**Hedgehogs**

**Hedgehogs got their names because they live under hedges and they snuffle like a hog when they hunt. They are nocturnal animals. There are 7 different species of hedgehog and the most common is the African Pygmy Hedgehog.**

**Hedgehogs are very bristly. They have seven thousand bristles on their back. They use these to protect them from falls and from their enemies. Hedgehogs can be many different colours.**

**Hedgehogs can be found all over the world. They live in the wild but can also be kept as pets. They like to live on their own.**

**Hedgehogs use 2 muscles to curl up into a ball. They need lots of exercise.**

**Hedgehogs can have five to seven babies at a time. They live between three and five years. They can get wobbly hedgehog syndrome as they get older. They are nice little animals.**

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