

# All you need to know about hedgehogs!

Where do hedgehogs live?

Where are baby hedgehogs born?

When do hedgehogs sleep?

What do hedgehogs eat?

Why do hedgehogs have a long nose?

Why do hedgehogs curl into a ball?

Did you know?

Before a baby hedgehog is born a mother hedgehog will make a home under a bush or a hedge. She will make sure the bush or hedge is comfortable for when her baby is born.

Hedgehogs are nocturnal animals. They sleep during the day and come out at night. Hedgehogs come out at night because they are shy animals.

- Hedgehogs are known as a gardener's best friend. This is because they eat slugs, worms and caterpillars and cause no harm to the garden.
- Hedgehogs have around 5000 spines.
- Hedgehogs hibernate during the winter. This is because they struggle to find food. So they keep warm and sleep.
- Baby hedgehogs are born blind. They are blind for 32 days.
- Each spine on a hedgehog last for a year and then it will drop off.

Hedgehogs eat lots of different animals. They love to eat slugs, earthworms, minibeasts and small frogs. Hedgehogs use their snout and ears to sniff and hear for food.

Hedgehogs like warm and cosy places to live. You will often find Hedgehogs living in fallen leaves, dead wood and under hedges.

A hedgehog's nose is called a snout. They have a long snout because they cannot see very well. They use their snout to sniff and hunt for food.

A hedgehog has spikes all over it's back. These spikes are called spines. Hedgehogs have spines to protect themselves from other animals who scare them or want to eat them. To protect themselves, the hedgehog will curl into a ball. By curling into a ball, the hedgehog makes sure no one will try and eat him.