

COOL FACTS About the Red Fox

- Red foxes have a reddish coat and bushy, white-tipped tail.
- Small rodents and rabbits make up most of their diet.
- Their size is like that of a small dog, with body and tail totaling about 3 feet long.
- They typically weigh 10-15 pounds.
- They are considered the most widely distributed carnivore in the world.
- They are highly adaptable and able to survive in semi-arid habitats, tundra, farmland, forests, and even in urban settings.
- They can live about eight years in the wild.
- They can chase prey at speeds around 30 mph and can maintain a gallop for long periods.
- They are among the most common spreaders of rabies and carry other diseases such as canine parvovirus and canine distemper.
- Their native range was originally only the northern United States and Canada.
- In the 1700s, Europeans brought red foxes to America and released them, after which they spread throughout the entire country.
- Red foxes in Oklahoma will breed from December to April.
- A female fox, or vixen, will prepare a den underground and will have a typical litter of three to six pups.
- Pups are born with dark gray fur, which turns to red after about three months.



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