

Hedgehogs

Female - sow

Male - boar

Baby - hoglet

Group - array, but hedgehogs are solitary animals and only come together to mate

Drink - water

Food - meat dog or cat food, cat biscuits

Life span - 2 - 5 years

Gestation period - 30 - 40 days

Litter size - 4 - 5 hoglets

Eyes open - 2 weeks

Birth weight - 2 - 25 g

Weaning age - 3 weeks

Weight - 0.4 - 1.2 kg

Number of spines - adult - 5000 - 10000

Length of spines - 20 - 30cm

Hibernation - approximately November - April, it depends on the weather

Autumn juveniles are old enough to be away from Mum but too small to hibernate, they need to weigh 600g to hibernate.

Fossils show hedgehogs have been on the Earth for about 15 million years