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Hello everyone and welcome to this special monthly report where I have decided to put two monthly reports into one. As the hospital is sooo busy at the moment I'm struggling to get these monthly reports done so I do apologise now for not having them on the website sooner.

So as I was saying the hospital is extremely busy at the moment, we have still got baby pigeons that are coming in that require hand feeding, but not just pigeons we have been inundated with hedgehogs. Some of them I admit do need to come into the hospital because they are either out during the day or are under 300grams so we do take them in, but anything over 550 grams that is out at night is still ok and if you are concerned you can put some food out for them, such as, cat food (non fish based) and a shallow dish of water. This will be enough for the hedgehogs and will keep them well fed over the winter. When the ground does decide to freeze over this is more than likely when the hedgehogs will stay asleep and they won't come out for the food.

Also in the past few months we have had 2 ducklings brought into the hospital and I know what your thinking isn't it a bit late for them to be coming into us and that's exactly what we thought. The ducklings are now looking absolutely fantastic and will probably stay with us over the winter, until they have started to lose their baby feathers and will be able to waterproof themselves properly.

Re-homing

Also at this moment in time we do have some aviary birds that do need re-homing. These birds do need to go into an aviary due to the fact they are in an aviary at the moment. When the birds are re-homed we also do an RSPCA Home check to make sure that the birds are going to a suitable home and the person who is re-homing them does know what the animal will require.

Talks

I would like to say a big thank you to all the groups that we have gone to do the talks to just recently, your generous donations will help tremendously at the hospital. Also whilst I am talking about the talks I want to mention that if you are a school that wants a talk doing, please bare in mind that because you will mostly require the talks to be done during the day please give us plenty of notice as the owner works during

the day in the week and if she can't attend the talk she will have to arrange for some one else to do the talk, sometimes this can take up to 2 weeks to arrange this.

That is mostly it for this months report because at the moment like I said it is just hedgehogs, hedgehogs and more hedgehogs!!!!

Write to you all soon

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