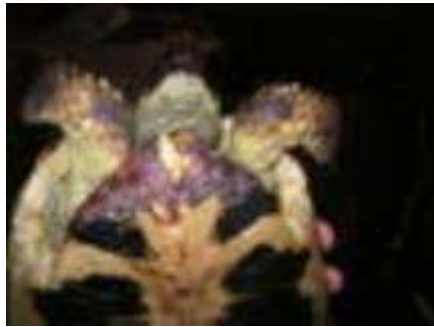


Betty's Story

Back in July 2008 I applied to the TPG and sent in my application to be considered for possible rehoming.

At the beginning of September I spotted an advert on the TPG forum to rehome a female Hermann's (Betty) that was currently undergoing

veterinary care that was attacked by a resulting in badly infected it. Realising the her over to the



Betty for her grandson who no longer showed any interest, and the cost wasn't something she was willing accept.

treatment. I felt I Betty a home and the needed, as she had been dog or possibly a fox, wounds that were so was close to septicaemia. cost, the owner handed vets, as she had brought

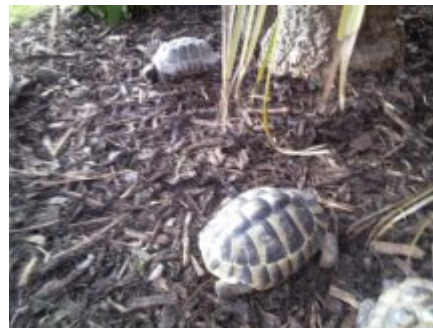
The advert did ask for someone near to the practice at Sidcup in Kent, but as I am situated close to Bristol I was unsure if I would be suitable. When speaking to Darren, I told him about my local practice and a really excellent reptile vet I use for my own Hermann's and that I was happy to continue her treatment and cover all expenses.

Darren spoke to me and chatted about my set-up, and my other tortoises (all Hermann's), and I also spoke to Rebecca the veterinary nurse who had taken over her care, and we discussed the care and treatment she would need. Betty would need to be bathed once daily, and have flomizole cream applied to her wounds, and then every three days she was to be injected with fortum (antibiotic). I said I was happy to continue and I was pleased when the TPG said my application had been accepted and I could rehome Betty.

In the middle of September me and my family travelled the three hours to Sidcup, leaving early on a Saturday morning, to meet Rebecca at the surgery where she worked to collect Betty. We arrived and were offered refreshments and then Betty was brought out and we all fell in love with her. She was a very good looking tortoise. Rebecca showed me her wounds and gave me a pot of cream to continue applying onto them. Rebecca gave me all the notes that had been written on her since being admitted. Initially, her owner thought she was male.

We travelled back with her, all very excited about our passenger. When we arrived home we placed her in her tortoise table with some freshly picked food. She duly ate the lot. Betty settled in very well and I took her to the vets on the Monday morning, where Richard examined her and I continued her treatment until Richard signed her off.

I overwintered her as recommended due to her wounds, and in March I introduced her into the garden to meet my own Hermann's, as she had been quarantined for six months and had also been thoroughly checked and wormed.



When she first went out into the garden she had a really good explore. Initially she tried to bite the other females' legs but has since settled in very well and is one of the group -- a lovely looking tortoise and a lovely character, and I am looking forward to watching her enjoy the garden with the sunshine we are having at the moment and the plentiful supply of weeds.

Cherie
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