

# ***HEDGEHOG GOSSIP***

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# Author's note

Ola fellow prickly slaves! It is winter - and in between hibernation attempts, loadshedding - and getting up early in the cold - the Hedgehog Gossip is here to bring some warmth into your life.

Before you start reading - get a cup of coffee, tea or a hot chocolate and relax. Perhaps get a prickly butt on your lap to make it worth it.

The Hedgehog Gossip is a new feature from Awesome Krimpvarkies, to bring the latest news and hedgehog gossip right to your home !

If you have a hedgehog or tenrec related story that you would like to share to feature in our monthly newsletter, please send us an email @ [awesomekrimpvarkies@gmail.com](mailto:awesomekrimpvarkies@gmail.com)

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# SAHBA - The South Africa's Hedgehog Breeders Association

Although this might be a new concept for South Africans - hedgehog breeders' registries are old news in other countries such as the USA and the UK. It works on the same principles as KUSA regarding dogs. The concept thus means - to have a group of ethical breeders that belongs to a registering body ; keeping track of genetics and bloodlines and building up a database.

By keeping record of hedgehog's birth dates & years ; illnesses ; deaths & causes thereof - it promotes healthy breeding ; it also helps the prevention of breeding with unhealthy hedgehogs.

The Association was founded in 2021 by Lizl van Vreden from the Awesome Krimpvarkies group. Being a previous member at an international breeding registry , Lizl joined forces with other breeders who were also previously registered at the same registry- The Hedgehog Program. Those breeders are Elize Campher (Ella`s Hedgehogs) and Fanie de Lange (Retired breeder-Fanie Se Varkies).

The three founding members are also the Committee Board Members. Soon after - another breeder joined - Elize Strydom from Hedgehog Haven.

In 2022 the committee members worked extremely hard and gave it their all. First, a brand new colour chart was developed, featuring only hedgehogs in South Africa. Secondly the first Breeder of the year competition was held - where members of the public voted on a WhatsApp Group.

In 2023 the first breeders' course was presented for new upcoming breeders.

The South Africa`s Hedgehog`s Breeders Association ( SAHBA)- is the only registry that makes it compulsory that new members must first undergo formal training. With these measurements in place, the Association will be leading the way worldwide in terms of maintaining high standards and ethics.

To see more of these breeders ; breeders-in-training and their hedgehogs -visit SAHBA's website -

<https://southafricahedgehogbreedersas.com/>



# BE-DAZZLED

Born on 11th of October in 2021, Dazzle belonged to the hedgery of Fanie Se Varkies.

This handsome little guy is a Cinnicot Odd Eye Pinto. As far as data gathering goes, he is the only odd eye in South Africa. Odd eye is a syndrome called Heterochromia - which is a very rare condition in hedgehogs. You might have seen it in dogs or cats before.

Congenital heterochromia is usually harmless and not an indication of an underlying condition. This mutation is also hereditary, meaning - genetically carried over. Since Dazzle`s parents and grandparents are a combination of standard and red eye dilutes (pinto`s), it is assumed that he inherited both family traits. In 2022 Dazzle changed owners and he now belongs to Lizl van Vreden from Awesome Krimpvarkies.



# Spike - A rescue story with a happy ending.

Meet Spike.

Spike lived in a cage outside with pigeons that literally pooped on him which caused him to become blind. Spike was rescued by one of our previous Awesome Krimpvarkies admins - Bianca Steyn. She was then able to rehome him. Unfortunately the people who adopted Spike, gave him away where he was left without food, water and a blanket. Bianca found out about this and immediately went to fetch him again. When she got him back, he was extremely underweight.

Madelein Coetzee then took Spike in. She is one of our current Awesome Krimpvarkies admins. When he got to Madelein he only weighed 111g. Spike gained 127 g within a short period of time since he has been with Madelein.

What was once an underweight, scared tenrec is now a healthy, loving and active tenrec!



Before



After



# Hibernation Attempts - Deadly if not spotted and treated immediately.

## **SIGNS TO WATCH OUT FOR:**

**Hedgehog does not have an appetite, walks shakily, or swaying as if he is drunk, his stomach or whole body is cold and cool to the touch. Hedgehog is not active, or just stays lying in a ball. Not eating, not drinking.**

## **TREATMENT:**

### **1) Heat hedgehog immediately:**

- \* Body to body heat**
- \* Hot water bag (hot water bag must be wrapped so that hedgehog does not burn)**
- \* Put hedgehog in sun - (natural Vitamin D), but out of the wind.**
- \* Heating pad- must also not be able to burn hedgehog**

### **2) Warm his bedding with a tumble dryer or hair dryer.**

**3) Check up on your hedgehog every 10 minutes. Do not just put in a warm water bag and walk away. You can only relax once the hedgehog is walking normal and eating.**

**4) Then, replace his drinking water with *\*Brunel Multivitamin Syrup\** 1/2 teaspoon of brunel syrup on 500ml water. You can give some of this water with a syringe for him. Or give apple juice with a syringe. Apple juice should be considered as medicine and not given every day. *\*ONLY\** with hibernation attempts. Just be carefull that it does not goes into the lungs. By administering vitamins, it will helps regenerate energy and apetite.**



# HEDGEHOG SAFE QUICHE

With bell pepper and catfood

By Awesome Krimpvarkies

## INGREDIENTS

- 5 x eggs
- $\frac{1}{4}$  bell pepper cut in cubes
- 1 x sachet wet catfood- any flavour, as long as it is not fish
- Coconut oil

## DIRECTIONS

1. Beat the eggs in a bowl.
2. Mix the wet food in, try not to mix in the gravy.
3. Add the bell pepper and mix good.
4. Grease cupcake tin tray with coconut oil.
5. Scoop teaspoons full of the mixture in the tray. One and a half teaspoon should be enough.
6. Bake in oven @ 180° for roughly 25 minutes.

## NOTES

This recipe makes about 24 quiches. It can be frozen and stored in the freezer. Defrost when needed. Safe as a daily treat.



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# Hibernation



Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden and .

ORGAN FAILURE  
HIBERNATION  
NO APPETITE  
PROTEXIN  
HEATPAD

SWAYING  
DEADLY  
BRUNEL  
WARM  
BALL

COLD  
25°C

# JULY 2023



GOALS

NOTES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5



