



## Hedgie Care List

### Housing

- Sterilite Bins
  - Easy to Sanitize
  - Keep Heat in Best
- Cages
  - Solid Bottoms
  - Short (So Hedgehogs Don't Climb and Fall Down)
- Adequate Ventilation is a Must
- Free Roam Time
- Heat Source
  - Temperatures Between 75-80 Degrees Year Round
  - Temps below those listed above can cause false hibernation, causing possible death
  - Heating Pad
  - Ceramic Heat Lamp 100w-150w
  - Thermostat to check temperature
- Wheels
  - Hedgies can run for miles at night
  - Hedgehog safe wheel 10.5" in diameter
- Hides
  - They require a place to hide and rest
  - Igloos, Logs and Fleece Snuggle Sacks

- Bedding
  - Pine Shavings
  - No Cedar or Anything Scented (Can cause respiratory issues and is unsafe)
- Do Nots
  - Wiring Flooring
  - Ramps
  - Levels

## **Food**

- Diet
  - High Quality Cat Food
    - Need Correct Fat and Protein Content
    - Mix of Different Cat Foods Help
- Cat Food Mix
  - Chicken
  - Salmon
  - Lamb
  - Duck
  - Quail
  - Turkey
- Do Not Use Commercial Hedgehog Food
  - They do not use whole meats
  - Hedgehogs cannot digest these
- Live Bugs
  - They are Insectivores
  - Crickets
  - Mealworms
- Do Not Feed Fruits or Veggies
  - They cannot digest well
  - They get gut filled insects that make up for that nutrition
- Blue Buffalo Cat Food
  - Good for singular use if not using a mix of cat foods and insects

## Care and Bonding

- Bring Hedgehog Home
  - Handling for a few short bursts at first is ok
  - Let adjust to new surroundings over next couple days
  - Handling for long periods of time during transition can cause more harm than good
- Moods
  - Quills Down = Relaxed
  - Hissings/Quills Up = Afraid
- Bonding
  - Will take time
  - Handle Daily
  - Small pieces of your clothing in their cage where they sleep will help them recognize your scent
  - Speak Softly
  - Let them explore your lap while reading or watching tv
- Care
  - Regular nail trims
    - Pet nail trimmers or toe nail clippers
    - Do not cut too far back
  - Bath Time
    - Use Baby Soap
    - Toothbrush
    - Dry completely with soft towel
  - Veterinarian Visits
    - Vaccines Not Necessary
    - Annual Vet Checks are Recommended
    - Prone to obesity
      - Adjust diet accordingly and slowly



**Please Read The Sales Policy Before Purchases.**

All Hedgehogs are priced according to color, gender, and quality. Hedgehogs that are wait listed will be sold in order of the list. Any available hedgehogs will be sold on a first come, first served basis. We are always adding families to the wait list and if you have questions or you would like to be added please let us know!

At 4-5 weeks of age, we will send pictures of each hedgy available in order of the wait list. It will include possible color, gender, and price. At that time, a deposit of 50% of the total amount will be due via Venmo or Facebook Pay within **24 hours** of us contacting you. Remaining balance will be due upon pick up. **Deposits are Non-Refundable.** We will only hold a maximum of **2 weeks after assigned Pick Up Date.** **We do not deliver,** sometimes we will meet at a convenient location, we have a lot of families that travel from out of state, sometimes 2-day drives or flights, so please make arrangements accordingly.

**The Buyer is responsible for inspection of the Hedgehog at the time of pick up.** The sale is finalized once the hedgehog has been paid for in full or has been picked up by the buyer.

**We Guarantee the Hedgehog is Healthy at the time of pick up.** Furthermore, we cannot control what happens once the hedgehog has left our care, including but not limited to, disease, death, abuse, neglect, temperatures, improper housing, malnourishment, improper feeding which causes sickness and death. **The Buyer** is responsible for the hedgehog's care and wellbeing after picking up. We will give you a description of the hedgehog to our best knowledge and experience.

We **DO NOT** offer refunds on hedgehogs and cannot take a hedgehog back for the health and safety of our other hedgehogs. Please respect our hedgehogs and our prices. We have the right to refuse any potential family that is considering a purchase of one of our hedgehogs at any given time. We spend every day with our hedgehogs, and they are well cared for.

These policies above include any animal purchase made at Red Sea Ranch and Rabbitry.

**Purchasing from us means you have read and agreed to this Sales Policy.**