

## ART in the LOCKDOWN 2 - Pets

We don't have any domestic pets to worry about in Lockdown, but there are plenty of regular characters which visit the garden including a pair of crows called Salt and Pepper, a lone wood pigeon, George, who calls in his family when food is put out, the lame fox, and a pair of magpies are all recognisable. The smaller birds just move too fast to individually identify.

We are pleased the hedgehog, who lives we think under a shed next door, has woken from hibernation. We look out for him on CCTV at night when he comes for food and to check that rats are not stealing it.

We were fortunate to see him one late afternoon last year. Perhaps I should consider a drawing of him. (photo),

Our son and daughter however do have responsibilities to their family pets whose space has been invaded during lockdown

Their pets have provided subjects for my art over the past few years.

There are Neil's family cats, Autumn, Ralph and China who has since sadly died of old age. (3 cats pic)

Sarah has something of a zoo to manage alongside her two teenage boys.

There is Warrior a bearded dragon which feeds on locusts (pic)\_

Cinder a corn snake which lives on a diet of mice which it swallows whole (Pic)

A cat named Myrtle (pic) who allocates some time to checking out the tropical fish tanks on the sideboard and playing with the field mice she brings home.

But the most demanding is Murdock – but then we are ordered to exercise in lockdown. (pic)

At Easter the local community organise an Easter egg hunt for the youngsters and most houses take part. This year they had a hunt for a picture of eggs seen outside of homes

Sarah produced the Easter Bunny collage for her window. (pic)

Collage is yet another Art activity not needing specialist art equipment, just coloured paper and glue mixed with imagination,

So why not work something up during lockdown

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Hedgehog 3cats dragon snake dog collage