

## Spiritual Friends By NoKi Moon



For February I have chosen a special animal to tell you about. February is the month for the Hedgehog. This small Eurasia inhabitant is similar to a porcupine but can be handled gently when tamed. They are small, and when scared or threatened, will roll up into a ball, protecting its soft underbelly. They are nocturnal and insectivores.

The hedgehog can teach us to protect ourselves, especially our inner-self. You may also need to keep from being overly protective to the point to shun others from your life.

This creature is also a symbol of the Wisdom of the Female Elder. Having a hedgehog totem gives you insight and you can generally understand what the weather is doing because she is close with Mother Earth.

Natives saw the hedgehog as a symbol of victory over evil. This is because it has some natural immunity to snake venom.

To Dream of a hedgehog means, that you are being overly sensitive and taking everything to personal. Be more like the hedgehog and look at things with a cool head, stay calm, and just roll with it. It could also mean that you are losing your soul.

Most of you know about Groundhog Day celebrated here in the States. What you may not know is that Groundhog Day is actually a variation of similar hedgehog myths. In Europe, thousands of years ago, the Romans would look to the hedgehog for winter prediction. If he came out on Feb 2nd (at Imbolc) and saw his shadow at night, then the moon was clear and winter would prevail until Ostara (6 more weeks of winter).