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The territory of the Red Fox seems to be decreasing as coyote populations grow. The Coyote is one of the main predators of adult foxes, which typically tends to drive foxes into urban and sub-urban areas, where coyotes do not like to go. This shift of territory puts the Fox and humans at an increased risk of unfriendly differences of opinion as to who owns the livestock the Fox wants to eat. For the most part, a Fox will only bother chickens and cats. A Fox, especially a Female, who is hunting for both her and her pups, will grow more bold, until it will sometimes show itself in broad daylight. This generally tends to put poultry at an increased risk of being taken, since they are out in the day time. A wild animal seen during the day time could mean it is also rabid, but not always. It can just mean they are needing to eat more than they can catch in a night. Fox puppies are generally born between March and May, and are weaned in about 2 months. Litters typically range from 1-13 in size, with 3-4 being common. A fox generally lives in a den in the ground, and can sometimes be seen sunning itself at the entrance. Their diet consists of fruits, seeds, nuts, berries, carrion, small mammals, and poultry. The Red Fox is around 2nd highest on the list of mammals that can carry rabies, possibly because of their love for catching skunks. Foxes are also hosts of Parvo and Distemper.