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Can't beat dining out with friends

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The 19th Annual Animal Law Conference at Lewis & Clark October 14-16, 2011

By Jennifer Plombon

This is the first in a series of articles about the Annual Animal Law Conference at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon.

INTRODUCTION

Last fall, Vicki, Carol and I were lucky enough to attend the Animal Law Conference at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon once again. We first attended in 2003. It's been fun to watch the event develop over the years. The first conference, in 1993, was a one-day symposium created by law students to address wildlife issues. Today, reservations to attend the 3-night, 2-day conference sell out in a matter of days. The conference is now a joint venture between the

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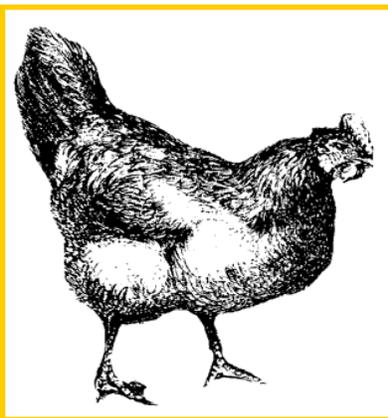
good, scientifically accurate results without harming animals. They are hoping to change Federal Law which still requires some animal testing despite evidence that the results may be inaccurate and relying on them may be dangerous and even harmful to humans. Dr. Locke promoted the use of the “Three Rs”: **Reduce** the use of animal testing, including moving lower on the animate scale, using worms instead of rats, for instance. **Replace** the use of animals with cell cultures and cell arrays. **Refine** the testing process to enhance the well-being and reduce the distress of any animals used. His belief is that “You cannot do good science if you are not an ethical scientist.” Unfortunately, there are significant obstacles to reducing animal testing and to reducing harm and distress.

The animal testing industry, despite laws implemented to protect the animals, is largely self-regulating; that is, the industry uses its own scientists, veterinarians, and animal care personnel to “protect” the animals. Furthermore, many of the laws are weak or non-existent. When the USDA’s animal welfare

regulations were created to protect laboratory and farmed animals, rats, mice and birds were specifically EXCLUDED from any protections. Rats and mice, therefore, are the most used and abused animals in laboratories.

As for meat-eaters who want to switch to chicken to minimize impacts on red-meat animals, I have heard over and over from every animal welfare organization I’ve asked, that the lack of animal welfare regulations for chickens make them “probably the single most abused animal on the planet.” Still, there is *some* good news, NIH regulations for animal care now include rats, mice and birds. In addition, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), which governs most toxic chemical testing, does not create barriers to non-animal testing. Studies can be designed to meet the law’s requirements and not use animals, there just needs to be the will to do so. The ultimate goal is to get from in-vivo testing (testing in living creatures) to in-vitro testing (testing in living cells).

Sara Amundson, another of my heroes, spoke about “how to champion humane science in an inhumane economy.” There is a belief that the testing of animals is a less expensive way to test chemicals than the use of cell cultures and cell arrays. This is no longer true, as technology has created enormous cell arrays and computers to test them quickly and efficiently. Creation of cell tissue “organ systems” (cells that respond to



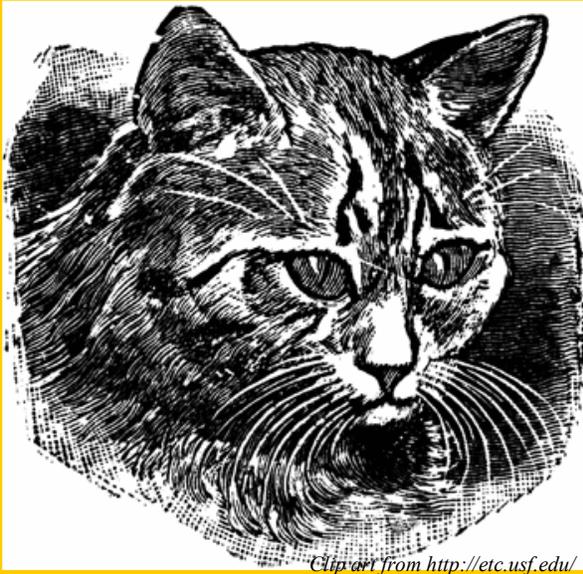
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testing the way an individual human organ might) allow toxic pathways to light up when a tested substance would harm that organ. This is a huge disincentive to use animals since animal organs often respond very differently to testing than a human organ would. There are drivers of change that lead Ms. Amundson to hope that animal testing will be reduced and/or eliminated. Industry is finding that non-animal testing can be much less expensive. Scientists are finding that non-animal, human cell testing leads to better science since the results are more predictive of the human experience. Public policy against animal testing is gaining strength, as shown by the European Union’s pending 2013 adoption of the EU Cosmetics Directive which will effectively ban animal testing of cosmetics. The mechanisms of change include investment in R&D

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(research and development), using non-animal testing, and bills and deficit reduction policies in congress that will mandate less expensive (i.e., non-animal) testing. Switching to non-animal testing in carcinogenicity studies alone could take us from a 4 million dollar industry sacrificing 800+ animals every year to 1/5 that cost and no loss of animal life. It is to be devoutly hoped that the drivers and mechanisms for change, as well as the economic incentives for reduced cost will lead to a scientific revolution that both saves animals AND provides better science.

PET DU JOUR

Speakers for this talk were Daphna Nachminovitch, Vice President of PETA's Cruelty Investigations Department and Deborah Wood, Manager of Washington County Animal Services & Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter.

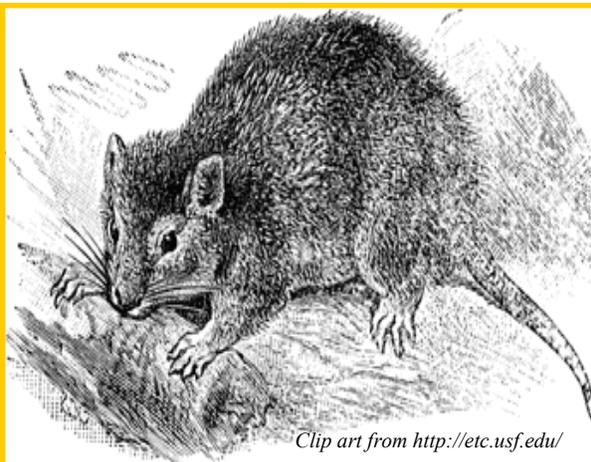
Since Ms. Nachminovitch was the PETA investigator in charge of the United States Global Exports (USGE) seizure which included the rescue of more than 800 hedgehogs, all three of us attended this talk! Ms. Nachminovitch's presentation included frightening facts, figures and examples of the cruelty of the exotic "popular pet of the day" trade. Although the slides and videos were not the truly heartbreaking ones we saw at the Milwaukee Show in 2010, the material she did show was more than enough to make her point. The exotic pet industry in the U.S. was worth 4.5 million dollars in 2007. Approximately

284,000 animals were exported and 231,000 were imported in that year.

In the past decade, 2 billion LIVE animals were imported into the U.S. Given that the standards of care for those live animals are almost non-existent, widely ignored, and rarely verified, that means that billions and billions of animals suffered horribly to satisfy the whims of people who just had to have an exotic pet, regardless of the suffering involved in getting that pet to them. Most of the trade and imports were illegal. In fact, the black market money in animal trafficking is second only to that of narcotics. For some species the number of animals that die is a far greater number than the number of animals that survive capture and shipping.

The abysmally horrific conditions under which these animals are forced to live was graphically displayed at USGE in Texas. Animals of all different species, many taken illegally from the wild, were forced to live in small areas without food, water, heat or shelter. Even species that are normally vegetarian resorted to cannibalism to survive. Ms. Nachminovitch told us of the collusion of large, well-known pet store chains which buy these animals, despite knowing that many were illegally taken or shipped, and all suffered greatly. Those chains include PetSmart and PetCo, among others. The short and awful lives of the captive-bred animals (like our hedgehogs) are bad enough but the demand for wild-caught animals will, she said, "ultimately deplete the native wildlife populations by up to 70%" – all to satisfy the ever-changing whims of people.

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Deborah Wood's talk covered the problems these ever-changing whims create for domestic animals in the U.S. Her shelter—which takes in dogs, cats, some small animals and the occasional chicken—has seen different breeds of dogs wax and wane in popularity based on popular culture, current movies and TV shows, and media publicity. Sadly, negative publicity increases breeding, selling, and subsequent abandonment of dog species just as much as positive publicity does. In other words, stories about dog attacks, especially fatal ones, such as those committed by “pit bulls”, Cane Corsos, and Presa Canarios, lead to an increase in purchases of these breeds. These animals are abandoned once people realize they cannot care for or handle these breeds, or that the animals aren't providing the negative behavior these people wanted. “Positive” publicity may be a misnomer, since movies such as *101 Dalmatians*, *Finding Nemo*, and *Harry Potter* also lead to increased demand for dog breeds and animal species which are not good pets for most or any people.

The speakers and their audience agreed, there needs to be a far greater push for pets to be those domesticated animals, such as cats, dogs, rabbits, horses ... and chickens, which are already overabundant, capable of living with people, and are not living in the wild.

GLOBAL ANIMAL CONCERNS

Speakers were Dr. David Cassuto, Professor of Law at Pace Law School, and David Favre, Professor of Law at Michigan State University College of Law.

Mr. Favre spoke about the mechanics of drafting laws in foreign countries, and stated that “Laws exist

to enforce the wishes of those in political power.” This is true to some degree in all countries, even a democracy like our own. One of the ways the U.S. and other countries can work together on animal protection issues is to be members of CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, also known as the Washington Convention), which was drafted and signed by several countries to ensure that international trade in wild animals, plants and their parts does not threaten the survival of the species in the wild. To be a member of CITES, a country must have a domestic version of the U.S.'s Endangered Species Act; however, there is no incentive to include anti-cruelty regulations in that legislation. Favre described the differing terms and emphasis used by other countries as a way to illuminate what they feel is important when considering animal protection. In Austria, which has fairly good animal protection laws, animals are described as “fellow creatures.” In Norway which, aside from its illegal whale hunting,

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is a fairly progressive country with regards to animal welfare, their laws emphasize the “good” that “welfare” can provide animals which are considered to have “intrinsic value” not based on economics. In China, the country with arguably the worst animal welfare record in the world, the laws exist to protect the “social order” - of PEOPLE, not animals.

Dr. Cassuto spoke about factory farming as it exists around the world and how economic practices and beliefs harm animals and the environment. In Europe, the EU drafted legislation back in 1976 to eliminate “unnecessary suffering” and has since added veal calf laws and training in “animal welfare” for people involved in factory farming.

In Brazil, there have historically been strong cultural attitudes promoting animal welfare. Unfortunately, Brazil is the world’s #1 exporter of live cattle and live cattle are not shipped under conditions of “good welfare.” Furthermore, the trend toward green technology is driving Brazil to turn ever more of its land to growing bio-fuel. This shrinks the land available for raising cattle, forcing them into ever smaller areas of confinement, heading inevitably towards the awful abuse and confinement seen in the U.S.

Dr. Cassuto feels that the best way to encourage farm animal welfare is for business to change what is included in Cost/Benefit Analysis, which emphasizes risk assessment, efficiency, economic terms such as “willingness to pay” and death statistics. Currently, market economics does not include environmental costs because it’s believed that people don’t value environmental concerns. This is becoming less true as our world becomes more intertwined and the bad environmental practices of one country are seen as detrimental to all countries. To include animals’

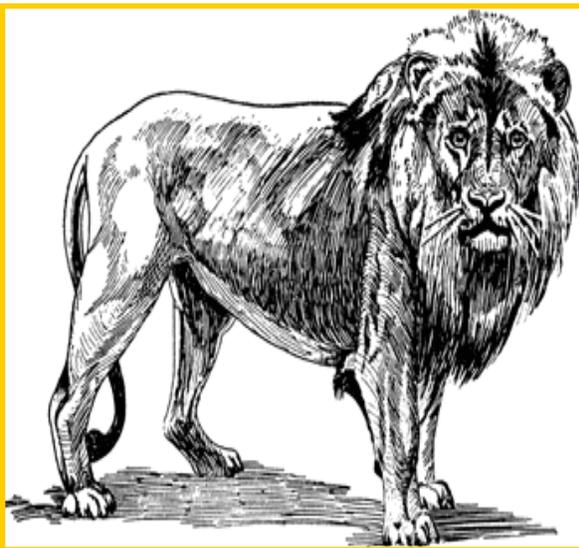
needs and behaviors in current C/B Analysis is not “efficient” nor is willingness to pay for organic/humane/environmentally safe meat relevant to the animals involved. They all pay with their lives and death statistics only look at whether certain practices lead to HUMAN deaths, not ANIMAL deaths. Since businesses use C/B Analysis to determine their “best” business practices, and the vocabulary of C/B Analysis as it is currently understood is an enemy to animals and the environment, the vocabulary needs to change. There needs to be a way to make it a neutral tool that values all parts of the business equally. Essentially this would mean an economic system emphasizing Distributional Analysis, which looks at the way business practices help or hurt one group over another. If animals are put into a group which is as important as the people group, or the profit group, animal welfare could finally become part of the economic system.

EXOTIC PETS, PEOPLE, PUBLIC POLICY — INDIVIDUALS COUNT!

The speaker was Will Travers, CEO of the Born Free Foundation.

Wow! Just ... wow! When I went back over my notes after the Conference, I realized that I had taken NO notes during this presentation. The subject matter and presentation were so gripping that I never looked away long enough to write anything! Will Travers is the son of actors Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers, who starred in the 1966 movie **Born Free**. It told the story of Joy and George Adamson and their campaign to return a captive lioness, Elsa, to the wilds of Africa. Making the movie helped the actors and their son realize the plight of wild and exotic animals. They made it their life’s work to help these animals. To that end, they formed the **Born Free Foundation** (<http://www.bornfree.org.uk/>) in 1998. It is a charitable organization (registered in Wales) which concentrates on animal welfare, conservation and public awareness campaigns to prevent animal abuse and to keep wildlife in its natural habitat. It oversees sanctuaries for big cats, great apes and elephants, and assists in campaigns to protect other primates, marine animals, bears, and other African mammals such as giraffes, hippos, African Wild dogs and Ethiopian wolves.

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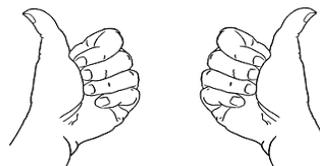
This presentation was just as difficult to sit through as Daphna Nachminovitch’s had been because of the sheer misery these exotic animals endure when used as “pets.” The heart of **Born Free** is their Zoo Check campaign which “takes action to stop captive animal suffering, challenge the multi-billion-pound global captive animal industry, and phase-out zoos and animal circuses.” Their photos of these long-suffering animals would break your heart and the photos of those rescued would make your heart dance. **Born Free** uses its sanctuaries, volunteer programs, legislative campaigns, and publicity to directly make the plight of captive exotic animals better. I would encourage everyone to visit their web site and find ways to get involved.

One of the topics discussed was the wide variety of laws regarding exotic animal ownership in America. There was a LOT of audience participation in this particular presentation. Very presciently, Mr. Travers singled out Ohio as having the least effective laws on the books. We all know what happened just 3 days after Mr. Travers’ talk, when 49 of the more than 50 wild animals kept as “pets” by Terry Thompson of Zanesville, Ohio, were shot and killed after he released them from their cages before killing himself. Police and neighbors and people around the world were horrified at the loss of so many beautiful animals whose only crime was being caught up by human desire, greed, and lack of legal protection.

EATING HEALTHY FOR YOU AND THE ANIMALS: BREAKFAST WITH A VEGAN CHEF

The chef was Ethan Davidson, sous chef of *Bon Appetit*, Lewis and Clark’s restaurant.

Well! Do I ever wish there had been a restaurant like Chef Davidson’s at any of my schools! The menu was not only filled with vegetarian and vegan choices, it also had a strong locavore (serving food that’s locally sourced) ethic. He made vegan “Eggs” Florentine (since he included spinach) with tofu and his own vegan version of Hollandaise sauce. We each had a small portion to taste and it was all delicious! He gave us lots of vegetarian and tofu cooking tips and was really a fun speaker. Two (well-licked) thumbs up!



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Birthday Hedgies

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 15** Tiegan Sikorski
- Feb. 17** Gromit Woodring
- Feb. 28** Sweetie Lebedeva

JANUARY



Did we miss your hedgehog’s birthday? If so please let us know so we can include it next time.

Contact: Newsletter@Hedgehogwelfare.org



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Have You Met the Cursing Hedghog?

By Margaret Myhre

Kiroileva siili is an award-winning comic strip starring an angry, aggressive hedgehog with a penchant for swearing. Indeed, the strip's name is Finnish for "The Cursing Hedgehog." This unusual comic strip is the creation of Milla Paloniemi, a 28-year-old cartoonist and graphic artist. She currently lives in Helsinki but, like the Cursing Hedgehog, she was born in western Finland in the province of Southern Ostrobothnia in a town called Jalasjärvi. She has been passionate about drawing comics since early childhood. She is a vegetarian, a dog owner, and a defender of animal rights. In fact, animal rights and the crusade against animal abuse are recurring themes in her work.

The strip features six characters:

The Cursing Hedgehog: The title character comes from a family in the Ostrobothnia region of Finland. He speaks in the Southern Ostrobothnian dialect. When he was only a few weeks old, his father was tragically eaten by a fox! He lives in the forest.

The Girl Hedgehog: This resourceful young female also lives in the forest. She thinks the Cursing Hedgehog is very cute, particularly when he is angry!

The City Hedgehog: Unlike other hedgehogs, this character does not eat worms; his diet consists almost entirely of pizza! He is also a heavy smoker. He and the Cursing Hedgehog met when the Cursing Hedgehog first came to the city.

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Grandma Hedgehog: The Cursing Hedgehog's Grandma has no teeth and only a few spines so she resorts to a puukko knife to defend herself in the forest. She is the head of the family and only she can make the Cursing Hedgehog be silent.

Antti: An Egyptian long-eared hedgehog, Antti is a pet in a house in the city. He alternately annoys and idolizes the Cursing Hedgehog. He is also quite forgetful.

The Small Hedgehog: This pet African Pygmy Hedgehog lives in the same house as Antti. They are friends.

The Cursing Hedgehog was created in 2003 when Paoloniemi was doodling during an art history lecture and drew an angry, bad-tempered hedgehog. She published two strips featuring the character on a web page called **virhe.org**. The feedback she received about the grumpy hedgehog was so enthusiastic she was encouraged to draw more strips featuring her hedgehog. In 2005, Paoloniemi began to distribute a photocopied zine of **Kiroileva siili**. Then in the autumn of 2006, she self-published a print version. In February 2007, a Finnish publisher, **Sammakko** (The Frog), produced its first hardback volume of Cursing Hedgehog strips. That year Paoloniemi graduated from the EVTEK Institute of Art and Design with a degree in Graphic Design. The first Sammakko volume of **Kiroileva siili** served as her thesis. Then, in 2008, **Kiroileva siili** won the first *Comics Finlandia Prize*--a comics version of the prestigious *Finlandia Prize*— and an award worth 5,000 euro!

So far, five volumes of Cursing Hedgehog comic strips have been published by *Sammakko* as well as an English translation of the first volume of **Kiroileva siili** which became available in 2011. Foreign rights for *The Cursing Hedgehog* have also been sold to Russia.

Peter Marten has summarized the comic's astonishing success in this way:

*Finnish cartoonist Milla Paloniemi has made swearing into an art form with a comic strip entitled "The Cursing Hedgehog"... Just about every episode ends with the hedgehog screaming swear words, yet the comic strip is amusing and appealing. Maybe that's because it expresses what the rest of us would like to say but can't—because we're too polite.*¹

You may visit the Cursing Hedgehog on Facebook or at: <http://www.thecursinghedgehog.com>

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Harold Hedgehog Returns to the Home of His Rescuer

Some of you may recall reading about Harold Hedgehog in the July/August, 2011, issue of this newsletter. As a baby Harold was rescued by Ross Heywood and fostered for six weeks before being released into the wild in New Zealand. After hibernating through his first New Zealand winter, Harold found his way back to Ross Heywood the following spring.



Ross Heywood photographing Harold.

Winter in New Zealand and other countries in the Southern Hemisphere, occurs in June, July, and August. It is now summer in New Zealand and, once again, Harold has found his way back to Ross's 16 acre property on the South Island near Queensland!



Harold and Ross were reunited again on Wednesday December 11, 2011.

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Ross posted this *Facebook* comment about their reunion :



" I found Harold today. He is nearly two years old. I last saw him on October tenth, 2010 after his first winter hibernation. Today, December 14, 2011, he still knows me. Cluck, I am happy! ¹



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¹ Heywood, Ross. "Harold is back December 14, 2011." *Facebook*. Web. 17 Dec. 2011.
<<http://www.facebook.com/#!/media/set/?set=a.289976387705538.63365.183694068333771&type=1>>.



Wheel-a-Thon Time is Fast Approaching

by Linda Woodring

Another year has ended and a new one is upon us. It's time to start thinking about Hedgehog Day on February 2nd, and the 2012 Hedgehog Welfare Society's Annual Wheel-a-Thon to raise money for hedgies in need. This is our only big fundraiser. Last year we raised a record amount, so we are hoping this year will be even better.

The concept is simple. You solicit pledges from friends, relatives, co-workers, etc. for your hedgehog's running that night. You get flat amounts so if you don't have a hedgehog that is a runner, don't worry about it. I am working on getting some great prizes for the people who raise the most money.

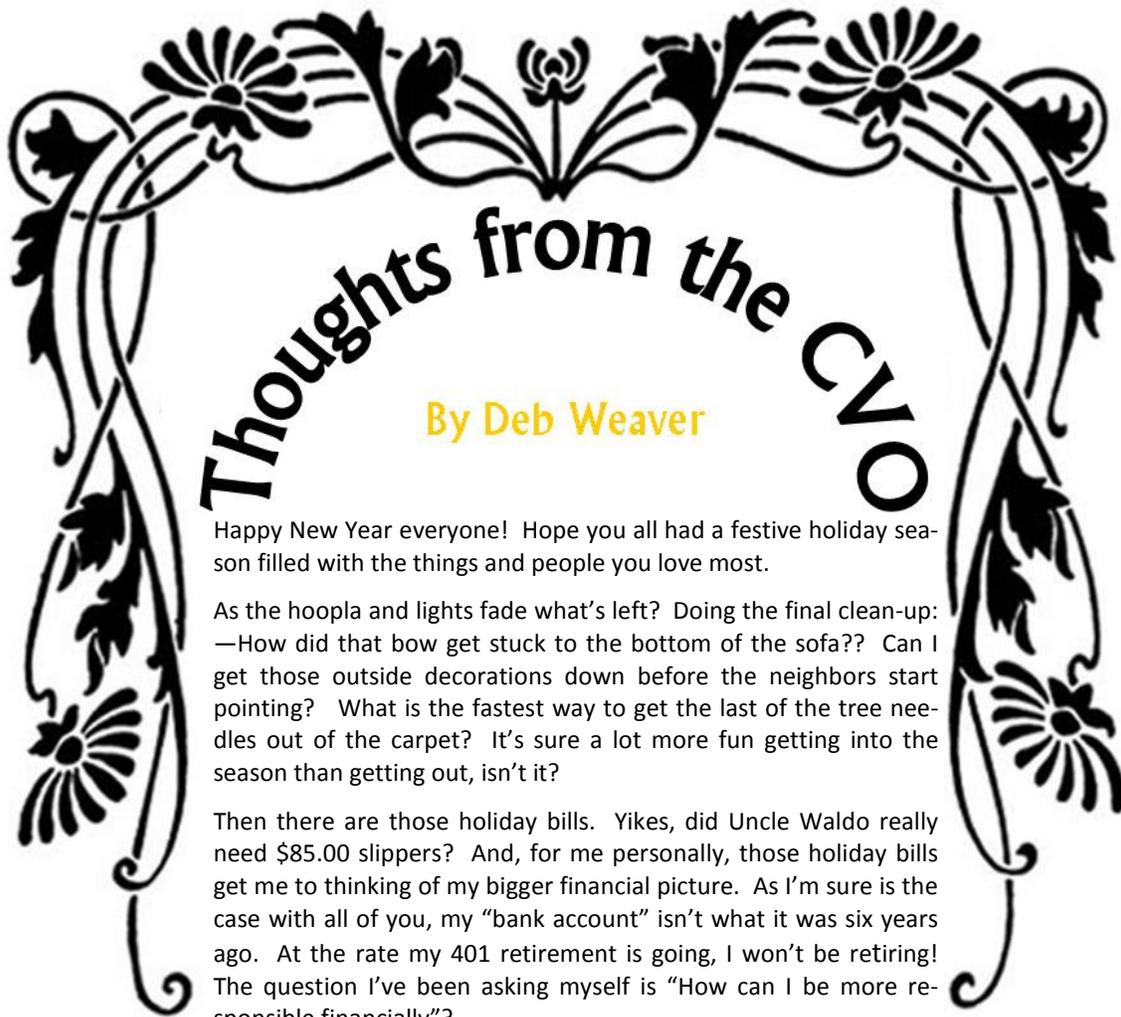
Right after the holidays, I will be posting entry forms and rules on the Yahoo chat groups. Or you can contact me at hedgiemom@comcast.net and I will send you the necessary information. If you wish to donate a prize, please contact me at the same address. Happy wheeling everyone!

This Just In...

Have you ever wondered who has the largest collection of hedgehog-related items in the world? Perhaps not, like many other members of the *Hedgehog Welfare Society*, you may be convinced that YOU have the largest accumulation of hedgehog items on the planet.

But...according to the latest *Guinness Book of World Records*, you do not. That honor has been officially bestowed on Bengt W. Johansson of Sweden. He has been collecting hedgehog-related items for more than fifteen years and, as of March 2011, had 495 pieces in his collection.

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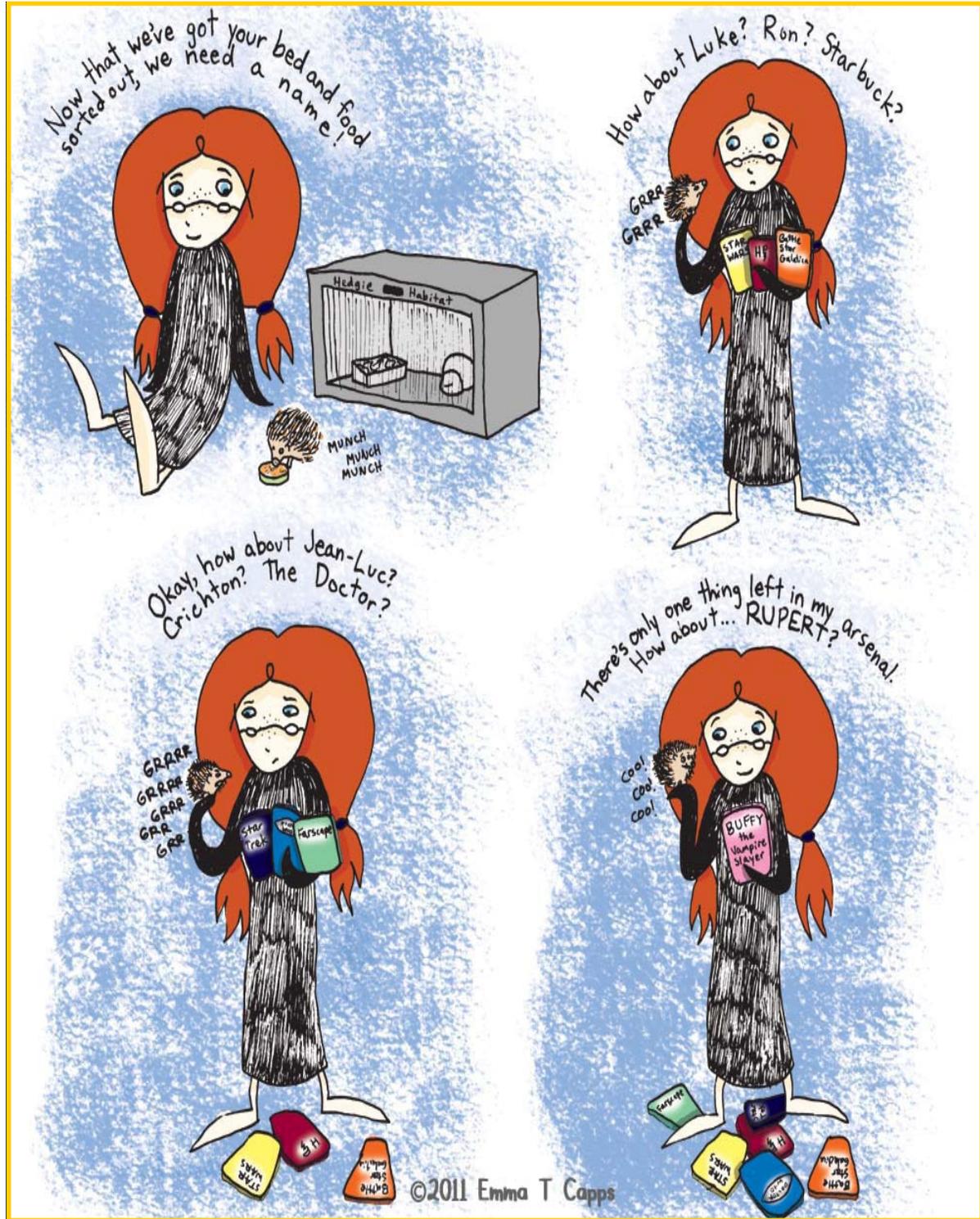


I've sat down and taken pencil to paper. Listing in detail my expenses and income and deciding how I can better spend - - and more importantly save - - my money. I and I alone need to take control of my money. Don't know about you, but it bugs me to have people and organizations again and again asking me for money. Makes me want to tell them to sit down and take a look at their big picture and live within their means, just like the rest of us have to. If you can't afford it, whatever it is, don't do it. Don't expect someone else to bail you out for your poor choices.

Henry David Thoreau wrote: "If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." What will 2012 bring to each of us? No one knows. Yet most of us are full of excitement and high expectations of what might be. I wish for each of you what you are wishing for yourself in 2012.



The Elegance of the Hedgehog DVD Collection



A Celebration of Baby Hedgehogs



Hey, who moved the blankie and where's mommie?



Six in one litter



Lunchtime again already!



Mommie? Mom? Where are you?!?



Just a few days old



A picture is worth a 1,000 words, what little angels.

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Rocky Mountain Hedgehog Show Conformation Show, October 15, 2011

Juvenile Males

White (2 entered)

1st – Denver, Floyd Aprill

2nd – Hedwig, Elaine Becker

Pinto (2 entered)

1st – Juno, Deb Stetser

2nd – Hedwig, Adrienne Zicht

Standard (1 entered)

1st – Corbin, Jessica Elrod

Juvenile Male Grand Champion (3 entered)

Grand Champion – Juno, Deb Stetser

Reserve Grand Champion – Corbin, Jessica Elrod

Denver, Floyd Aprill

Adult Males

White (1 entered)

1st – Sampson, Jessica Elrod

Snowflake (3 entered)

1st – Olly, Dakota Berdahl

2nd – Elvis, Eric Vernon

3rd – Oliver, Jessica Elrod

Apricot (1 entered)

1st – Stetson, Floyd Aprill

Pinto (4 entered)

1st – Cosmo, Heather Dennig

2nd – Houdini, Kathy Beers

3rd – Arlington, Floyd Aprill

Max, Jessica Elrod

Standard (2 entered)

1st – Gabriel, Kent Harris

2nd – QE2, Elaine Becker

Adult Male Grand Champion (5 entered)

Grand Champion – Olly, Dakota Berdahl

Reserve Grand Champion – Cosmo, Heather Dennis

Sampson, Jessica Elrod

Stetson, Floyd Aprill

Gabriel, Kent Harris

Senior Male

Albino (1 entered)

1st – Blizzard, Kathy Beers

Senior Male

Apricot (1 entered)

1st – Speedy, Elaine Becker

Standard (1 entered)

1st – Davy, Elaine Becker

Senior Male Grand Champion (3 entered)

Grand Champion – Davy, Elaine Becker

Reserve Grand Champion – Blizzard, Kathy Beers

Speedy, Elaine Becker

Juvenile Female

Albino (1 entered)

1st – Kiana, Jessica Elrod

Apricot (1 entered)

1st – Nyanga, Jessica Elrod

Pinto (3 entered)

1st – Cheyenne, Floyd Aprill

2nd – Coraline, Jessica Elrod

3rd – Swarlie Sue, Jessica Elrod

Standard (2 entered)

1st – Denali, Jeanne Robtoy

2nd – Amelia Rose, Jessica Elrod

Juvenile Female Grand Champion (4 entered)

Grand Champion – Cheyenne, Floyd Aprill

Reserve Grand Champion – Nyanga, Jessica Elrod

Kiana, Jessica Elrod

Danali, Jeanne Robtoy

Adult Female

Snowflake (2 entered)

1st – Pam the Panda, Jessica Elrod

2nd – Pixie, Jessica Elrod

Apricot (1 entered)

1st – Vail, Floyd Aprill

Pinto (7 entered)

1st – Kona, Brenda Sandoval

2nd – Aspen, Kathy Beers

3rd – Eunice, Z.G. Standing Bear

Lorazepam, Adrienne Zicht

Char, Jessica Elrod

Hera, Jessica Elrod

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Annie, Z.G. Standing Bear
Standard (1 entered)
1st – Kerrigan, Jessica Elrod

Adult Female Grand Champion (4 entered)
Grand Champion – Vail, Floyd Aprill
Reserve Grand Champion – Kona, Brenda Sandoval
Pam the Panda, Jessica Elrod
Kerrigan, Jessica Elrod

Senior Female

Snowflake (2 entered)
1st – Brozia, Brenda Sandoval
2nd – Shanel, Brenda Sandoval

Apricot (1 entered)
1st – Winky, Z.G. Standing Bear

Pinto (1 entered)
1st – Harlequin, Adrienne Zicht

Standard (1 entered)
1st – Diesel, Adrienne Zicht

Senior Female Grand Champion (4 entered)
Grand Champion – Brozia, Brenda Sandoval
Reserve Grand Champion – Winky, Z.G. Standing Bear
Harlequin, Adrienne Zicht
Diesel, Adrienne Zicht

Best of Show (6 entered)
Best of Show – Olly, Dakota Berdahl
Reserve Best of Show – Cheyenne, Floyd Aprill
Juno, Deb Stetser
Davy, Elaine Becker
Vail, Floyd Aprill
Brozia, Brenda Sandoval

Juvenile Males

White (2 entered)
1st – Denver, Floyd Aprill
2nd – Hedwig, Elaine Becker

Pinto (4 entered)
1st – Juno, Deb Stetser
2nd – Hedwig, Z. Zicht
3rd – Ponyo, Nikki Fahlsing
Sammy, Tim Cooper

Standard (1 entered)
1st – Rupert, Ann Malmberg

Juvenile Male Grand Champion (3 entered)
Grand Champion – Denver, Floyd Aprill
Reserve Grand Champion – Juno, Deb Stetser
Rupert, Ann Malmberg

Adult Male

White (1 entered)
1st – Sampson, Jessica Elrod

Snowflake (4 entered)
1st – Olly, Dakota Berdahl
2nd – Benny, Teresa Johnson
3rd – Norkie, Jarred Pond
Oliver, Jessica Elrod

Apricot (1 entered)
1st – Stetson, Floyd Aprill

Pinto (4 entered)
1st – Houdini, Kathy Beers
2nd – Arlington, Floyd Aprill
3rd – Max, Jessica Elrod
Orion, Teresa Johnson

Standard (1 entered)
1st – QE2, Elaine Becker

Adult Male Grand Champion (5 entered)
Grand Champion – Olly, Dakota Berdahl
Reserve Grand Champion – Houdini, Kathy Beers
Sampson, Jessica Elrod
Stetson, Floyd Aprill
QE2, Elaine Becker

Senior Male

Albino (1 entered)
1st – Blizzard, Kathy Beers

Apricot (1 entered)
1st – Speedy, Elaine Becker

Pinto (1 entered)
1st – Fudgie, Z.G. Standing Bear

Standard (1 entered)
1st – Davy, Elaine Becker

Senior Male Grand Champion (4 entered)
Grand Champion – Speedy, Elaine Becker
Reserve Grand Champion – Fudgie, Z.G. Standing Bear
Blizzard, Kathy Beers
Davy, Elaine Becker

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Juvenile Female

Albino (3 entered)

1st – Sugar, Ann Malmburg

2nd – Kiana, Jessica Elrod

3rd – Sousuke, Jeanne Robtoy

White (1 entered)

1st – Latte, Ann Malburg

Apricot (2 entered)

1st - Nyanga, Jessica Elrod

2nd - Splinter, Teresa Johnson

Pinto (4 entered)

1st – Cheyenne, Floyd Aprill

2nd – BeeBee, Ann Malmburg

3rd – Coraline, Jessica Elrod

Swarlie Sue, Jessica Elrod

Standard (3 entered)

1st – Denali, Jeanne Robtoy

2nd – Dolby, Jeanne Robtoy

3rd – Amelia Rose, Jessica Elrod

Juvenile Female Grand Champion (5 entered)

Grand Champion – Cheyenna, Floyd Aprill

Reserve Grand Champion – Denali, Jeanne Robtoy

Sugar, Ann Malmburg

Latte, Ann Malmburg

Nyanga, Jessica Elrod

Adult Female

Albino (1 entered)

1st – Louise, Teresa Johnson

Snowflake (1 entered)

1st - Pam The Panda, Jessica Elrod

Apricot (1 entered)

1st – Vail, Floyd Aprill

Pinto (12 entered)

1st – Eunice, Z.G. Standing Bear

2nd – Aspen, Kathy Beers

3rd – Kona, Brenda Sandoval

Lorazepam, Adrienne Zicht

Aspen, Teresa Johnson

Freedom, Pat Storm

Reba Quill-in-Tyer, Pat Storm

Abilene, Pat Storm

Anabelle, Teresa Johnson

Char, Jessica Elrod

Hesa, Jessica Elrod

Annie, Z.G. Standing Bear

Standard (2 entered)

1st – Emily Orenda, Teresa Johnson

2nd - Kerrigan, Jessica Elrod

Adult Female Grand Champion (5 entered)

Grand Champion – Eunice, Z.G. Standing Bear

Reserve Grand Champion – Vail, Floyd Aprill

Louise, Teresa Johnson

Pam The Panda, Jessica Elrod

Emily Orenda, Teresa Johnson

Senior Female

Snowflake (2 entered)

1st – Brozia, Brenda Sandoval

2nd – Shanel, Brenda Sandoval

Apricot (1 entered)

1st – Winky, Z.G. Standing Bear

Pinto (1 entered)

1st – Harlequin, Adrienne Zicht

Standard (1 entered)

1st – Diesel, Adrienne Zicht

Senior Female Grand Champion (4 entered)

Grand Champion – Brozia, Brenda Sandoval

Reserve Grand Champion – Winky, Z.G. Standing

Bear

Harlequin, Adrienne Zicht

Diesel, Adrienne Zicht

Best of Show (6 entered)

Best of Show – Brozia, Brenda Sandoval

Reserve Best of Show – Eunice, Z.G. Standing Bear

Denver, Floyd Aprill

Olly, Dakato Berdahl

Speedy, Elaine Becker

Cheyenna, Floyd Aprill



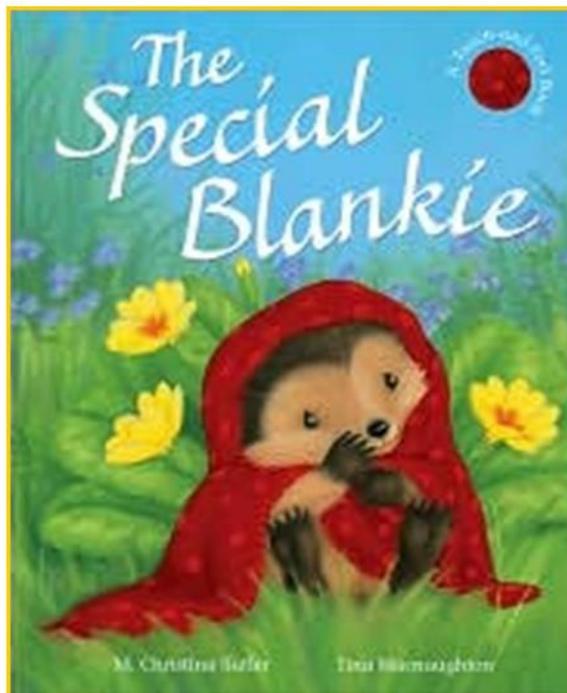
The Literary Hedgehog

The Special Blankie

Author M. Christina Butler and illustrator Tina MacNaughton are the team responsible for the *Touch and Feel Books*, a popular series of animal stories for preschoolers. Four of the five books in the series feature Little Hedgehog as the main character.

The books are known for featuring tactile elements such as flocked, fuzzy caps or slick plastic raincoats in each story and this book is no exception. In this story, Little Hedgehog is preparing for a hike into the country to find out where the spring bluebells grow.

Just as he has finished packing his lunch, he is asked to look after his little cousin Baby Hedgehog. Like many toddlers, Baby arrives carrying his faithful companion Blankie. As you might have already guessed, Blankie is bright red and flocked!



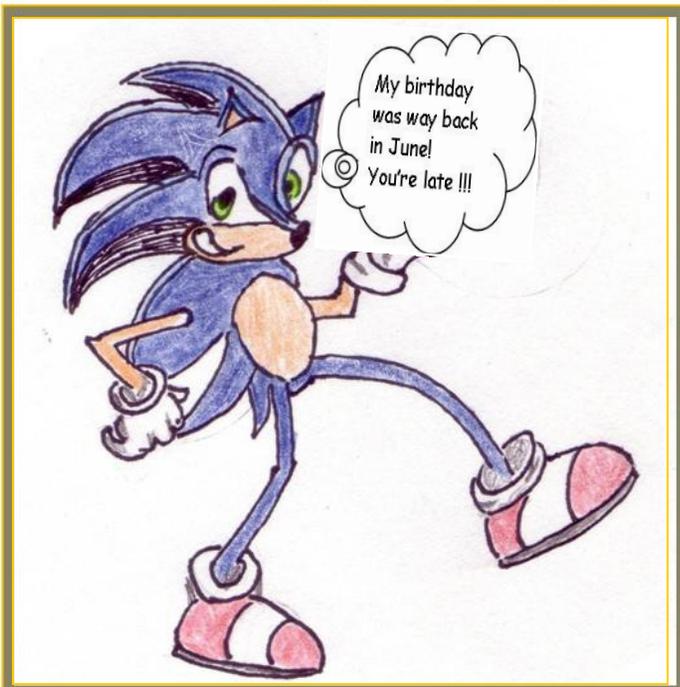
Together the two hedgehogs set off to find bluebells. Soon they are joined by Little Hedgehog's friends Badger, Mouse and Fox. Badger and Mouse kindly accept Baby but Fox growls mildly about adding a Baby *and* a blankie to their entourage!

Blankie definitely complicates the expedition. Baby loses Blankie while searching for bluebells, Mouse bounces on his bottom while trying to extricate Blankie from a bramble, and Little Hedgehog becomes entangled in Blankie and rolls down the hillside. But when Mouse falls into a deep, dark abandoned rabbit warren, Blankie is there to save him. Blankie is lowered into the tunnel, Mouse grabs a corner and is hauled out of the hole by his companions. The friends celebrate with a picnic among the bluebells.

This gentle little story is tremendously appealing to preschoolers and its appeal is even greater when children are able to touch Baby Hedgehog's trusty fuzzy red Blankie.

Butler, M.C. and Tina Macnaughton. *The Special Blankie*. Intercourse, PA: Good Books, 2010. 9781561486823 \$16.99

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Celebrity Hedgehog Turns Twenty

On June 24, 2011, one of the most iconic hedgehogs in history celebrated his 20th birthday. Although we missed the actual birthday by six months, we are offering a small salute to this historic event in our current issue. And who might this illustrious individual be? None other than Sonic the Hedgehog! True, Sonic may have more in common with Woody Woodpecker than an actual hedgehog, nevertheless this blue, nearly spineless caricature of a hedgehog has probably done more to publicize and popularize hedgehogs than anything else in the world. Not even the brave and stalwart Mrs Tiggywinkle can compete with Sonic's fame and notoriety.

Sonic has been the face of *Sega* ever since his debut on the original *Sega Genesis* platform kicked off the greatest gaming mascot rivalry in the industry. His main competitor, Super Mario, emphasized slow, methodical puzzle solving but Sonic emphasized speed, a quality much more appealing to young gamers—and far less likely to be the outstanding characteristic of an actual hedgehog!

Back in 1991, speed was the major feature that Sonic's designers wanted to include in *Sega's* new game character. Several different animals were considered for the part including a rabbit, a dog, and even an armadillo. But somehow a hedgehog was selected for the role—perhaps because it suited the character's already prickly personality! Sonic always showed a lot of attitude—staring into the camera and tapping his foot when play was paused for too long. The prototype hedgehog for the original Sonic had some unusual qualities which were quickly toned down by a Sonic team member who once headed the *Mattel* toy company. These included a pair of fangs and a human girlfriend named Madonna. Clearly *Sega* wanted to be known as the *cool game company!* More than 15 million copies of the game were sold giving *Sega* 65% of the games market. According to one study, Sonic quickly became more recognizable to children in the United States than Mickey Mouse or Abraham Lincoln— a depressing statistic that reflects our commercial driven society.

*In the 1990s, asking a gamer whether he was a Sonic or Mario fan was like asking "Coke or Pepsi?" "Mets or Yankees?" or "boxers or briefs?"*¹

So happy belated birthday, Sonic, you are undoubtedly the most famous hedgehog in the world!

¹ Luttrell, Mike. "Sonic the Hedgehog turns 20." *TG Daily*. DD&M, Inc., 24 June 2011. Web. 20 Nov. 2011. <<http://www.tgdaily.com/games-and-entertainment-brief/56840-sonic-the-hedgehog-turns-20>>.