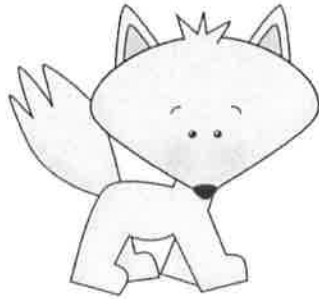


The Arctic Fox



The Arctic fox is an animal that can survive frigid temperatures. In the summer, the Arctic fox is gray to bluish brown. The animal turns to a snow white color during the winter. The white fur on the fox helps to camouflage it from predators. Arctic foxes have many adaptations to survive in their treeless environment. They have a short bushy tail and ears that are curled and tiny. Their legs are short and their ears are small to keep them less exposed to the cold. The fox has a very thick fur. These adaptations help the fox survive during cold winters. The Arctic fox also has fur on its paws so that it does not slide on the ice. The fox curls its tail around its body to provide additional warmth.

The Arctic Fox



The Arctic fox can be found in Alaska, Canada, and in the Northwest Territories. It is also found in the arctic regions of Europe, Asia, Iceland, and Greenland. In the summertime, the fox can be found living in the tundra. The tundra is a vast, flat, treeless Arctic region of Europe, Asia, and North America in which the subsoil is permanently frozen. In the winter, it can be found on ice floes. An Arctic fox has a den that usually has more than one entrance. Sometimes, the fox makes its den in a snowbank.

The Arctic fox will eat nearly anything that comes its way. It eats small animals like squirrels, birds, insects, eggs, and lemmings. In the summer it will hide food in its den to eat at a later time.

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The Arctic fox is nomadic. It moves from place to place looking for food. They live in family groups. There is usually one male, two females, and babies. Both the male and the female take care of its young. The male and female are very protective over their kits. The kits, or baby foxes, leave the den between two and four weeks old.

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The Arctic Fox Comprehension Questions

1. Why does the Arctic fox have short ears and legs?
 - a. To run fast
 - b. To protect itself from other animals
 - c. To be less exposed to the cold weather
 - d. None of the above

2. The Arctic fox has fur on its paws because
 - a. It looks pretty
 - b. To rub its face
 - c. To keep from sliding on the ice
 - d. All of the above

3. How old are the kits when they leave the den?
 - a. Between two and four weeks
 - b. At birth
 - c. Six months
 - d. All of the above

4. The Arctic fox sometimes makes its den in
 - a. A tree trunk
 - b. A hole
 - c. A snowbank
 - d. None of the above

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The Arctic Fox Comprehension Questions

Read each statement. If the statement is true, write true on the line. If the answer is false, write false on the line and rewrite the statement to make it true.

5. _____ The Arctic fox survives best in warm weather.

6. _____ The Arctic fox turns to a brown color in the winter.

7. _____ The Arctic fox will usually eat anything that comes its way.

8. _____ The Arctic fox can be found living near the coast.

9. _____ The Arctic fox usually has more than one entrance into its den.

10. _____ In the summertime the fox can be found living in the tundra.