



## HEDGEHOG

### THE BASICS:

- MALE : male hedgehog
- FEMALE : female hedgehog
- NEWBORN : baby hedgehog
- GESTATION : 35-58 days depending on the species
- AVERAGE LITTER SIZE: 3-6 newborns
- Baby hedgehogs are born blind.

### THE EXTRAS:

- Stiff needle like growths, called SPINES, cover their backs. Unlike the porcupine, the hedgehog CANNOT easily lose its spines.
- Hedgehogs are NOCTURNAL. They hunt for their food at night.
- Hedgehogs eat insects, snails, frogs, small snakes, eggs, berries and melons.
- Wild hedgehogs live in Europe, Asia, Africa and New Zealand.
- Hedgehogs use their long snouts to dig for ants and other insects

### OUR HEDGEHOG:

- Our hedgehog is named Spike.