

Why are they called hedgehogs?

Because they like foraging in hedges and undergrowth.

How many spines does an adult hedgehog have?

Hedgehogs can have up to 7,000 spines!

Why do they curl up?

They curl up to protect themselves from something they believe may hurt them.

How do they curl up?

The hedgehog has a muscle around its body which contracts to allow the hedgehog to curl up. It is a bit like a draw-string bag!

What do they eat?

They eat insects such as beetles, slugs, worms, and caterpillars. They also can eat birds eggs and sometimes frogs too! Occasionally, they will also eat berries. They are known as omnivores. An animal that eats meat and plants. Humans are also omnivores.

How far do hedgehogs travel in one night?

An adult hedgehog will travel more than one mile at night to find food. A male hedgehog will travel even further when he is looking for a mate.

Why do they come out at night?

It is much safer for them to come out at night as they cannot be seen so easily in the dark and attacked by predators. Because they come out at night, they are known to be nocturnal.

What is a predator?

A predator is an animal that eats another animal.