



Fostering Orphaned Juvenile Mammals Requirements

Full training and support is given to all Tiggywinkles' foster carers, but the following criteria are necessary to foster orphaned mammals:

- 1. Volunteers** – Applicants need to be 18 years or over.
- 2. Time** – You will need to be available most of the time. Juvenile hedgehogs, for example, need feeding every 3-4 hours.
- 3. Transport** – You will need to be able to collect the juvenile mammals and equipment. The animals need to be brought to the Hospital regularly for checks, and of course, in an emergency if an animal in your care starts to deteriorate they must be brought in immediately.
- 4. Household Pets** – Pets are no problem, but you must have facilities to keep the wild animals away from domestic pets.
- 5. Children** – Children must not be allowed to handle the wild animals (no matter how innocent it may seem). We cannot emphasise enough that wild animals must *remain* wild.