



Hedgehogs



Hedgehogs are nocturnal animals. Nocturnal animals are animals that are awake at night, but asleep during the day.

What does a hedgehog look like?

A hedgehog has warm fur on its legs and tummy, with thousands of sharp spikes on its back and sides. These spikes help protect the hedgehog from other animals because they might try to eat him. When a hedgehog is in danger or afraid it will roll itself up into a ball.

Where do hedgehogs sleep?

Hedgehogs spend the day sleeping in hedgerows, long grass or under leaves and shrubs. During the winter, hedgehogs hibernate in a home which they make out of dry leaves.

What do hedgehogs eat?

Hedgehogs come out when it is dusk, so they can forage for food. Surprisingly, hedgehogs are omnivores. This means that they eat living creatures as well as plants. Most hedgehogs like to eat slugs, snails, caterpillars, beetles, earthworms, bird's eggs and sometimes frogs. Hedgehogs are resistant to adder venom, which means that they can eat a tasty meal of adders.

Did you know?

A baby hedgehog is called a hoglet.



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