

All About Foxes

Foxes are interesting animals that live in many parts of the world and are related to dogs, wolves, and coyotes. The red fox is the most famous type, known for its reddish fur and bushy tail. Foxes can live in forests, grasslands, deserts, and even cities.

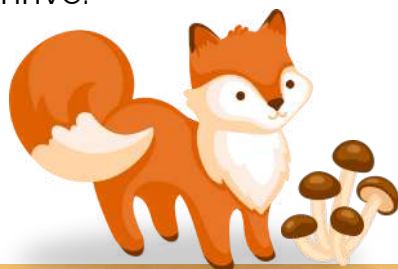
Foxes are smart and tricky animals that usually hunt and live alone. They eat a variety of foods, including small animals, birds, insects, fruits, and vegetables. They have a special way of catching mice by jumping high into the air and landing on them.

One amazing thing about foxes is how they can live near people. In cities, they often look for food in trash cans and gardens. Even though they are wild animals, they have learned to live around humans and can often be seen in neighborhoods.

A fox's life starts in the spring when a mother fox, called a vixen, has baby foxes, known as pups. She usually has four to six pups. The pups are born blind and need their mother to take care of them. The vixen stays in the den with the pups while the father fox brings food. As the pups grow, they learn how to hunt and survive.

Foxes appear in many stories and myths. They are often shown as clever and tricky animals that can fool others. In some cultures, foxes are seen as wise and protective, while in others, they are seen as sneaky.

Foxes face dangers from losing their homes, being hunted, and getting diseases like rabies. Efforts are being made to protect foxes and their homes so that they can continue to live and thrive.



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Read the definitions below and figure out which vocabulary word fits the description.

- _____ Having the ability to outsmart others
- _____ To search for and collect food
- _____ The place where the vixen stays with her pups
- _____ A female fox
- _____ Stories that feature foxes as tricky characters
- _____ To change and adjust to new environments
- _____ A viral disease that affects the central nervous system
- _____ Behaving in a secretive or deceptive manner
- _____ To keep someone or something safe.

Word Bank

clever
hunt
den

vixen
myths
adapt

sneaky
protective
rabies

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Read the passage, then answer the questions below.

Which animals are related to foxes?

Where do foxes find food in urban areas.

How do foxes catch mice?

Why do you think foxes are clever animals?

Why can foxes survive in different habitats?

What is the relationship between humans and foxes in urban areas?

Why are foxes considered adaptable animals?
