Subject: Sweet peas
Posted by jmeadows on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 21:57:32 GMT
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Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by jmeadows on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 22:06:44 GMT
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I agree you should have a hedgehog. Then we could have hedgehog updates, too.

They're so cute.

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by southdowner on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 22:30:23 GMT
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Dancing Queen and Heathcliff
Now I have a picture in my head of Abba dancing at the window with the wild moors behind them - and I'd just got used to Kate Bush :)

...and erm, Robin - is that link right about the size of a smokebush? 5 metres by 5 metres? How big is the cottage garden?

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by scosborne on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 22:31:18 GMT
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I read the blog Shirl's Gardenwatch, and she has the best hedgehog updates. I love her bird watching posts, nest box footage, and video of nighttime hedgehog visits (and tips on how to attract them). I wish North America had hedgehogs. So yes, I second the hedgehog wishes! If only. :)

Subject: Re: Sweet peas

Posted by Robin on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 22:37:53 GMT
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Ooooh! Bloggable hedgehog! That hadn't even OCCURRED to me! Okay, contacting the Hedgehog Preservation Society now . . . I know I've blogged that I keep thinking about trying to adopt one of their rescuees that won't make it in the wild again, but I keep thinking they'll laugh themselves silly and say 'no'. But what have I got to lose but my pride? :)

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Robin on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 22:39:56 GMT
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Yes, Dancing Queen (who is white, like Cathy) and Heathcliff had the same effect on me.

Five METERS? Geez. Five or six feet maybe. We had one at the old house and it was big, but not . . . But this one is a little patio standard in a pot. It won't get bigger than like what you can put your arms around . . . I have long arms, but they're not THAT long. :)

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by jmeadows on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 22:44:48 GMT
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Pride is overrated, anyway. Along with dignity and stuff.

Just think of all the hedgehog photos you could share. And the hellhounds sniffing them. (Carefully, under supervision, of course!) And hedgies with sluggies hanging from their little mouffies-- Eep. Excuse me while I put my cute animal squee back where it belongs. (I'm eyeing fresh ferret pictures at the moment, too, and they're not helping. TUMMIES!)

I think you should call! Tell them it's for the blog. ;)

Subject: Re: Sweet peas

Posted by blondviolinist on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 23:14:19 GMT
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Yes, yes, yes! *bounces up and down and hopes desperately that the Hedgehog Preservation Society realizes what a wonderful, not-quite-as-slug-filled-as-before home Robin's garden would be for a poor homeless hedgehog*

starts thinking of long lists of hedgehog names, realizes has no right to name Robin's hypothetical hedgehog, shakes self and goes back to studying

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Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by abigailmm on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 23:26:20 GMT
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Just what I need, another blog to follow! But thanks for the Shirl's Gardenwatch link; it looks interesting.

How ODD to plan for sweet pea flowers after the roses. I tried sweet peas a few times, since my mother remarked wistfully about the scent. Not notably successful here. They absolutely don't like temperatures in the 80s and above, which, despite the frost this morning, will be more common than not from here on out. So if you don't get them started at New Year's, and transplanted out, protected from the horriblest weather, so that they are full-grown and blooming by now, they just wither down to little helpless strawy brown wisps.

Animal, vegetable, mineral?

Abigail

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Wolf on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 23:26:49 GMT
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Hmm, sweet peas and clematis. That's an interesting combination. I think I might have to try that this year.}:P

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by b_twin_1 on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 23:37:18 GMT

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abigailmm wrote on Tue, 07 April 2009 19:26

Animal, vegetable, mineral?

Abigail

Eeep! Tooo cute. :)

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by scosborne on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 00:14:04 GMT
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Yes, be careful with that link! The gardening blog world is seriously addicting. I dursn't tell you just how many awesome Texas garden blogs there are out there. :)

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by skating librarian on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 00:33:59 GMT
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Wouldn't it be lovely if some one could develop a sweet pea/garden pea cross so that we could have beautiful color, intoxicating scent, and organic veggies all from one plant?

The grey and threatening to drizzle weather is good for something ... I'm rearranging small stone walls to provide my older friends with access ramps from my parking area through the upper garden to the house. It will take them past the garden pond. I'm planning a few nicely spaced flat places for chairs or benches.

I have also found several uses for the beaten up oak flooring I ripped out last fall ... after I remove a few thousand flooring nails. Life is good.

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by ravenclawgirl on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 01:27:01 GMT
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By coincidence, a friend of mine just showed me this picture today:
http://www.hamorhollow.com/gallery/20040407-Hedgie-Pascal/20

040407_003_Hedgie_Pascal_DWC768

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Wolf on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 01:37:03 GMT
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skating librarian wrote on Tue, 07 April 2009 20:33Wouldn't it be lovely if some one could develop a sweet pea/garden pea cross so that we could have beautiful color, intoxicating scent, and organic veggies all from one plant?

THAT would be utterly awesome. Get going, you! }:P

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Posted by b_twin_1 on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 01:47:09 GMT
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ravenclawgirl wrote on Tue, 07 April 2009 21:27By coincidence, a friend of mine just showed me this picture today:
http://www.hamorhollow.com/gallery/20040407-Hedgie-Pascal/20
040407_003_Hedgie_Pascal_DWC768
Surely that is too cute to be legal??!

I'll just have to find some pics of baby echidnas (called Puggles)

ETA: http://www.fourthcrossingwildlife.com/echidna_puggle.htm

Puggle Blog! http://www.peewee-mafia.com/web_pages/spook_the_puggle.html

http://www.frw.org.au/ech.html

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by kfoster2047 on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 02:10:42 GMT

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So cute - and so tiny! But aren't they, well, prickly?

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Maureen E on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 20:46:39 GMT
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I am overloading on the hedgehog cute.

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Black Bear on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 21:43:25 GMT
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kfoster2047 wrote on Tue, 07 April 2009 22:10So cute - and so tiny! But aren't they, well, prickly?

My experience is that they feel kind of like one of those nylon hairbrushes, with the thick bristles. Prickly if you grabbed at it, but not sharp per se.

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Robin on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 23:13:38 GMT
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Yes, I will DEFINITELY tell them that I need a hedgehog for my BLOG. I'm not so sure of the hoglet pics of hog festooned in half eaten slugs either. I'll have to feed it Neem like the hellhounds get to repel fleas. . . . [imagines powdering slugs with Neem . . .]

But I could have a cute little HEDGEHOG HOUSE too!

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Robin on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 23:14:27 GMT
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The regular posters to this forum are all NUTS. That includes me, of course. :)

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Robin on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 23:16:30 GMT
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I'll start working on my cactus collection.

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by jmeadows on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 23:20:23 GMT
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You could paint it pink. The Hedgehog House, that is. And have a little welcome mat. Pink also, of course.

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Robin on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 23:23:11 GMT
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[what the--?!?! I just tried to 'submit reply' and got 404 not found!]

I SAID, so, four months or six months? Proofreader please!

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Robin on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 23:26:27 GMT
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Yes, but not unhandle-ably so if you're careful. I've only handled them in gardening gloves (usually moving them OUT of the compost heap before they get stabbed/the bonfire pile before they get set alight and once no, no, that's a ROAD you'll like this nice HEDGEROW much better) and while I wouldn't want to rub one backwards I haven't had a problem. Perhaps they vary and I've been lucky.

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Robin on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 23:30:15 GMT
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Well . . . I wouldn't want to pick one up bare handed (although that's ALSO on account of the fleas). But they smooth down pretty easily. Or maybe Hampshire hedgehogs are just half tame by definition, and think, oh, here's more gardening gloves, and relax the pin cushion muscles.

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by Robin on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 23:31:51 GMT
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Only if it's a GIRL hedgehog. When the Preservation Society says, yes! That's a GREAT idea!, I'll ask for a girl. :)

Subject: Re: Sweet peas
Posted by GraceNotes on Thu, 09 Apr 2009 00:02:26 GMT
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Robin wrote on Wed, 08 April 2009 19:14The regular posters to this forum are all NUTS. That includes me, of course. :)
Why else do you think we all like each other so much?! That is what makes this blog such a delight.