

All About... The Fox

Foxes are a member of the dog family, and are found throughout the United Kingdom. Though they are like dogs, they are only a little bit bigger than most cats. The male fox is called a dog and a female fox is called a vixen. As well as being the same size as cats, foxes can retract (pull in) their claws like cats.



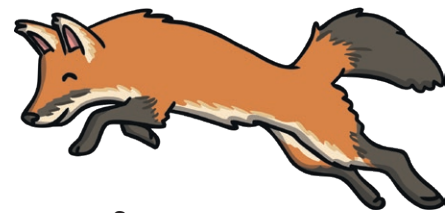
Did you know?

They are mammals, which means they have warm blood and fur. Even though they are nocturnal (move around and eat at night), they can be seen during the day. They like to sunbathe.

Amazing Facts

Foxes have brilliant hearing. They can hear something as quiet as a watch ticking, from 30 metres away!

This would be like hearing someone whisper from across the playground. As well as having great hearing, they can run really fast. They can run up to 30 miles per hour, which is really fast. Did you know that foxes have whiskers on their legs as well as their face, to help them find their way?



What do foxes eat?

Foxes are carnivores, which means they eat meat, but they will eat berries off bushes and even look in rubbish bins for leftovers. Baby

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foxes, called kits, drink milk from their mothers before they start eating more usual foods like worms! Foxes will also hide food to come back and eat later.

Where do they live?

Foxes are found in all sorts of places, or habitats. They live with other foxes in dens in the countryside but will also make their homes in towns and cities. You might spot one if you are out on a dark night. In the countryside, foxes used to be hunted for their tail, or brush and because some people see them as pests.



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Questions

1. Where on a fox would you find whiskers?

2. What is a female fox called?

3. In what two habitats might you find a fox?

4. Name two things that foxes might eat.

5. How are foxes the same as cats? Name two ways.

6. What does nocturnal mean?

7. Write one fantastic fact about foxes.
