



Foxes are members of the dog family. A male fox is called a "dog fox", a female fox is called a vixen and a group of foxes is called a "leash" or a "skulk".

Foxes also have similarities with cats: they can retract their claws, they have vertically oriented pupils and hunt by pouncing on their prey.

The length of a red fox is 62-67 cm and they weigh on average between 4-6 kg.

Foxes forage and hunt solitarily, though they do still have strong social ties with their skulk.

Foxes are omnivores, eating small mammals, birds, eggs, worms, berries, insects, grains, etc.

## 10 Red Fox Facts

Foxes can run at a speed of up to 30 mph!

Foxes are very vocal animals and have a vocabulary of 28 sounds.

Foxes are able to "see" the earth's magnetic field to hunt. When a fox pounces lined up with magnetic north their hunting success rate is highest.

Foxes only mate once a year, mostly in January and vixens are only fertile for three days.

Foxes can live up to 15 years but in the wild most foxes only have a life span of 2 years.

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