

Red Fox

Red foxes are the most common wild dog in the world. They can live almost anywhere. Foxes will eat almost anything. They eat fruits and vegetables, bugs and worms, mice and birds. City-dwelling foxes might eat garbage or pet food.

Female foxes are called vixen. Baby foxes are called pups or kits. Why is that? Foxes sometimes act like dogs. Sometimes they act like cats. Red foxes stalk their prey, much like a cat. When hunting, they slowly approach their prey, creeping low to the ground. When close, they pounce! Like cats, red foxes use their tails to balance. Foxes also use their tails to cover themselves and keep warm. Like most dogs, foxes use their tails to “talk” to other foxes. Sometimes the tail says “Happy to see you.” Other times the tail says “Stay away!” Foxes also talk to each other by making scent posts. They pee on trees or rocks to announce their presence.

