

# Hedgehogs: A Comprehensive Guide to Care, Husbandry, Health, Housing, Diet, and Training



Hedgehogs are unique and fascinating creatures that make charming and affectionate pets. Their distinctive appearance, with their prickly spines and adorable faces, has made them increasingly popular in recent years. However, it's important to note that hedgehogs have specific needs and require specialized care to thrive in captivity.

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This comprehensive guide will provide you with all the essential information you need to know about hedgehog care, including:

\* Housing \* Diet \* Health \* Training

By following the advice in this guide, you can ensure that your hedgehog lives a happy and healthy life.

## Housing

Hedgehogs are solitary animals that prefer to live alone. They need a spacious cage that is at least 2 feet long, 2 feet wide, and 1 foot high. The cage should be made of a sturdy material, such as plastic or metal, and have a solid bottom to prevent the hedgehog from escaping.

The cage should be equipped with a variety of items to keep your hedgehog entertained and comfortable, including:

\* A hiding place, such as a small box or tunnel \* A sleeping area, such as a fleece-lined bed \* A litter box \* A food bowl \* A water bottle \* A play area, with toys and activities

It's important to keep your hedgehog's cage clean and disinfected. The litter box should be cleaned daily, and the entire cage should be cleaned weekly.

## **Diet**

Hedgehogs are omnivores and their diet should consist of a variety of foods, including:

\* Insects, such as crickets, mealworms, and dubia roaches \* Fruits, such as apples, bananas, and berries \* Vegetables, such as carrots, celery, and green beans \* Lean protein, such as cooked chicken or turkey \* Hedgehog food, which is a commercially prepared diet that is specifically designed for hedgehogs

It's important to offer your hedgehog a variety of foods to ensure that they are getting all the nutrients they need. You should also make sure that their food is fresh and free of pesticides and other harmful chemicals.

## **Health**

Hedgehogs are generally healthy animals, but they can be susceptible to a variety of health problems, including:

\* Obesity \* Dental disease \* Skin infections \* Respiratory infections \* Gastrointestinal problems

It's important to take your hedgehog to the vet for regular checkups to ensure that they are healthy and to catch any potential health problems early.

## Training

Hedgehogs can be trained to do a variety of tricks, such as:

\* Coming when called \* Sitting \* Rolling over \* Playing dead

Training your hedgehog can be a fun and rewarding experience. It's important to be patient and positive when training your hedgehog, and to use treats to reinforce good behavior.

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