

## \* Hedgehog Owners Checklist for Cage Requirements \*

All of the following items are absolutely necessary for keeping a happy, healthy hedgehog.

- **Cage** should **NOT** be any smaller than a 30" x 18" plastic bottom, or a minimum of 4 square feet. If you are using the Sterilite Containers, it must be 105 quart or larger. **NO BOTTOM WIRE, NO GLASS AQUARIUMS (they hold in moisture & can cause URI) & NO HIGH LEVELED OR 2 STORY CAGES (Hedgehogs have short legs & cannot climb steep ramps or jump).**
- **Wheel:** 12" wheel with solid running surface. **NO WIRE!**
- **Hide out:** Size Large, tree trunk or igloo. Large enough for the hedgehog to comfortably move around in.
- **Bowls:** Two (2) Ceramic Bowls preferably shallow and heavy. Size: 4" diameter x 2" high - 1.5" depth. (You will be using one for water during the transition period).
- **Water Bottle:** 8 ounce or larger (make sure to get the one that has a long valve).
- **Bedding** may be any of the following: Fleece, Paper Pellets, Care Fresh, Pine pellets, Aspen or Kiln-Dried Pine. **NO CEDAR! Cedar is Toxic!**

## \* Heating Element consists of 4 components - MUST have all 4 items \*

- 8.5" Fluckers Clamp Lamp with **On/Off Switch:** 150 Watt
- Ceramic Heat **EMITTER BULB 100 -150 Watt** (this bulb will **only** project heat and **NO light**)
- **Regulator:** Zilla Terrarium Heat & Habitat Lighting Controller for Reptiles **OR** Zoo Med Repti-Temp Rheostat Manual Heat Controller **OR** any other brand of Heating Thermostat Temperature Controller. **NOT A TIMER!** Please read the labels carefully. :)
- Digital Thermometer with wire lead for cage temperature.

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