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Clinical approach to hedgehogs

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Abstract

At spring and summer time, while it's getting dark, the wild hedgehogs come out of their nests. They eat a wide range of insects. Clever hedgehogs may visit free cat food areas. They come back home in the early hours of the morning. If any hedgehog is seen at day time, walking slowly or lying at the garden, it may be assumed that this one is ill and should be brought to the veterinarian immediately. For a long time, African Pygmy Hedgehogs have become exotic pets at Turkey. In recent years, hoglets, sick and old hedgehogs in the streets, gardens and forests along the roadside have been brought to the clinics as well as domestic animals. This forces our colleagues to know more about hedgehogs. At our presentation, we are going to focus on most seen species at clinics, 2 wild species Eastern European Hedgehog (*Erinaceus concolor*), Long Eared Hedgehog (*Hemiechinus auritus*) and African Pygmy Hedgehog (*Atelerix albiventris*) and colleagues will be informed shortly about their examinations, treatments, how to feed, care and release .

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