

Family life

In March, female foxes, the vixen, give birth to between four and seven *cubs* in a *den*. The number of cubs depends on how much food is available. Male foxes bring food to the females, but otherwise they leave them alone with their cubs.



The cubs are born blind and they weigh about 150 grams. Their eyes open after about two weeks. After five weeks, the cubs make the first steps out of the den. They are *weaned* after seven to nine weeks and are grown-up after a year.

Foxes may live for twelve years in captivity but will usually only live three years in the wild.

<i>cub</i>	Junges (bei einigen Tierarten)
<i>den</i>	Höhle, Bau
<i>wean</i>	entwöhnen (von der Muttermilch auf andere Nahrung umstellen)
<i>captivity</i>	Gefangenschaft