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Meet red fox kits

Two red fox **kits** peek out from a hollow log.

They are about to leave their **den** for the first time.

The babies will not go far, however.

They will stay close to home, where it is safe.

A photograph of two young red fox kits (pups) in a hollowed-out tree trunk. The kit on the left is standing on the edge of the hollow, looking down and to the right. The kit on the right is sitting inside the hollow, looking directly at the camera. Both kits have orange-red fur, white chests, and blue eyes. The tree bark is rough and textured, with some moss visible. The background is a soft-focus green forest.

red fox kits

What is a red fox?

Red foxes belong to a group of animals called **canines**.

Red foxes have pointed ears and noses.

Adults have red fur and bushy tails.

Adult red fox size



bushy tail



When the foxes sleep, they wrap their tails around their bodies to stay warm.

pointed ears



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Two red fox kits play in a grassy field. The furry babies jump straight up into the air and then land on a grasshopper. They are learning how to hunt. Soon they will be catching mice and birds instead of tiny insects. Look inside to see how the kits grow up to become skilled hunters—just like their parents.

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Dingoes

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