

## **All About Badgers**

### **Introduction**

Badgers are small mammals. They have flat wedge-shaped bodies and broad feet with long claws. They can be black, brown, gold or white and they are related to ferrets, minks, otters, weasels and wolverines. Badgers can live for 10-15 years in the wild.

Badgers are omnivores that eat slugs, small mammals, snails, eggs and fruit. They come out at night as they are nocturnal. Badgers can be found all over the world living in countries such as America, England, Japan and China.

### **How Badgers Live**

Badgers live in families called a clan of up to 6 members in each sett. Badgers prefer dry open grasslands. You can find them in the woods, hedgerows, moorlands and your garden.

### **Badger Setts**

A sett is a badger's home that they build underground. It has many tunnels and entrances which may take years to complete, with some setts lasting hundreds of years and being used by generations of badgers.

Badgers are very organised creatures and within the sett separate chambers will be used for living, sleeping and for giving birth and rearing cubs.

The main sett is the biggest part of a badger's territory which they use for breeding. The smaller setts can be found all around. The smaller setts are used for sleeping, playing and for food storage. As badgers are clean animals the setts have a special chamber for the bathroom.

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