

Hedgehog Breeders Alliance

Hedgehog Breeder Mentor Program

Application

Rules for Mentorship Program:

1. Breeder-mentors must comply with all USDA and local regulations for licensure. You must be a current HBA breeder.

All mentors must be licensed for AT LEAST one year.

2. You must be in compliance with all HBA rules (including **registration of hedgehogs with the IHR**, and ethical breeding practices) (See bylaws).
3. Once matched with a new breeder, your commitment of time to that breeder is one year. Commitment includes:
 - a. Site visits (if location is close)
 - b. Telephone calls
 - c. Follow-up with breeder's vet
 - d. E-Mails
 - e. You must reply to ALL requests for help and information in a reasonable amount of time (e.g. a week is too long)
5. You must be over 21 years of age, with board approved exceptions.

Please fill out questionnaire to the best of your knowledge. Feel free to add any pertinent information to the back of this form.

General Information

First Name: _____

Business Name: _____

USDA License Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Web Site Address: _____

Hedgehog Experience:

How many years have you been a USDA licensed breeder? _____

How many hedgehogs do you currently own? _____

Did you ever own more? Yes No How many? _____

How many are hedgehogs used in your breeding program? _____

Do you take in rescues? _____

A. How many are in permanent residence? _____

B. How many have been re-homed? _____

C. Do you use rescues in your breeding program? _____

Please provide a general description of your breeding practice (including why you breed hedgehogs, how you choose your herd animals, and your overall philosophy regarding breeding.

Do you have experience with sick or geriatric hedgehogs? If yes please explain

Do you have experience with problematic pregnancies, c-sections, hand rearing of hoglets, fostering of hoglets, etc....? If yes please explain

Do you keep your retired breeders or re-home them?

What do you do in case of medical emergencies in your breeding herd?

Did you have a breeding mentor when you started? Describe that relationship.

Have you ever mentored a breeder before? If so, describe your mentorship with that breeder, including how you found each other, what information you provided the breeder, and your current status with that breeder.

Are there any other skills you have that you think would be important in considering your application?

Please provide two references and their contact information (Please utilize references that are familiar with your breeding set-up and practices):

1.

2.

Please include a letter (or e-mail) of reference from your regular veterinarian.

Please note:

Applying to be a mentor does not automatically ensure your listing in our database. Mentor applications will be approved first by the Mentoring Committee and then submitted to the HBA Board for final approval. We reserve the right to deny any application at any time with or without official explanation and/or notice.