



Amazing Animals Fact sheets

Foxes

year (10-12 months). Females have a gestation period of around 53 days and kits (baby foxes) are born around August/September. Litters vary from 1-13 kits, with the average litter containing 5 kits. At birth the kits only weigh 50-150g. They are initially blind and open their eyes 9-14 days later. Kits venture out of the den when they are 4-5 weeks old and they are fully weaned by 8-10 weeks of age.



Australia Zoo Red Fox profiles



Red Fox

Habitat

Although a native of Britain, the Red Fox is also found throughout Canada, Alaska, America, Europe, Australia, North Africa and almost all of Asia including Japan. Red Foxes live in a wide range of habitats including forest, tundra, prairie, desert, farmland and suburban environments.

Diet

Foxes are omnivores, living on a diet of both plant and animal matter. Vegetation consumed includes grasses, grains, fungi, berries and fruit. Their carnivorous diet includes small mammals (native rats, possums, wallabies, bilbies, numbats, rabbits), birds, reptiles, eggs, fish, earthworms, insects and carrion. Urban dwelling foxes will also scavenge through human rubbish. A fox will eat about 1/2kg of food per day. Foxes have very small stomachs so any left over food is stored away for later, in a hole called a cache.

Breeding

Foxes breed once a year. Both sexes mature in the first

Roxy

Roxy is the smaller of our two foxes and came to Australia Zoo in September 2001.

She came to us after a farmer called the Zoo and reported that his dog had dug up a den. When she first arrived, she received around-the-clock care and soon adopted the Zoo Crew as her human family.

Roxy is very shy and loves to hide behind one of the plants in her enclosure.

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