

Are hedgehogs legal where you live?

Europe

Country	Status
Belgium	Illegal
France	Illegal / Requires special license
Netherlands	Illegal
Spain	Illegal
Austria	Legal
Denmark	Legal
Finland	Legal
Germany	Legal
Italy	Legal
Poland	Legal
Sweden	Legal
United Kingdom	Legal
Ireland	Legal
Hungary	Legal

Other countries could not be verified. Check your local laws and regulations websites from the local government.

USA

State	Status
Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas	Legal
Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware	Legal
Florida, Idaho, Illinois*, Indiana, Iowa	Legal
Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine	Legal
Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan	Legal
Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana	Legal
Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire	Legal
New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota	Legal
Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island	Legal
South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee	Legal
Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia	Legal
West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming	Legal
California	Illegal
Georgia	Illegal
Hawaii	Illegal
Pennsylvania	Illegal
New York City	Legal in New York State, Illegal in the five boroughs of New York City.
Washington D.C.	Legal in Washington state, Illegal in Washington D.C.

** Illinois requires a permit and compliance with IDNR regulations.*

Canada

Province	Status
British Columbia	Legal, but documentation needed
Alberta	Legal, sometimes with licence
Manitoba	Legal
Quebec	Legal
Nova Scotia	Legal
Ontario	Legal, but check with municipality
Prince Edward Island	Legal with licence
Saskatchewan	Legal
Yukon	Legal
New Brunswick	Legal
Newfoundland	Legal
Labrador	Legal

Asia

Country	Status
Japan	Legal
Singapore	Illegal
Hong Kong	Illegal
India	Illegal

Africa

Country	Status
South Africa: <i>Mpumalanga, Gauteng, Limpopo, North West</i>	Legal
South Africa: <i>KwaZulu Natal, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape</i>	Legal, with permit
South Africa: <i>Western Cape, Free State</i>	Illegal
Other countries	Unknown due to lack of regulation

Tips to Double-Check Legality in Your Area

1. Visit your state's agriculture or wildlife authority website (e.g., Fish & Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources).
2. Contact an exotic pet veterinarian local to you—they often know the exact status.
3. Where available, read local ordinances or city council codes—some cities have additional restrictions.
4. Refer to reputable resources like Whole Reliable websites (e.g. WorldPopulationReview, HedgehogCorner, USARK) for up-to-date state summaries.