

What do they eat when first born?

They drink the special milk from their mum. Hedgehogs do not like cow milk as it makes them poorly.

What is a habitat?

A habitat is a place where an organism makes its home. A habitat meets all the environmental conditions an organism needs to survive.

What type of habitat does a hedgehog need?

Places with soil so they can find insects to eat. Hedges or low growing plants to hide beneath and dig for food. Long grass to rest and find food. Places where there are piles of wood and leaves to nest in.

Why are hedgehog numbers in decline?

Hedgehogs are in decline because their habitat is being reduced. There are fewer hedges and green spaces for them to live in. Humans also use chemicals in their gardens which can make a hedgehog feel ill such as slug pellets. Chemicals are also used to kill the insects that hedgehogs like to eat. There has been an increase in the number of fences around gardens, so they struggle to get into green spaces – just like Snout and his family.

