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### Jennifer Plombon, Minneapolis, MN

June 2004 was a sad month for many hedgehog guardians; there were many Bridge Crossings, and at times it seemed as if there was no happy news anywhere. On the morning my beloved Skeezix crossed the Bridge, I decided to work my afternoon shift at the Raptor Center (for birds of prey), in the afternoon, rather than stay home and mourn; Skeezix was too Joyful to want mourning. Also, I hoped to see something happy there. Well, I did!

There was a little Northern Saw Whet owl there (see [www.ronausting.com/saw-whet.htm](http://www.ronausting.com/saw-whet.htm) for information about them) who is a personal favorite of mine. Referred to as #53 (the number on his cage) he came in with a corocoid (shoulder) fracture. It healed badly, and it was thought he might never fly or be released. While awaiting healing, he was fed once per day, and had his cage cleaned once per day, and was taken out for occasional exams. And every single time his cage door was opened, even a little

crack, he escaped. He was small enough to fit into a teacup, and weighed all of 100 grams or less, so it was easy for him to do. He had his injured wing taped down, so he could only flutter around with one wing when he escaped. But that little guy had SUCH attitude! Out he'd come, and he'd flutter around until he was under something and we couldn't reach him, and there he'd sit, looking at the humans with his big yellow eyes, daring them to come after him.

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Once when I caught him wearing only one glove, he sunk a talon through my ungloved thumb; then sat there hanging onto me for dear life, with a look in his eyes of "c'mon, I can take you! I can EAT you!" I always figured that even with a poor fracture result, if attitude could allow you to fly, he would fly.

Well, on that day he was flying! He was in the long curtained hallway used to observe

birds' flight, swooping from perch to perch. Back and forth he went, tiny, soundless, fiercely swooping close to our heads, getting a little weary, but FLYING. Which meant someday he would be released, and a week or so later, he was. You know what \*I\* think? I think the spirits of our animal companions who had recently crossed were lifting him up and helping him soar! 🐾



*Meet Cheryl Goetcheus,  
the Halloween Hedgie*

*... she wasn't too sure  
what Halloween was,  
but a small bag  
of pretzels  
made her very happy!*

## Pogs Are People Too

*Occasionally we'll print stories from you, our members, that illustrate the amazing ways in which our hedgehogs display their emotions, feelings, and thoughts. Herewith, two very amusing and amazing tales:*



**Sweet Pea, Her Wheel and the Bear**  
A story of frustration

Tonya wrote: Sweet Pea did the funniest thing last night. She LOVES her wheel and she will come out of her house and pace till I get it washed and put back. Last night I noticed she was not wheeling and went to check. Her bucket wheel had locked up and wasn't going anywhere. So as I got it out to fix it she took her purple bear which is bigger than she is and put the bear's face down in her water bowl and jumped up and down on her. It was the funniest thing I'd ever seen. Rick comes through and said Pea's throwing a tantrum you better hurry. I fixed her wheel and put it back and she was just fine.

You can always count on a Hedgehog to give you a good laugh. Deb wrote what she thought the thought process was: Sweet Pea: Ahh, nice snooze, time to run. WHAT!!!! Where's my wheel?? YOU, you're the one who gave it away, you've got to pay!!! Take this (splash), and this (thump, thump, thump) . . . ." Tonya followed up: Even to this day she will go up to that bear and kick it with her back leg right in the face. She will never forgive that bear for taking her wheel. 🐾



**Gracie the Diva Does Not Share**  
A story of territory

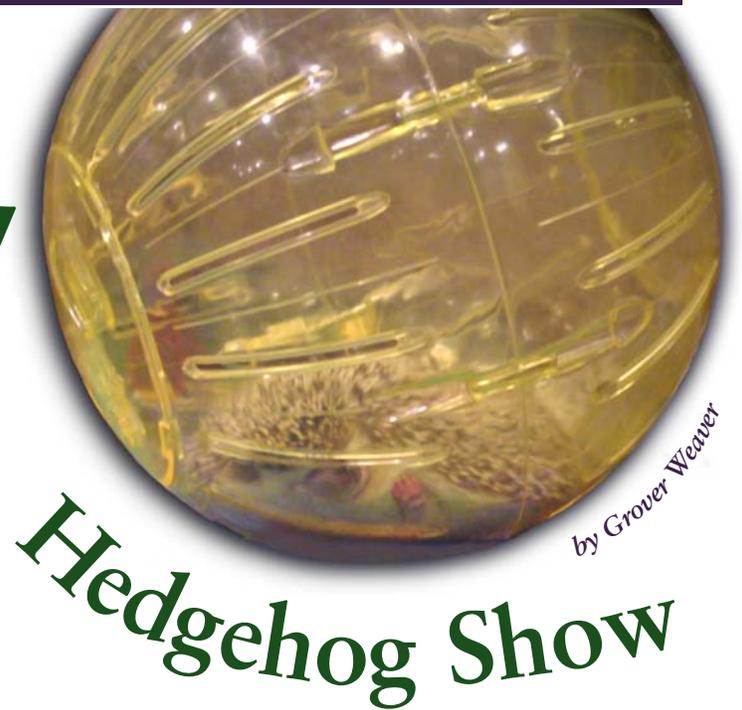
Deb wrote: My first hedgie Gracie (The Diva) called the shots in our home. She was in charge, and let me know so. In the evening we took to our sofa, me on my end and she on hers.

I had a friend visit one night. Jan sat on Gracie's end of the sofa. Gracie started out in my lap, and then moved to the middle cushion. I soon noticed her eyeing up my friend.

Gracie wormed her way behind my friend and gave her a poke. Jan said "ouch" and moved a few inches forward, thinking I'm sure, that she and Gracie could share. Gracie used this space to her advantage. She backed up, put the visor quills in "assault" position and ran forward. Again my friend jumped and edged more forward, still on the cushion. I could almost see Gracie rub her paws together in anticipation. Once more she rammed my friend, who then gave up and moved to a kitchen chair.

The rest of the evening was spent with me on my cushion, Jan on my kitchen chair, and Gracie splatted in the middle of her sofa cushion, surveying all that was rightfully hers. 🐾

# THE Rock N Roll



by Grover Weaver

# Hedgehog Show

Well, it's hard to know where to start. I had such a blast in Detroit, guess I'll just run through the weekend from start to finish.

Mom rented a car that's lots better than ours. It provided me with a nice 6 hr. 30 min. nap as Mom drove to Detroit. While we checked in, people started asking if we were "hedgie people" and wanted to see me. I accommodated all requests, even though it

duties. About the time she finished, Auntie Pat showed up and Mom helped her in with her stuff. Pretty soon after that Bucky & Payton's folks came, so we helped get them unloaded too. Then they went out to dinner and after that went from room to room visiting. I tell you, I didn't think I was going to get to see anyone at all! However, Saturday proved to be another day.

most of the humans went off to shop in the vendor room, while us hedgies talked to each other in the show room. Sports gear



Slave: Erin - Hedgie: Costello2 Little Stinker

was during my nap time. Mom got all our stuff into the room and had started to set my tent up when the phone rang. It was Maurita, inviting Mom down to some reception thing. Once Mom heard food, she was out of the room without as much as a glance back at me! When she came back, I talked with her about her behavior. We both settled in to our new digs and relaxed. I tell you, traveling all day can really take it out of a guy.

Friday morning Mom went down to eat a late breakfast and met Auntie Gioia and they had a nice long chat. Then Mom turned her attentions to her show secretary

Mom and me were up early and downstairs at the show room by 9:00 AM so Mom and Auntie Lenny could do health checks on all the kids. Since I was right there with them, I had a chance to greet all my fellow pogs with a slight snuffle to each, I don't think Mom even noticed. Boy, humans complain that us hedgies make too much noise on our wheels - well that's nothing compared to humans who haven't seen each other in a while. Talk about a lot of noise! Mom and me both had fun greeting old friends and making new ones. Everyone just about got their kids settled in when the cry went out that we were going to be doing the IHOG on Saturday and the conformation on Sunday. So, since there was time to kill,



Slave: Linda - Hedgie: Snoball

was gotten from the rooms and we all did our stretches.



Slave: Linda - Hedgies: Payton, Buckie Young & Old Elvis

I went in to my ball willingly, tricking Mom into thinking that I was actually going to run! But I had a different idea. She placed me on the sprint track and I lay right down to nap. It was hard with her yelling at me and Auntie Julie lying right next to me taking pictures, but I thought I showed great concentration and managed to get a short nap in through the first three events. We came to the hurdles and I smelled roasted worms, so I went for them. I did well enough to nab a third place ribbon. I do have one suggestion, those IHOG people

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*Slave: Maurita - Hedgie: Elvis  
Elvis is backstage*

might want to look into widening those hurdles, it got a little tight there at the end. There were some very fast hedgies there, and it was a spirited and fun competition. That evening, after what Mom says was a very nice dinner and fun auction, we had our costume competition. I was stunning sitting in my red wagon even if I do say so myself. There was much laughter and we all got ribbons which was nice. Not to brag, but I was a very popular guy, and there were many requests from people who wanted to hold me for snuggles. Being a big snuggle fan, I once again accommodated all requests. That night, both Mom and me fell in to our beds and slept soundly until the next morning.



*Slave: Pat - Hedgie: Oliver  
Motor city*

On Sunday we were up early again, and down at the show room by 7:30 AM. By 9 AM, we were all assembled for the conformation show. Auntie Lenny was the judge. Everyone had their best face on, and the competition was tight. In my division, I took 2nd place and my nephew Payton took 1st. Pretty good looking family wouldn't you say? Auntie Lori's Cotton took the Best of Show. After the show, the humans went off to eat again (honestly, they eat more than we do!). After, a few took part in a bedlam ball. It will come as no surprise to my

readers that I opted for a nice nap in my carrier. Those that had done well during our IHOG competition were more than willing to show their stuff again. After the ball, hedgies and humans alike retreated to their rooms for a brief rest. The group staying over until Monday all went to dinner together and some good byes were said. Sunday night Aunties Teresa, Pam and Lori came to our room and chatted with Mom till quite late.



*Slaves: Teresa & Pam -  
Hedgie: Isabel, Luna & Cotton  
Hard Quill Cafe*

Monday was another early day, with Mom up early to pack us up (if she wouldn't bring so much of her own personal stuff it wouldn't take her so long!). After good byes to the Chicago-area folks who were still there, I was off for another 6 hr. and 30 min nap. It was good to get home again to my own bed let me tell you.



*Slave: Veronica - Hedgie: Morgan  
Hedgie bowling*

Mom and I had a grand time in Detroit. Friends, food, hedgies, treats, fun - - who could ask for more? We hope to see everyone again soon! 🐾

# Simon Says

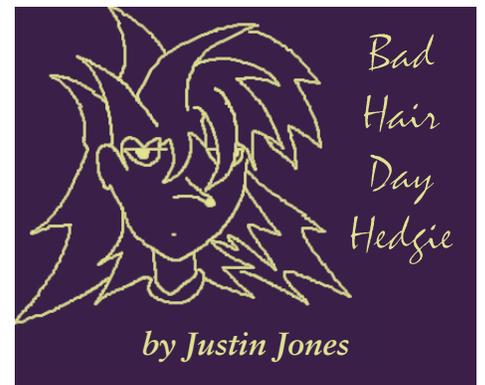
*Simon Ferdinand Correra,  
Willington, CT*

One of my favorite games is bugging my mom while she's working at the computer. The keyboard and the mouse are such temptations! I love web sites with interactive games. Even if I have no clue what I am doing yet, it's so much fun to click and watch things change on the computer screen.

Definitely the best hedgie site for kids' games and activities on the Internet is <http://www.janbrett.com>. As of today, this site has 2,615 pages of free activities, many of which feature hedgehogs from Jan Brett's books. There are coloring pages for every occasion, free e-mail postcards, cards and envelopes you can design and print out, and a whole bunch of "activity" pages. The activity pages are just full of fun stuff like:

- Directions to make hedgehog cookies. Hedgie gift tags to print out.
- Scrambling puzzles and other games to play on the computer.
- A pattern to make a hedgie Valentine's Day mailbox.
- Directions on how to draw a hedgehog. Craft projects like how to make a hedgehog out of a sock!

So many fun things to do and so many hedgehogs! Every hedgie-loving kid (and adult) should visit this page for tons of hedgie fun! 🐾



# Thorny Tips

Occasionally one of our members has an unusual situation or question to share with the group, in hopes of finding answers. We call these dilemmas and responses "Thorny Tips," and will publish them in the newsletter from time to time.

Jennifer Plombon, Minneapolis, MN



Walter - recovered nicely thanks in-part to a feline liquid supplement

"What can I offer my "under-the-weather hedgehog" to keep her/him fed and hydrated?"

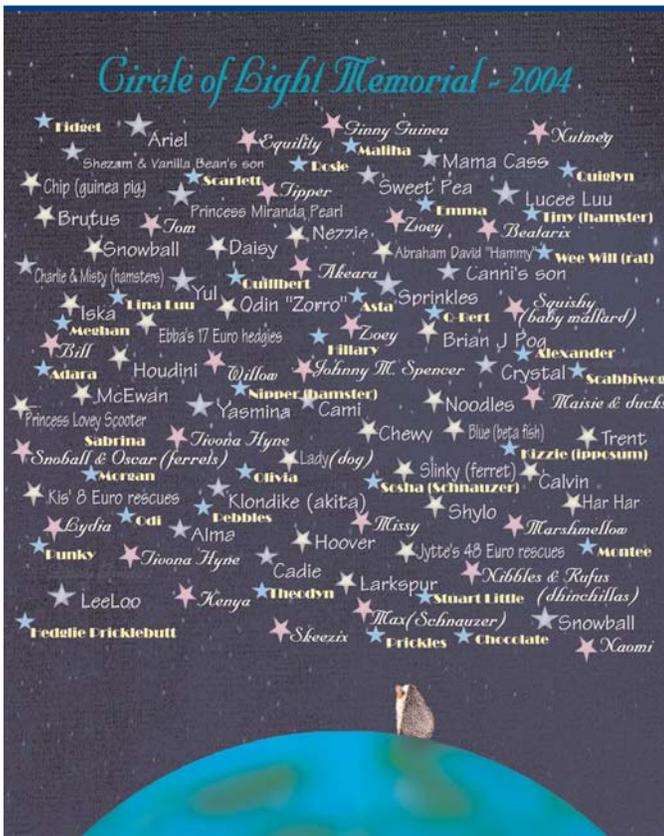
I just wanted to let people know about a good, useful product that my vet & I found recently. One of my boys, Walter, developed a respiratory tract infection and went off his food, so of course, off to the vet he went. He was prescribed antibiotics and I started feeding him Hills A/D via syringe since he wasn't eating. Since keeping ill animals well hydrated is always a concern and he wasn't eating or drinking well, my vet also wanted to try a relatively new product called "Feline Rebound," which is

manufactured by NPS, Inc. This is a liquid supplement designed to be "administered to felines for post-op recovery and when they are not eating or drinking normally. It provides calories, electrolytes, vitamins and minerals which plain water does not contain. In addition, Feline Rebound is flavored with salmon extract so it is palatable to felines, yet is lactose free to avoid possible intolerance." [quote taken from side of package.]

Well, he loved it - and Walter, despite not eating his regular food or drinking much water, sucked it down readily. I also tried

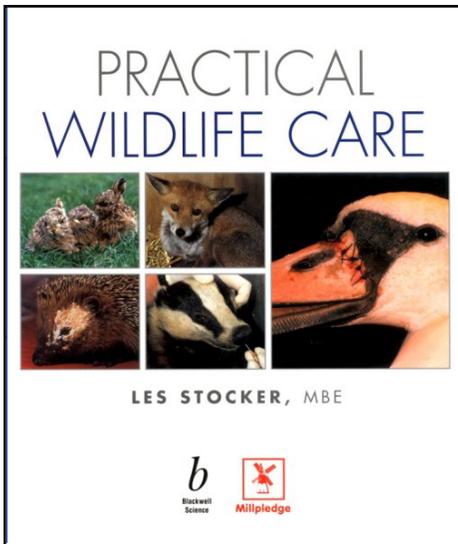
offering it to all my others, and every one of them readily drank it. Walter was using it for about a week without any apparent ill effects (such as loose stools). The antibiotics have kicked in and he is recovering nicely and eating and drinking normally. I just wanted to share my experience and let people know about this product - I think it could be a useful adjunct to treatments for hedgehogs that are not eating well due to illness/injury.

Sarah Shore, Eden Prairie, MN



Judie Peters and Carol Kregear host Quills and Comfort's Circle of Light Memorial, which they began in 2002 when they craved spiritual solace after the death of their beloved hedgehogs Dancer and Spikey. Today, whenever any HWS member requests a Circle of Light Memorial, one is called. The Memorial honors the lives of all hedgehogs who have crossed the bridge in the recent past. Artist Judie Peters has created this visual memorial for all hedgehogs (and other beings) so honored thus far this year.

The Circle of Light is a group of individuals who wish to share a healing, spiritual experience with a fellow guardian or friend who is grieving the loss of a hedgehog. After tearful good-byes, even with support and comfort from our friends, some of us feel a need for spiritual support and closure. Often we are far away from hedgehog-people who can truly comprehend our loss. In a Circle of Light Memorial, we light a candle in memory of our wee ones who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. In those moments, we hope to take comfort that we are joined in our memorial with kindred spirits, each lighting a candle at the same time. We celebrate the gift of our hedgehog's life and thank the higher power of our understanding for the gift of that life. In this, we hope to bring closure with the knowledge that we are not alone.



## “Practical Wildlife Care” by Les Stocker, MBE

Reviewed by Jennifer Plombon Minneapolis, MN

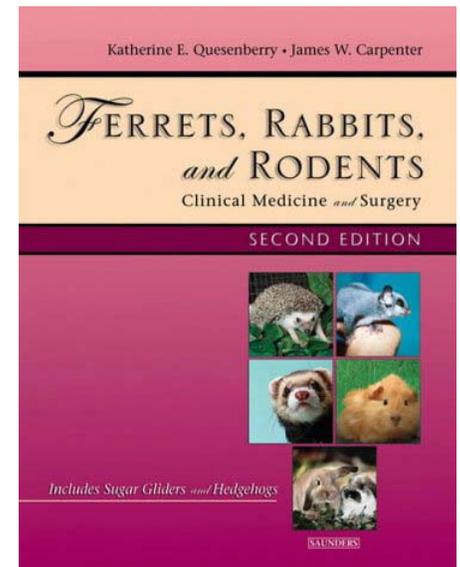
This wildlife care manual is written by Les Stocker, founder of St. Tiggywinkles Wildlife Teaching Hospital Trust in England, Europe's first wildlife teaching hospital. The St. Tiggywinkles web site offers a wonderful tour and unique gifts at [www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk/](http://www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk/) I was lucky enough to receive a personal tour of the hospital during a trip to England; I will never forget the experience. There were operating rooms, intensive care rooms, hedgehogs hibernating outside in pens with straw and logs, herds of small deer with leg injuries, badgers and foxes fiercely glaring at their caregivers and awaiting their freedom; I could have easily stayed and worked there forever. Dr. Stocker is a quiet, serious, enormously experienced and caring man, whose love for the animals he helps is obvious.

The book covers the treatment of birds; mammals, including hedgehogs, rabbits, foxes, mustelids (badgers, otters, weasels), deer, bats, and wildcats; reptiles; and amphibians. The first chapter, “Prime Directives,” lists needed supplies for wildlife care, personnel hazards (including the risks of injuries and diseases to human caregivers), and a discussion of euthanasia. Chapter 2, “First Response,” describes necessary emergency treatment when an

injured or ill animal is first encountered. Emergency treatment follows the ABC (Airway Breathing Circulation) triage familiar to all emergency caregivers, with an additional discussion of useful drugs. The next several chapters cover fluid therapy (with an excellent graphic of gavage feeding); wound management (with distressing photos of serious wounds); and fracture management (with fascinating graphics of mammalian, avian, and reptilian skeletons).

The next several chapters cover diseases and injuries of wildlife, divided by species. Each chapter describes methods used to capture and restrain the animal, common diseases and incidents, the legal implications of capture and treatment, and how and when an animal should be released. There are disturbing photos of injuries, and heartwarming photos of animals in treatment. For example, one charming photo shows orphaned ducklings in a cage, being comforted by a feather duster that serves as a surrogate cuddly mom. Another photo we HWS members would appreciate shows a hedgehog thoroughly trapped and wrapped in netting, with the comment “Hedgehogs may require anaesthesia to be unraveled from netting.” I found the drawings showing the repair of torn bats' wings with tape to be quite useful and I plan to copy and deliver it to the wildlife rehabilitation center here; we may not have all the mammals covered in this book here in the US and Canada, but we do have bats.

Two sections of glossy color photos illustrate quite awful injuries and diseases and quite amazing treatments for them.



### Holiday Tip:

Looking for a gift for your vet or yourself? An excellent choice is “Ferrets, Rabbits, and Rodents; Clinical Medicine and Surgery - SECOND EDITION” by Katherine E. Quesenberry and James W. Carpenter. This veterinary manual is very readable for pet guardians, and invaluable for exotic veterinarians, and contains an entire chapter on African Hedgehogs! This book is available through Barnes & Noble at [www.barnesandnoble.com/](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/) for \$57.95 USD (\$55.05 for B&N members). Be sure to register with igive at [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com) before ordering online; you can ask that donations (free to you!) go to The Hedgehog Welfare Society; every time you shop, the HWS receives a donation. 🐾

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For anyone who stops to help injured animals and wants to know how to care for them until transport to a hospital or rehabilitation center; for anyone who wants to be prepared for any emergency with their own pet; for anyone who has an interest in animal care and wildlife behaviour, this book is a true delight and I highly recommend it.

This book is available through [www.blackwell-science.com](http://www.blackwell-science.com). Click on “Books”; then use “Search” in the upper right corner to look for “Stocker”. The usual cost is \$54.99 USD and it is currently on sale for \$49.49. 🐾

# Pog Profiles

This column introduces our readers to some of the wonderful hedgies with whom HWS members share their lives. Each "profilee" is given a list of 15 questions and chooses five of them to answer.

*In this issue, we profile Payton and Bucky Woodring. Their mom Linda sent their bios:*



Payton is two years old and son of Hoover, the famous Olympian, although Payton is not very athletic himself. When he's not performing his duties as editor of the Quill & Ink newsletter, published every other month for his and Bucky's friends, he prefers to just relax as "King of the Household" and be his old huffy self. He did receive a blue ribbon at the Rock and Roll Hedgehog show last month for Best Adult Standard Male and was very honored to meet the famous "Elvis."



Bucky (Buckminster) is nine months old and the sweetest little guy you'd ever want to meet. Although he's a little bit lazy in his training, he has won gold and silver medals in the two Olympics he's been in and got a blue ribbon for Best Juvenile Albino Male at the Rock and Roll Hedgehog show in Detroit. His favorite thing is snuggling inside mom's shirt. He's quite a lady's man!!!!

## The Questions

**Q:** *Do you have a significant other?*

**A:** (Payton) Well, I have a bit of a problem with girls. They're always trying to take your "stuff." Well, one time I had to share a cage with this foxy lady, Vanilla Bean, but I wouldn't let her near my stuff. And then there was Ebony. Well, she was the same way and then had the nerve to tell me it was MY fault that she was getting fat.

**Q:** *What do you think it's like across the Rainbow Bridge?*

**A:** (Payton) Well, I'm hoping it's really nice over there because my Daddy Hoover just crossed in March, and one of my bestest friends, Gabby, just went over there recently. I think there are probably big bowls of mealy worms everywhere, and you can just eat them whenever you want to.

**Q:** *How do you show your affection for your human caretaker(s)?*

**A:** (Bucky) Oh, I just love my Mom and Dad. I never bite them and I like to cuddle under Mom's arm or on her neck, but my special thing is to crawl inside her shirt and fall asleep. I also like to let her rub noses with me. It tickles...tee hee.

**Q:** *How do you want to be remembered?*

**A:** (Bucky) I want to be remembered as the cutest hedgie that ever lived. I mean I have a beautiful pale complexion and bright red eyes.

**A:** (Payton) I'd like to be remembered as having the largest huff ever.

**Q:** *If your human caretaker quotes you in email messages, do you think your thoughts are communicated accurately?*

**A:** (Payton) Quote us?...we write our own e-mails

**A:** (Bucky) Mom knows exactly what I'm thinking all the time, but I do usually write my own.

**Q:** *What is something that very few people know about you?*

**A:** (Payton) I'm really a marshmallow, but shhhhh, don't tell anyone.

# HWS Third Quarter Reports

## July - September 2004

### Fundraising and Ruby's Rescue Shop (Donnasue Graesser, manager)

We received two private donations this quarter, directed for specific rescue sites. We also contributed items for fundraising to the Detroit Hedgehog Show silent auction in September. We are awaiting information from the show organizers regarding the amount of funds raised by the silent auction, and what rescue sites the donations will assist.

Ruby's Rescue Shop has been temporarily closed due to a move in the store inventory location.

### Health and Education

(Donnasue Graesser, reporting)

The H&E committee has contributed information and articles about hedgehog health in the USA and to several European veterinary journals. We have opened up collaborations with veterinarians in the Netherlands, Germany, and Finland, regarding different areas of health and nutrition.

Two seminars were presented at the Detroit Hedgehog Show by Jennifer Plombon. One seminar focused on the use of Piroxicam in oral cancer and the other on the care of hedgehogs with Wobbly Hedgehog Syndrome.

We also sponsored the educational seminar component of the Detroit Hedgehog Show in September.

### Public Relations

(Donnasue Graesser, chair)

In September, members of the HWS, including Elana Adler, Amy Kartage, Kerri LeMotte, Yolanda McLean, and Kelly Sosik-Hamor, attended the annual PetRock Fest in Worcester, Massachusetts. This is a large event of northeastern animal welfare organizations, attended by over 20,000 participants. It was a great opportunity to pass out membership information about the HWS and other educational materials.

Special thanks to Yolanda McLean for organizing the HWS participation in PetRock this year.

### Financial Report

(Donnasue Graesser)

Month-by-month detailed financial reports are available to any HWS member, or other interested party, by writing to donnasue.graesser@aya.yale.edu. HWS yearly financial reports are submitted to the Oregon State Department of Justice, charitable organizations division, and are available for public viewing on the ODJ web site.

### Advocacy Committee

(Co-Chairs: Jennifer Plombon, Heather Johnson)

The Committee assisted concerned HWS members in contacting the USDA to report poor conditions seen in pet stores. The Committee assisted others in determining the licensing status of pet stores and breeders, and ensured that contact information for the USDA remained up-to-date on the HWS Website.

### Care Packages Committee

(Co-Chairs: Jennifer Plombon, Heather Johnson)

Since July 1, 2004, the HWS Rescue Care Packages Committee has shipped 4 Care Packages, hats, and food samples, to hedgehog rescuers throughout the U. S. and Canada.

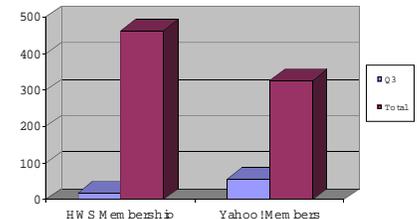
Expenses for shipping and postage come to \$18.50.

Expenses for purchase of supplies including fabric, Rescue Remedy, foods, treats, and wheels, come to \$245.42.

Total income, from iGive (\$31.49) and hat sales (\$180.00), comes to \$226.49.

### Membership Committee (Kerri LeMotte, Acting Chair)

Hedgehog Welfare Membership: Quarter 3



As outlined above, there have been 20 new members to the Hedgehog Welfare Society, for a total of 464 members. There have been 58 new members to the Hedgehogwelfare Yahoo! Group, for a total of 326 members. During the second quarter, there were 40 new members to the Yahoo! Group, resulting in a total of 309 members. Including members who have left the group, the total number of the Yahoo! Group has increased 17 members from Q2.

In August, requests were sent to the HWS Yahoo! Group requesting all members send their contact information. Aside from keeping the membership list current, contact information was updated in order to distribute the election ballots electronically. All responses were compared to the master member list and all necessary updates were made. A total of 73 replies were received. The replies were used to update the contact information for 40 members and to add 3 members to the list.

In September, the HWS was present at the Pet Rock Expo in Worcester, MA. Membership information and applications were available at the registration table.

During the current quarter, the on-line form available on the HWS website will be reviewed. Web submissions often contain incorrect or missing information. Any necessary updates to ensure ease of use will be made to the on-line form.

Election ballots will be distributed electronically this quarter. Those members who do not have active e-mail addresses on

file will receive a card via postal mail. Those who wish to remain members of the HWS will be required to reply with their current contact information. Those who do not reply within the specified time frame will be removed from the membership database.

### Quills and Comfort

(Judie Peters)

As in the past few quarters, Quills and Comfort continues to focus on the Circle of Light program which is conducted by Carol Fish Kregear. On July 31 a special ceremony was conducted to coincide with the second full moon of the month, a celestial occurrence often referred to as a blue moon. The HWS Blue Moon ceremony welcomed anyone wishing to honor a hedgeie, companion animal or loved one who has crossed. A Blue Moon graphic was designed to commemorate the event, and depicts those who were honored in the ceremony. Copies can be made available to the HWS membership.

Quills and Comfort is also focusing on a support service called "Comfort Cards." Q&C will send a Comfort Card to anyone who has lost a hedgeie. Tonya Thomas donates her time and energy to send the cards and with the passing of so many hedgeies, Tonya is kept very busy. There are now a series of five Comfort Cards: Hedgeie in the Moon, The Hedgeie Angel, The Heavenly Welcome Wagon, Bon Voyage Maisey and the Hedgeie Fairy. The series is entitled "All Hedgeies go to Heaven" and more cards will be added to the series in the near future.

### Rescue Committee

(Laura Ledet)

Number of hedgehogs taken in by our rescue contacts: 10 reported

Number of those successfully re-homed: 3

Number/location of new rescues approved for this quarter: 1 (by me)

Number of applications denied and why: 0

All rescues reported that they still wish to remain listed with us.

I am actually very pleased to see so many new states with rescue contacts across the US and Canadian map I have above my desk. The gaps are finally beginning to fill up! In addition to the legal states we cover, we also have a number of people willing to help out in California, one very great contact, Laura Dunklee, who is willing to also cover adjoining states. I would like to see this happen in other places where they are deemed illegal.

Areas we DO NOT have any listed rescues in include: Alabama, Arizona, West Virginia, Indiana, Maine, Kentucky, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Iowa, Mississippi, Nevada, Utah, Montana and New Mexico.

Perhaps we can enlist our current approved rescues in an effort to locate folks in these areas.

I have decided due to the lack of past responses and glitches in my server's e-mail

style to keep sending requests for quarterly reports to each rescue individually (as well as reminders or other requests and information) rather than to place them in the Yahoo rescue group as some of our participants are not active on this list.

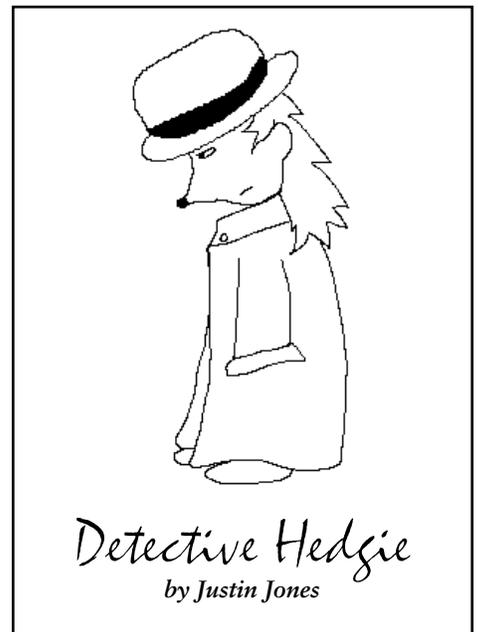
I will be setting up new guidelines for our rescues to follow in the near future.

### HWS and Petfinder Web Site Maintenance

No report

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