

New Frontiers in Hedgehog Health and Behavior

Saturday October 2nd – Sunday October 3rd 2010

Roadway Inn & Suites
4400 South 27th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Sponsored by the Hedgehog Welfare Society

*This program is approved by the University of Wisconsin – Madison,
School of Veterinary Medicine for six Continuing Veterinary Medical Education Hours*

Targeted Audience: Hedgehog Care Givers and Health Care Providers.

Background Information: “New Frontiers in Hedgehog Health and Behavior” is the educational component of the Milwaukee Hedgehog Rendezvous. The Milwaukee Hedgehog Rendezvous is the largest Hedgehog Show in North America. Health care providers and veterinary students that attend this program will have an opportunity to interact with veterinarians that have extensive hands on experience providing veterinary care to hedgehogs, as well as meet members of the larger hedgehog community including hedgehog caregivers, rescuers, breeders and representatives of the major nonprofit organizations devoted to hedgehog health, rescue and education.

Educational Content: In addition to basic presentations on identification and treatment of common hedgehog health problems this year’s program will feature cutting edge presentations on the use of Ultrasound Screening to detect uterine cancer in asymptomatic hedgehogs, and a newly developed treatment protocol to extend the quality of life for hedgehogs afflicted with Wobbly Hedgehog Syndrome.

A major focus of this year’s program is the veterinary and behavioral problems presented by rescue hedgehogs. Earlier this year the Hedgehog Welfare Society partnered with the Texas SPCA to implement the largest hedgehog rescue in U.S. history. Twenty seven thousand (27,000) exotic animals including over 700 hedgehogs were rescued from horrendous conditions at U.S. Global Exotics in Arlington Texas. Dr. Susan Brown, D.V.M. our keynote speaker was the lead Vet for all of the Exotic Mammals in that rescue. Since the rescue we have found that many of the hedgehogs rescued from U.S. Global exotics have been exhibiting behavior problems remarkably similar to humans diagnosed with PTSD. Commonly observed behaviors have included refusing to eat, extreme weight loss, agitated pacing, hyperactivity, aggression, and in some cases night terrors. Our Sunday panel explores Traditional and Holistic Veterinary Treatment of behavior problems in rescue hedgehogs as well as ancillary treatments such as Massage Therapy, Reiki, and Healing Touch for Animals.

For Detailed Speaker Information, Complete Program Schedule, & CE Registration Form visit the Hedgehog Rendezvous web site at <http://hedgehogrendezvous.com> and click on the “New Frontiers” information link.

Please pre-register for this program by submitting a CE Registration Form via Email or fax.

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