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To protect the well-being of pet hedgehogs through rescue, research and education of the people who care for them.



Supporting the Hedgehog Welfare Society

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Did you know there are some simple ways you can support the Hedgehog Welfare Society (HWS) without it costing you a cent?

Amazon Smile Program — If you order from Amazon, you can have 0.5% of each purchase go to the HWS. Your purchase price will remain the same as the donation comes from Amazon.

You will need to go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and log in with your regular account information (your email address and password). On your first visit to smile.amazon.com you will be asked to select a charity. Simply search for “Hedgehog Welfare Society” (it will show up as being in Salem, Oregon), and you’re good to go! Just remember that you need go to the smile.amazon.com site, not the regular site, for the HWS to receive the donation.

iGive.com — The iGive program is another means for supporting the HWS while shopping online.

You need to go to iGive.com and sign up. Choose the Hedgehog Welfare

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Society as your designated charity (in this case it is listed as being in Minneapolis, Minnesota). Then when you want to shop on-line go to the **iGive.com** site, search for the online store, and click on the link. More information can be found here:

<http://bit.ly/1TZxpXX>

And here is a list of the stores and the amounts they donate (note many stores also offer coupons!):

<http://bit.ly/1LFsVEn>

You can also install the **iGive** button on your browser. This tells online stores that you want part of your purchase price to go to the HWS. More info on the button can be found here:

<http://bit.ly/21OihfF>

You can also combine iGive with the Amazon Smile Program. Instructions are here:

<http://bit.ly/1TfmiLv>

AND, once you have signed up for the program, you can do your web searches through the **iSeachiGive.com** search engine.

(Please note that the iGive program uses cookies in order to track your purchases / donations. Your browser will need to be set to accept tracking. If you are running Ghostery or do not track software, it won't work.)

GOODSEARCH and **GOODSHOP** — These two programs function a lot like **iGive.com**.

Goodsearch is a search engine where you can earn a penny for the HWS with each search. You simply need to sign up, set the Hedgehog Welfare Society (in this case, it's listed as being in Chaplin, CT), and set **goodsearch.com** as your preferred search engine in your browser.

Goodshop is another way of online shopping where the retailers donate a percentage of each purchase to the charity you have selected. Many online stores offer coupons and promotional codes through the site too.

Again, like **iGive.com**, you will need to have cookies enabled on your browser for these two to work. A lot of us shop online; why not support the hedgehogs with your purchases?

Donations from Amazon Smile, iGive, and GoodSearch — 2015 Totals

Laura C. Dunklee

2015 was a banner year in donation to the Hedgehog Welfare Society (HWS), from three programs supported by our members: Amazon Smile, iGive, and Goodsearch. What's really incredible is that these programs don't cost our members a cent — they show and search, and the HWS benefits. It's a win, all around!

Amazon Smile Donations

The HWS received four payments from the Amazon Smile program:

\$35.26 in February

\$42.86 in May

\$41.74 in August

\$50.35 in November

TOTAL: \$170.21!!!!

iGive.com Donations

The HWS received two payments from the iGive program:

\$27.45 in January

\$25.39 in July

TOTAL: \$60.65!!

The iGive donations are designated to support our Care Packages program. When someone adopts a hedgehog through the HWS and needs some starter supplies, our Care Packages committee sends them a handmade cuddle sack and hedgie hat, as well as other donated goodies. The funds from iGive go toward purchasing fabric and covering shipping costs.

GoodSearch.com Donations

The HWS received one payment, from the GoodSearch program: \$72.64!!!

That's a GRAND TOTAL of \$303.50 raised by you, our HWS members, all for the hedgehogs. Than you for all you do for the hedgies!

Thoughts from the President Deb Weaver

We've had a lot of folks join us recently, so I'm once again posting the information on how to do the Heimlich with a hedgehog (posted last in the fall of 2014).

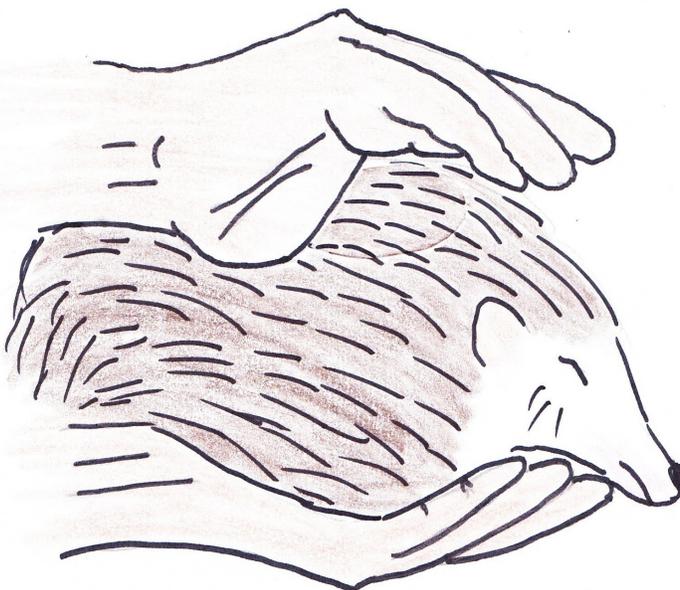
I had Molly in to the vet for a checkup. When my vet said "any other questions", my response was "yes, can you give a hedgehog the Heimlich maneuver?". My vet said, "actually yes, and I'll demonstrate with Molly". Here's what my vet shared:

Take your hedgie and place them in the palm of your hand (their belly against your palm), with their nose pointing towards your fingertips. Bring your fingers up at their chest/shoulder area to help in holding them. Take your other hand and place it on top of your hedgie (their spine against your palm).

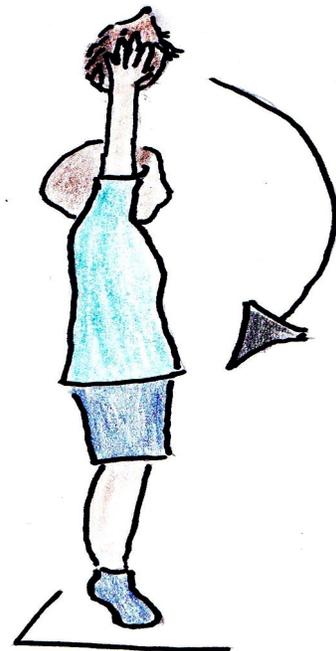
Make sure you've got a good grip. Now swing your arms up (like you were staring to make a golf swing) and then swing your arms quickly down. When the hedgie's head is pointing downward again, give a "good, solid" squeeze - - like you were squeezing a bellows and after the squeeze add an additional downward shake. Repeat if needed.

I'm not sure what Molly thought of this entire ordeal (we spared her the squeeze part), but much to her credit she didn't raise a quill - - just gave the two of us the "are you nuts" look, and huffed off into her carry case.

I encourage you to practice this, and to learn how to give this life saving procedure on all your animals (humans too!).



Step 1



Step 2



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Meet Alan the Hedgehog and the Al-liance

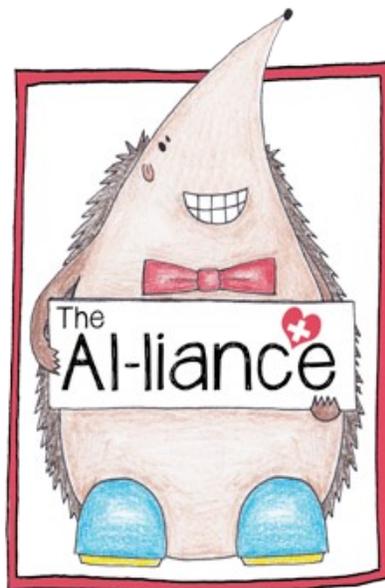
Alan the Hedgehog, created by Jon Hitchman, is a British cartoon hedgehog on a mission. His main purpose is to *hedgucate* humans about the problems facing hedgehogs in Britain. Hedgehogs have always faced natural struggles that threaten their lives but man-made threats are making their existence far more difficult.

These threats fall into eight separate categories:

- ROADS:** Much of the hedgehog's natural habitat has been sacrificed to create a network of roads connecting human homes and buildings. Hedgehogs need to cross these roads as they search for food at night and they are often injured or killed by cars. Driving more slowly and watching for hedgehogs could save many hedgehog lives.
- BARRIERS:** Fences and walls have replaced hedges and bushes making the hedgehogs' barrier free habitat inaccessible. Many households are making hedgehog-sized holes in their walls and fences to link the neighborhood gardens and restore the hedgehogs' habitat.
- PETS:** Dogs and cats can be a threat to hedgehogs. Although cats are not a threat to full-grown hedgehogs, they can seriously injure or even kill smaller hedgehogs. Dogs have been known to cause serious injury to hedgehogs.
- GARDENING:** Hedgehog hazards in the garden can include pesticides, chemicals, strimmers, and netting in which hedgehogs can become entangled, and lack of cover.

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- LITTER:** Rubber bands and the plastic holders that are used to hold soda or beer bottles together must be snipped completely and placed in the garbage bin. Plastic bags, cups and tins (tin cans) are also a hazard if the hedgehog gets stuck and can't get back out.
- BONFIRES:** If you have prepared an outdoor fire in advance, be sure to check for hedgehogs before you light the fire. It is a good idea to put a ring of sand around the fire so that you can check for hedgehog footprints **before** lighting the fire.
- DRAINS:** Hedgehogs have been known to fall into outdoor drains which are not covered. This is a problem because hedgehogs are unable to climb back out. They will either drown or starve if they are not rescued.
- PONDS:** Although hedgehogs are able to swim, they are sometimes unable to climb out of the pond if the sides of the pond are slippery or steep. Adding an escape ramp will make the pond safer for hedgehogs.



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Al's creator, Jon Hitchman, is about to release a hedgehog hero coloring book. If you are interested, check in at Alan the Hedgehog's website: <http://www.alanthehedgehog.co.uk/>



A Letter to *The Irish Naturalist*, Volume 4, Dublin: Eason & Son, Limited, 1895. Page 136

Hedgehogs in Captivity. — In Mrs. Barrett-Hamilton's paper on "Irish Mammals" in the *Irish Naturalist* for this month (March) the following sentence appears:

"It is a pity that Mr. Lydekker has not given us any note on the habits of the Hedgehog in captivity."

Having kept Hedgehogs at different times perhaps a few remarks about them may be interesting. When first caught they are very shy, but after a time they learn to know who feeds them. Hedgehogs will eat almost anything, but as they belong to the carnivore family, they must have meat frequently when in captivity to keep them healthy, besides bread and milk, boiled potatoes, etc.

We had one Hedgehog that would lay his bristles down smooth and allow himself to be stroked without rolling up. He got so accustomed to being handled and fed by children that he would draw a little cart made out of a paste-board box. He was attached to this by a tape passed over his head with two traces, after the style of the American trotting harness. He was usually kept in a box with wire on the front of it, but sometimes he made his escape. The garden he dwelt in was large and walled in, and after two or three days' absence he was generally found rolled up in a nest of grass and leaves under a bush. We had him about a year when, during one of his outings, he was found as usual, but alas! Poor Peter was no more. What was the cause of his demise we cannot say.

Hedgehogs are not cleanly in their habits, and are generally infested with fleas. Knowing this, we once spread a white cloth on the ground, placed a Hedgehog on it and sprinkled it plentifully with Keating's Insect Powder, when the fleas left it in great numbers, the white cloth enabled us to see them. In some houses Hedgehogs are kept for killing black beetles, and it is said they answer the purpose well.

— M. Jose Simpson, Ballnmena

The Literary Hedgehog:

Previously Unpublished Beatrix Potter Story to be Available in September



In 1913, Beatrix Potter, the author of *The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle* and many other stories, began a new book. She told Harold Warne, her publisher, that the story featured a character named Kitty-in-Boots whom she described as

“a well-behaved prim black kitty cat, who leads rather a double life, and goes out hunting with a little gun on moonlight nights, dressed up like puss in boots.”¹

The production of the new book was interrupted by the illness and death of Beatrix Potter’s father and the settling of his estate. While the story was completed and set up in type, the illustrations were never completed, and the project was eventually set aside.

Then, two years ago, publisher Jo Hanks discovered the manuscript in the archives of the Victoria and Albert Museum. The story, which features many of Beatrix Potter’s best-loved characters including Mr. Tod, Tabitha Twitchit, Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle and an elderly, plumper version of Peter Rabbit, is now set to be published by Frederick Warne & Company in September of this year, more than a century after it was written. British cartoonist, illustrator and children's writer, Sir Quentin Blake will be the illustrator for the new book.

¹ Lear, Linda J. *Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature*. New York: St. Martin's, 2007. p. 267-8 Print.

² Flood, Alison. "Lost Beatrix Potter Story Becomes Bestseller Months Ahead of Publication." *The Guardian*. 27 Jan. 2016. Web. 13 Feb. 2016.

³ *Waterstones*. Waterstones Web. 13 Feb. 2016. <<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-tale-of-kitty-in-boots/beatrix-potter/quentin-blake/9780241247594>>.



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Marcie Nastuk
Bonnie Nastuk

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Diamond Lil Thomas

March 29:

Eulalia Bennett
Kirby Woodring
Mariah Wrobel

April 1 :

Scarlet Campbell

April 1:

Nutmeg Nastuk
Cinnamon Nastuk

April 2 :

Henry Robertson

April 5:

Thumbelina Nastuk

April 20:

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April 28:

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