Hedgehog Welfare Society to Hold Fundraiser

The Hedgehog Welfare Society exists to “protect the well-being of pet hedgehogs through rescue, research, and education of the people who care for them.” In order to fulfill our mission, we sometimes need to ask the hedgehog-caretaking community to participate and support our efforts through fundraisers. But we’re not asking you to empty your pockets and get nothing in return ... read on!

The HWS has partnered with a small, home-based business which makes handmade plush hedgehog dolls which are available in a variety of colors. We will receive a donation of 20% of each purchase made throughout the month of July. These plush hedgehog dolls are unique, adorable, and will be a great addition to any hedgehog collection.

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Even better, we’re also holding a competition with this fundraiser. Each week, one name will be drawn from a hat containing the names of all of those people who placed an order in the past week – and that person will receive a “Golden Hedgie Poo” with their order. What does the recipient of the Golden Hedgie Poo receive? One of five great prizes, donated by the hedgehog community, including:

— A brand new Carolina Storm Hedgehog Wheel (donated by Larry)

— A complete collection of all of the HWS cookbooks AND chocolate hedgehogs (donated by Sheila and Murfi)

— A lovely hedgie cuddle sack and hedgie lap-pad (made and donated by Cindy)

— An incredible wooden clock with wood-burned hedgehog images (made and donated by Charity)

— An extra-special item yet to be decided upon (we’ll decide really soon, we promise!)

What do you have to do to win?

Go to:  http://www.flatbonnie.com

Click on the “shop” link at the top of the page. You’ll be taken to a page showing the featured items. At the top of the second column is “Flat QT the Hedgehog.” Click on the photo, select the color combination you want, and everything is pretty much self-explanatory from there.
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When you get to the checkout page, under “Notes to Seller,” please put “HWS” into the form. That way that the seller knows that you want your 20% donation to go to the HWS.

Be sure to look at the seller’s other plush animals – there are bunnies, guinea pigs, skunks, chinchillas, and capybaras! And you can purchase angel wings for your new plush hedgehog if you’re buying one to honor a hedgehog that has crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Just remember to put “HWS” in the “Notes to Seller” box when you check-out and the HWS will get the donation, regardless of what plush animals you decide to purchase.

And do think about placing an order each week to increase your chances of winning one of the five fabulous Golden Hedgie Poo prizes! There will be one prize given each week.

If you are the lucky winner of one of the Golden Hedgie Poos, contact the HWS at:

info@hedgehogwelfare.org

and we’ll let you know which prize you’ve won and we’ll get the prize off in the mail to you ASAP.

Flat Bonnie was created to raise awareness about the importance of "ADOPTING" when someone is ready for a "REAL" bunny and other furry friends. A portion of the sales will be donated to bunny/animal rescue organizations each month. If you have any questions about this fundraiser or if you have issues with the site / ordering process, please contact Laura D. at: helpinghedgehogs@gmail.com

Meet Monica Lew, Creator of This Issue’s Front Page Illustration

Monica Lew is a young artist and illustrator who lives in the San Francisco Bay area. She studied at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, California, spent a year at the University of London, and graduated from the California College of Arts and Crafts in San Francisco with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in illustration.

For her senior thesis at California College of Arts and Crafts Monica shared her experience in England by creating a series of ten illustrations featuring a hedgehog character named Ollie. The original illustrations were done in watercolor, ink, and colored pencil. Each illustration depicts Ollie visiting a different area of England. He is shown fishing in the Lake District, feeding squirrels in Hyde Park, visiting the zoo in Birmingham, catching the waves in Newquay, Cornwall, rocking out at a music festival in Kent, taking a magical mystery tour of Liverpool, feeding the seagulls in Brighton, rowing in Stratford-Upon-Avon, enjoying a Hay-on-Wye bookstore, and visiting an amusement park in Blackpool. The illustration showing Ollie in the Lake District sharing worms with the fish is featured on the front page of this issue of our newsletter.

Monica’s goal is to illustrate children’s books and design greeting cards. You can find her cards at her shop on Etsy (http://www.etsy.com/shop/MonicaLewArt). In her spare time Monica enjoys drinking tea and playing with her pet bunny, Edwin.
October 21st, 2007. This was the day when a special friend came into my life, one which I will never forget. Being a Spanish minor, I named my new companion Piña after the tiny prickly pineapple he so resembled. I’ll always think of him as the underhog that came out on top despite all odds. Piña was the very last hedgehog in the pet store, the runt of his litter, with tattered ears, and a misshapen front right paw. But he was all mine. Finally, after 19 years, I had a pet to call my own. Piña received the warmest of welcomes as soon as I brought him home, not only from my friends, but the University of Whitewater! During my junior year, only two weeks after I had adopted Piña, we were interviewed and shown front and center on the January 23rd 2008 issue of The Royal Purple. Soon after, a classmate told me of hedgehog shows, similar to horse shows, and suggested Piña and I give it a shot. Whoa. Whoa. Wait. Compete with dozens of adorable hedgies? Of course I was in!

Piña made “her” first appearance in the Midwest Rendezvous April 2008. We arrived with no fancy carrier; instead Piña made the journey to Milwaukee nestled up in my winter hat. At the Midwest Rendezvous we learned a few things. The first from Deb Weaver who discovered my little girl was truly a little boy! Certain accommodations had to be made of course; the pink blanket would no longer do. The second was that there were other people just like me, crazy about hedgies. By the end of the day little Piña had made a strong start to his career by claiming the title of Juvenile Male Grand Champion!

He made his true debut October 2008 during the Milwaukee Hedgehog Rendezvous. Surprisingly, the Milwaukee show was much larger than the one in April. This was the real deal: auctions, breeders, and panels. Oh my! It was a bit intimidating but Piña was able to compete with the best of them. He narrowly missed
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Grand Champion Saturday to Gromit but came back hard Sunday and managed to pull it off. Piña made his final appearance at the Midwest Hedgehog Rendezvous show May 2010. It was here he took Reserved Grand Champion – just enough to earn him what we both set out to do three years ago. Piña, the underhog, would go down in hedgie history books as a Permanent Grand Champion.

Anyone reading this understands the close bond we all share with these pokey pets. Piña was more than a hedgehog. He was a friend who accompanied me on my journey growing up. He was there for me when I graduated college. He was there for me when I started my career. And he was there for me when I moved away from my home, family, and friends. If there was one thing Piña was really good at it was gobbling down meal worms. If there were two things Piña was really good at it was munching meal worms and listening to my woes with those tattered little ears. I love you Piña. Thank you so much for the memories old friend, you will be greatly missed.

Introducing Mariah Namid Wrobel, Kirby Woodring and Eulalia Bennett.
Submitted by their auntie, Deb Weaver. Used with permission.
Midwest Hedgehog Rendezvous Show Results
Morning Results — May 5, 2012

Juvenile Males
Standard: no animals
Albino: no animals
Apricot: no animals
Snowflake: no animals
White: 1st – Jiggles (Stephanie Manthey)
Pinto: no animals

Juvenile Male Grand Champion Table
Grand Champion – Jiggles

Judge: Floyd Aprill  Secretary: Deb Weaver

Adult Males
Standard: 1st – QE2 (Elaine Becker)
2nd – Oliver (Deb Hack)
3rd – Spike Mon Herisson (Dianne Kavalar)
Albino: no animals
Apricot: no animals
Snowflake: no animals
White: no animals
Pinto: 1st – Gromit (Linda Woodring)

Adult Male Grand Champion Table
Grand Champion – Gromit
Reserve Grand Champion – QE2
Also on table: Hedwig

Albino: no animals
Apricot: no animals
Snowflake: no animals
IHA Permanent Grand Champion Cheyenne Aprill. Used with permission.

Senior Males
Standard: no animals
Albino: 1st - Kenny (Linda Woodring)
Apricot: 1st – Speedy (Elaine Becker)
Snowflake: no animals
White: no animals
Pinto: 1st – Quinn (Megan Frank)

Senior Male Grand Champion Table
Grand Champion – Kenny
Reserve Grand Champion – Speedy
(Also on table: Quinn)

Juvenile Females
Standard: no animals
Albino: no animals
Apricot: no animals
Snowflake: no animals
White: no animals
Pinto: no animals

Juvenile Females Grand Champion Table
no animals

Juvenile Females
Standard: 1st – Nyarai Naomi (Cyndy Bennett);
2nd – Kumari (Betty Carbol)
Albino: no animals
Apricot: no animals
Snowflake: 1st – Little Girl (Deb Hack);
2nd – Bela (Charity Tutt)
3rd – Francesca Joy (Cyndy Bennett)
White: no animals
Pinto: 1st – Cobaben (Kathy Guzikowski)
2nd – Briar Rose (Chris Radice)

Adult Females
Standard: 1st – Nyarai Naomi (Cyndy Bennett);
2nd – Kumari (Betty Carbol)
Albino: no animals
Apricot: no animals
Snowflake: 1st – Little Girl (Deb Hack);
2nd – Bela (Charity Tutt)
3rd – Francesca Joy (Cyndy Bennett)
White: no animals
Pinto: 1st – Cobaben (Kathy Guzikowski)
2nd – Briar Rose (Chris Radice)

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3rd – Millie (Deb Weaver)

**Adult Females Grand Champion Table**
Grand Champion – Little Girl
Reserve Grand Champion – Cocabeau
(Also on table: Nyarai Naomi)

**Senior Females**
Standard: 1<sup>st</sup> – Juniper (Lois Reetz)
2<sup>nd</sup> - Miss Pickles (Deb Hack)
Albino: 1<sup>st</sup> – Kelly Girl (Dianne Kavalar)
Apricot: no animals
Snowflake: no animals
White: no animals
Pinto: 1<sup>st</sup> – Samantha (Deb Weaver)

**Best of Show Table**
Best of Show – Little Girl
Reserve Best of Show – Gromit
(Also on table: Jiggles; Kenny; Juniper)

Midwest Hedgehog Rendezvous
Afternoon Results — May 5, 2012

Judge: Elaine Becker
Supervising Judge: Dawn Wrobel
Secretary: Deb Weaver

**Juvenile Males**
Standard: no animals
Albino:
1<sup>st</sup> – Erebus (Lora Silvernail)
2<sup>nd</sup> – Collins (Floyd Aprill)
Apricot: no animals
Snowflake: no animals
White:
1<sup>st</sup> – Jiggles (Stephanie Manthey)
Pinto: no animals

**Juvenile Male Grand Champion Table**
Grand Champion – Erebus
Reserve Grand Champion – Jiggles

**Adult Males**
Standard: 1<sup>st</sup> – Oliver (Deb Hack)
2<sup>nd</sup> – Spike Mon Herisson (Dianne Kavalar)
Albino: no animals
Apricot: 1<sup>st</sup> – Stetson (Floyd Aprill)
Snowflake: no animals
White: no animals
Pinto: 1<sup>st</sup> – Samson (Lois Reetz)
2<sup>nd</sup> – Peanut (Dianne Kavalar)

**Adult Male Grand Champion Table**
Grand Champion – Samson
Reserve Grand Champion – Oliver
Also on table: Stetson)

**Senior Males**
Standard: no animals
Albino: 1<sup>st</sup> - Kenny (Linda Woodring)
Apricot: no animals
Snowflake: no animals
White: no animals
Pinto:
1<sup>st</sup> – Champion (Floyd Aprill)
2<sup>nd</sup> – Quinn (Megan Frank)

**Senior Male Grand Champion Table**
Grand Champion – Kenny
Reserve Grand Champion – Champion

**Juvenile Females**
Standard: no animals
Albino: no animals
Apricot: no animals
Snowflake:
1<sup>st</sup> – Snowbell (Floyd Aprill)
White: no animals
Pinto:
1<sup>st</sup> – Cheyenne (Floyd Aprill)

**Juvenile Females Grand Champion Table**
Grand Champion – Cheyenne
Reserve Grand Champion – Snowbell

**Adult Females**
Standard: 1<sup>st</sup> – Nyarai Naomi (Cyndy Bennett)
2<sup>nd</sup> – Kumari (Betty Carbol)

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Albino: no animals
Apricot: 1st – Vail (Floyd Aprill)
Snowflake:
1st – Little Girl (Deb Hack)
2nd – Bela (Charity Tutt)
3rd – Francesca Joy (Cyndy Bennett)
White: no animals
Pinto:
1st – Cocaben (Kathy Guzikowski)
2nd – Millie (Deb Weaver)

Senior Females Grand Champion Table
Grand Champion – Miss Pickles (Deb Hack)
2nd Juniper (Lois Reetz)
Albino: no animals
Apricot: 1st – Peaches (Floyd Aprill)
Snowflake: no animals
White: 1st – Snow White (Floyd Aprill)
Pinto: 1st – Samantha (Deb Weaver)

Best of Show Table:
Best of Show – Little Girl
Reserve Best of Show – Erebus
(Also on table: Samson, Kenny, Cheyenne, Miss Pickles)
Grammie Arya’s Story

By Catherine Farrington

Grammie Arya: Gather around the fire of the camps kids and I will tell you a story from long, long ago!

In the land of our forefathers, there lived an ancient and wise hedgehog name Aryaea. She was my great great-great-great grandmother and she sometimes had dreams that foretold the future! In that land, during the time of Aryaea, our people were downtrodden and oppressed. They were eaten by the hoo mans and many other animals. It was so dangerous that the hedgehog mothers developed a habit of eating their babies if they were in danger. This way, the mothers could save their little ones from being tortured and slaughtered by something horrible and unthinkable. It was a scary time for our people. Most of us never lived to be more than 12 months old in hoo man time. It was a miracle that Aryaea lived to be more than four hoo man years old while in the old land!

One night, she had a dream about a place far, far away. She saw our people being caught in little snares and put on boats. At first Aryaea thought this was a bad omen. But once she understood everything that was happening, she became excited! She told her family about the dream the next evening. She said:

_i have had a premonition about the future of our species and it looks good. We will be captured and taken by boats to a land far, far away. The hoo mans who are there will give to us safe little houses to live in and good food that is healthy. They will raise bugs just for us to eat and take us to the medicine man when we are sick. They will treat us like kings and queens and we will never have to worry about predators or bug famines again! We can live out our days in peace and happiness!_

Not all of Aryaea’s family believed in her ability to see the future. Many of them gave up hope and died before they could be captured by the hoo mans. Aryaea managed to be among the second group to be transported to the States of United along with her whole family. She lived to be 5 and a half human years old! My great grandmother told me this story and she said to make sure all the little ones I met knew how lucky they were to be a part of the new world hedgehog initiative. And that is how we can be here today to have this party and celebrate our hedgie lives together!
As you read this we’re already halfway through summer. Ah, those lazy, crazy days of summer (as the song goes). Do you find a way to enjoy every day? Do you have a positive attitude?

I used to have a co-worker who hated her life and spent all year “looking forward” to her two week vacation at the lake. She came back one year all grumpy because it had rained almost every day for the entire two weeks. I had a hard time imagining what it was like to be happy only 14 days each year. Seemed to me like a hard way to live one’s life.

I’ve worked for decades with teen girls here in Milwaukee. I found that a lot of the girls also “lived for that special moment” and were pretty much miserable the rest of the time. With the girls, the special moment seemed to usually involve boys, school dances, that party they might get invited to, etc.

My co-worker and those teen girls had one thing in common (well, two if you count me!), they were not taking responsibility for making themselves happy. Life is way too short (and difficult) not to find a way to enjoy it daily. Having a positive attitude can only be obtained and maintained through a conscious effort on our part. Day-to-day there are hundreds of influences that can conspire to change our positive attitude, these can be categorized into three groups: (1) environmental shock waves (financial matters, family issues, health concerns, job security, personal relationships); (2) self-image issues; (3) negative drift (this is when nothing tangible happens, but you find yourself “down” anyway. Negative drift happens because we are bombarded with so many negative stimuli daily, and we may not even be aware that it is happening to us.)

Since living alone in a cave isn’t an option for most of us, I’d like to share a couple of techniques you might try to turn your attitude around:

**Simplify.** Are you surrounded with problem-producing possessions, people or commitments? There are five areas to look at here: unused/unappreciated possessions; too many involvements; life balance; putting off the “little” things (then they become “big” things); holding on to worn-out relationships.

**The flipside.** The pivotal factor between being positive and negative is often a sense of humor, find a way to smile (even internally) and the problem won’t seem so bad. And remember, there are always options -- the choice is always ours (we may not be 100% crazy about the options, but we have the power to choose). The flipside technique is this, when a negative enters your life, immediately “flip” the problem (like you would a CD) and find the upside/positive/benefit.

**Play your winners.** What’s a winner? It’s anything that you are good at and/or enjoy doing. Take time to make a list of your favorite things (my list would include listening to birds sing, talking on the phone to friends, reading, hugging my hedgehogs, listening to music). When you have had “one of those days” reach for your winner list and indulge yourself.

The trick, I think, is to find a way to enjoy your life daily. Hope that each of you has a fabulous rest of your summer. Find a way to enjoy each day. You are worth it!!
Published in 1964, this gentle book features six stories about the inhabitants of a small forest including the title character, Pleasant Fieldmouse, and his neighbors Miss Possum, Graybeard Tortoise, Terrible Owl, Tired Fox, Haunted Beaver and Mrs. Worry-Wind Hedgehog. It sounds like a neurotic little group, particularly the anxious Mrs. Hedgehog!

This book was Jan Wahl’s first book for children and he believed it had its roots in the woods and fields of the Ohio farm country where he spent his childhood. Mr. Wahl graduated from Cornell University and the University of Michigan. He also studied at the University of Copenhagen on a Fulbright Scholarship. It is likely that he first encountered hedgehogs during his stay in Denmark.

The illustrations are by the late Maurice Sendak, who won the Randolph Caldecott Medal for American picture book illustration in 1964. Although this was the same year that Pleasant Fieldmouse was published, Sendak won the award for his book Where the Wild Things Are.

Pleasant Fieldmouse has been described as a combination chapter and picture book suitable for children in the 5 to 9 age range. It has been compared to Winnie the Pooh and Frog and Toad for its sensibility and its leisurely style. In the first story, I am a Fireman, Pleasant Fieldmouse posts a sign outside the oak tree trunk where he lives. The sign says, “I AM A FIREMAN,” then he dons a red fire hat which is really the cap from a bottle of Tipsy Cola, arms himself with a mouse-sized fly-swatter (for smashing fires) and proceeds to offer his assistance to any neighbor who needs him. Soon he spots what he assumes is a cloud of smoke. Brandishing his fly-swatter, he pulls himself up to his full height and shouts:

SMOKE I AM NOT AFRAID OF YOU!

The cloud is actually composed of a large crowd of grasshoppers. But when they hear Pleasant yelling about smoke, they turn themselves around and fly away from the forest, leaving Pleasant confused but very, very

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relieved. The other animals are so impressed with Pleasant’s fire-fighting abilities they turn to him whenever they need help of any kind. This forms the basis of the next five stories in the book.

Mrs. Worry-Wind Hedgehog makes an appearance in most of the stories but her biggest role is in a story with the unfortunate title of Hedgehog Pie! In this story, Tired Fox (whose feet generally hurt from long, difficult chases and from falling into the holes where his escaping prey like to hide) comes across a recipe for Hedgehog Pie. Actually the recipe is for Chipmunk Pie but Fox is willing to make substitutions. He conspires with Terrible Owl to capture Mrs. Worry-Wind Hedgehog and put her in a pie!

Worry-Wind, the world’s best worrier, is so constantly afraid of getting caught she always dances out of her house like a spinning top—watching in all directions. To foil her, Tired Fox publicly announces that he is going on a trip, he climbs into a canoe and the whole community gleefully waves as he rows off singing. Of course, Mrs. Hedgehog continues to worry. As her grandmother used to say, “The only good fox is a fox in a box!”

Unfortunately, during the night, just as Tired Fox is returning the canoe, Mrs. Hedgehog wanders out of her home while sleepwalking. She is quickly snapped up by Terrible Owl who carries her to the den of Tired Fox! She is tied up in Fox’s den when Pleasant Fieldmouse slips in, chews through the ropes that bind her, and sneaks her out the back door. Fox and Owl spend the night arguing over who is to blame for her escape. Eventually they make up and paddle away in the canoe for a real vacation.

The next morning, Mrs Hedgehog celebrates by baking pies for everyone. She prepares all the forest favorites: Dandelion, plum, milkweed, apricot, chestnut, and thistle. And that is the only kind of hedgehog pie that is ever served in this forest!


http://www.freepik.com/
Hedgehog Trivia

Emerson Frost Churchill, Great Green Apple’s Resident Hedgehog

By Margaret Myhre

Great Green Apple is an online shop for house and garden items, most of which are created by American craftsmen and home-based artists in Mexico. Founder Susan Holsapple offers one-of-a-kind folk art, some really comfortable cotton clothing, unique planters, glass ornaments, and jewelry, as well as fat wood and pinecones for the fireplace. Originally based in Texas, the business was recently moved to Sandy, Oregon.

One feature which sets this shop apart from other online shops is its resident hedgehog, Emerson Frost Churchill (or, as it says on his mailbox, E.M. Churchill). As Susan Holsapple explains, at Churchill’s Corner on the Great Green Apple website...

you will find stories about Churchill and by Churchill. You will find adventures, musings, ruminations, and an occasional guided tour through a favorite garden or two. You might even find a tip on planting something special or some architectural information about the Boxwood hedge that is Churchill’s home. There is no real plan here, no path, only starlight and powder blue dust.¹

Churchill lives under a boxwood hedge near a stream. He has a respectable home with a great hall, a music room and wine cellar as well as room for three guests. The door to his mansion is cleverly designed to look like an oak leaf and the rest of Churchill’s house is entirely concealed under the boxwood. The most unique feature of the house is the tower which begins in the middle of the first floor pantry and rises ten feet to the top of the boxwood. Designed by Henderson (a large red squirrel) and built by a crew of field mice, the tower has a circular staircase and observation platforms.

You can read about Churchill and his companions Dickey the Fieldmouse, Edgar the Raven, Bogwyn the Beaver, Leon the Badger and Anushka the sitar-playing Mongoose by going to the Great Green Apple website and clicking on Churchill’s Corner. The URL for Great Green Apple is

http://www.greatgreenapple.com/

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The Elegance of the Hedgehog
Chapel in Wonderland, Part 3

Oh my God, it’s Lady Gaga! Play it cool, Chapel! Coo-seel!

I guess. I mean, if YOU want to.

Here’s your mallet.

A flamingo?

Um, Queen Gaga, are you sure this is...

Yes! And here’s the ball!

Ow!

BONK!

Whoopsie!

It can’t be...

RUPERT!

Hold on. She was going to use YOU as a ball?
The Elegance of the Hedgehog
Chapel in Wonderland, Part 4

Queen, this is animal cruelty. I'm leaving, and as soon as I get home, I'm siccing the Humane Society on you.

That's right. Let's go, Rupert.

Wait! You can't leave! OFF WITH HER HEAD!

Say, Rupert...

What?!

Why is a raven like a writing desk? Coo, Coo, Coo!

Coo, Coo, Coo,

Coo, Coo, Coo,

Coo, Coo, Coo,

Coo, Coo, Coo!

Huh... good answer.

The End

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