



LET'S TALK ABOUT

HEALTHCARE - VET VISITS

AN APH CARE GUIDE

By Happy Quills

WWW.HAPPYQUILLSRESCUEANDREHOMING.CO.UK

Best place to get your Pygmy hedgehog insured

ExoticDirect

ExoticDirect are a specialist exotic pet insurance provider and our experience dates back to 1996. We're the leading provider of exotic pet insurance in the UK.

We insure parrots, lizards, snakes and tortoises and even prickly pets like Pygmy Hedgehogs.

Our small mammal insurance can cover ferrets, guinea pigs, and rabbits to name but a few. And we can also cover larger animals like micropigs and even llamas!

Our insurance is designed to cover unexpected vet bills so that you can focus on getting the right treatment for your pet when it's ill. We can also cover your pet for death and theft, depending on your pet type.

ExoticDirect is trusted by over 11,500 exotic pet owners who have a policy and we've had over 150 5-star Feefo reviews in the past year.

We're also proud winners of the Feefo Platinum Trust Service award 2022.

Responsible pet ownership is important to us, so we regularly publish pet care articles offering pet advice. We work with pet experts to give you access to their knowledge and experience.

ExoticDirect's policies are underwritten by Allianz Insurance plc.

If you need to make a claim, you can download a claim form here.

You can contact ExoticDirect at enquiries@exoticdirect.co.uk.



Symptoms of Hedgehog Dental Disease

- Excessive foamy saliva that smells
- Pawing at the mouth
- Tarter build up
- Crusty tooth stains
- Gum inflammation
- Recession of gum line
- Bald spot on the face with an inflammation
- Coughing
- Nasal discharge
- Loose teeth
- Poor appetite

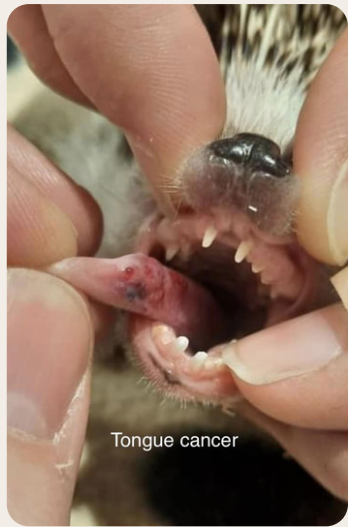


Urinary Tract Infections

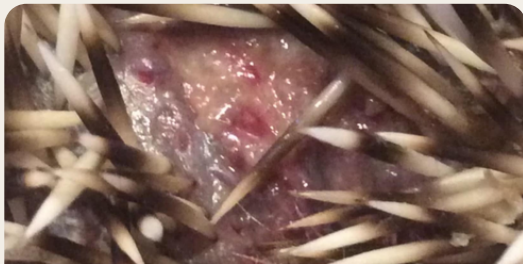
Domesticated hedgehogs can develop urinary tract infections, yeast infections, cystitis (inflammation), and urolithiasis (stones).

Signs and symptoms of urinary tract infections can include:

- Painful sounds the hedgegie makes when urinating
- Thick discolored Urine
- Yellow thick discharge
- Constant urination
- Lack of appetite
- Lethargy



Rocky's back legs no longer worked, but he still had a great quality of life. His owners got a little chariot made for him so he could still explore the living room. Don't always assume the worse x



Infected quill that turned into bacterial infection



Hair cutting off circulation to foot



Eye starting to prolapse



Always be careful with hogs playing in your hair. This pic shows a hair wrapped round a foot and the damage it can do. Always check your hogs feet before you put them back in their enclosure



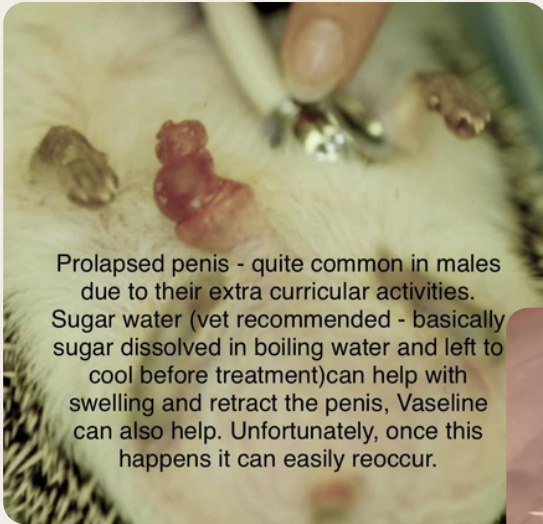
Prolapsed eye - these rupture very quickly - urgent vet visit



Severe case of self harming



Self harming



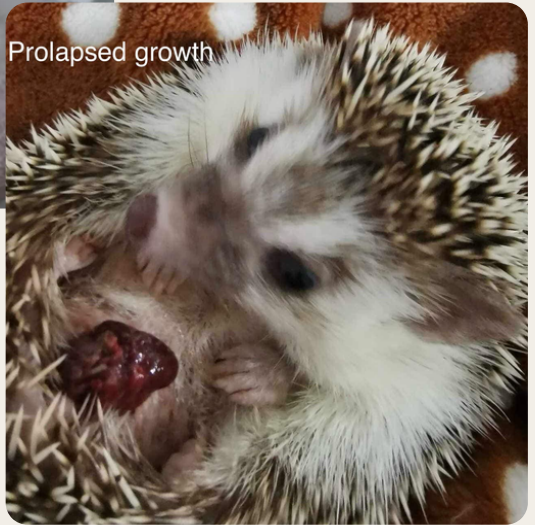
Prolapsed penis - quite common in males due to their extra curricular activities. Sugar water (vet recommended - basically sugar dissolved in boiling water and left to cool before treatment) can help with swelling and retract the penis, Vaseline can also help. Unfortunately, once this happens it can easily reoccur.



A three legged hedgehog is still remarkably agile and nimble. Hogs occasionally need leg amputation due to tumours, hair/fibres caught around leg etc



Prolapsed uterus - vet visit



Prolapsed growth



Blind hogs or "pirate" hogs caused by eye prolapses cope remarkably well as their sight is poor anyway