# [Fox](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/fox/" \o "Fox):

The fox is a scavenger carnivours [dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/), generally found in urban city areas in the northern Hemisphere. The fox is a [nocturnal](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-nocturnal) [mammal](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-mammal), meaning that the fox only goes out a night to hunt for prey.

Wild foxes tend live for around 6-7 years, but some foxes have been known to be older than 13 in captivity. The wild fox hunts for the [mouse](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/mouse/) and other small [mammals](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-mammal) and [birds](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/bird/), but foxes appear to enjoy all [species](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-species) of insect.

A fox is generally smaller than other members of the [dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/)[family](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-family) like wolves, [jackals](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/jackal/) and domestic [dogs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/). Foxes can be a pest in the cities as foxes are often seen tearing into rubbish.

## Fox Facts:

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| [**Kingdom**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-kingdom)**:** | Animalia |
| [**Phylum**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-phylum)**:** | Chordata |
| [**Class**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-class)**:** | Mammalia |
| [**Order**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-order)**:** | Carnivora |
| [**Family**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-family)**:** | Canidae |
| [**Genus**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-genus)**:** | Vulpini |
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| [**Scientific Name**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-scientific-name)**:** | Vulpes vulpes |
| [**Type**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-type)**:** | Mammal |
| [**Diet**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-diet)**:** | Carnivore |
| [**Size (L)**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-size)**:** | 40cm - 83cm (16in - 33in) |
| [**Weight**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-weight)**:** | 5kg - 11kg (11lbs - 24lbs) |
| [**Top Speed**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-top-speed)**:** | 48km/h (29mph) |
| [**Lifespan**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-lifespan)**:** | 3 - 11 years |
| [**Lifestyle**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-lifestyle)**:** | Solitary |
| [**Conservation Status**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-conservation-status)**:** | Threatened |
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| [**Colour**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-colour)**:** | Brown, Black, Tan, Red |
| [**Skin Type**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-skin-type)**:** | Fur |
| [**Favourite Food**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-favourite-food)**:** | Rabbit |
| [**Habitat**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-habitat)**:** | Woodland areas and urban parks |
| [**Average Litter Size**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-average-litter-size)**:** | 5 |
| [**Main Prey**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-prey)**:** | Rabbits, Birds, Lizards |
| [**Predators**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-predators)**:** | Human, Bears, Eagles |
| [**Distinctive Features**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-distinctive-features)**:** | Pointed ears and long bushy tail |