

## WHY NOT WRITE A STORY 5

### HOSPITAL HELPERS



One day, two friends got a lovely surprise. They'd entered a competition to win a day out, helping at the Secret World Wildlife Hospital.



The letter that dropped on the doormat said that they'd won! They made their preparations and, on the special day, they travelled to the hospital. What a day they had!

"Would you like to help out with the badgers?" Pauline asked, when they arrived. "We've got some baby orphans and also some older cubs who are now doing well." Would they? They certainly would!

Why not plan out and write the story of their special day? You can choose their names, etc.



Look carefully at some of the fantastic photos from the [Secret World](#) website!





Each year Secret World can care for up to 50 badger cubs. Most of them are found locally but many come from all other parts of the country because of the health protocol that the cubs receive prior to release. As each cub arrives, they are put into family groups and will remain in these groups and be released together as a unit.



**BADGER FACTS**  
**BADGER** From the French word 'becheur' meaning digger.  
**MALE** Boar  
**FEMALE** Sow  
**YOUNG** Cub  
**SETT** From the ancient word 'cete' meaning a group of badgers  
 Other Brock, pate, grey, badget (Old English)

**During the afternoon, Pauline got a phone call. An injured badger had been found. The children went out with her to pick it up. When they returned, they were allowed to help the vet to treat it.**



<http://www.secretworld.org>

**Weight**  
 Males 22lb (10kg)  
 Females 20lb (9kg)  
 Cubs born - February  
 Cubs emerge - Late April/May Litter size 1-5 (Average 2-3)

We'd love to see a copy of any of the stories you write. I think the staff at Secret World would too!