

# Pledge 7

## Give mammals a home

With the loss of habitat, holes and hideaways where mammals can shelter and raise a family are harder and harder to find.

### Helping Hedgehogs

Give our small, round and brown spiky friends a home, they are struggling to find suitable places to nest and hibernate. How you can help:

- Choose a quiet undisturbed corner of your garden or outside space.
- Pile up some logs and leaves, or use a purpose-built hedgehog house.

To further help hedgehogs, you can make a hedgehog hole. See Pledge 8.

### Rescuing Bats

Bats too are having a tough time finding food to eat, and many of their natural roosting places are being damaged and destroyed. Bat boxes are thankfully fairly easy to buy. Once purchased simply follow these steps:

- Choose your location, you could put it under the eaves of your house, or if you have a large outside space, on the trunk of a mature tree.
- It should be placed at least 3m from the ground, ideally in a position sheltered from strong winds and exposed to sun for part of the day.
- Make sure there is a clear flight line, for the little guys to fly in and out.

Remember all bats are protected by law, so once your bat home is occupied, you cannot disturb them.



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