In cases of abuse and neglect, do you agree to maintain care and habitat to aid rehabilitation towards gaining human-hedgehog trust?

yes no

Do you realize such cases may demand more time involvement, extreme patience and your own personal confidence and commitment?

yes no

Please give a brief description of your habitat plan. Included should be size, bedding, food and water access, wheels and other toys/stimulation, location within your own dwelling, lighting (natural and artificial), and temperature.

Please give a brief description of your everyday diet plan, including snacks and/or treats to be offered.

Are you aware some health issues may require special or differing foods and/or preparations?

yes no

Some health and/or special needs rescues may require hand feedings, additional time and patience on the part of the caregiver.

Are you committed to such?

yes no

Are there small children in the household? yes no

If yes, how many and what ages?

Are there other pets in the household? yes no

If yes, what kind(s) and numbers?

Are there smokers in your household? yes no

Should you become ill or called away from home (work travel, vacation, etc.), what is your care plan for a hedgehog?

Please provide the following references:

Veterinarian

The best plan of treatment for sick or ailing hedgehogs is to have a knowledgeable veterinarian available before a problem arises. Please provide the following information for each veterinarian you plan to use in the care and treatment of rescue hedgehogs. *Note: if several veterinarians share the same animal hospital or clinic, list each veterinarian names separately followed by hospital or clinic information.

Veterinarian name(s)

Animal Hospital or Clinic name

Clinic address (street)

(city, town, municipality)

(state, province)

(zip code, postal code)

(country)

Clinic telephone (include area code)

Clinic or Veterinarian Email

Personal

Please provide the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of three persons who can speak in your behalf as to your abilities and commitment to the care of rescue animals. Include a time most convenient for those persons to be contacted. It is preferred you seek permission from these persons as IHA will make contact.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)