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08h – HARE (*HASE*)



Feldhase

Breeding season (*Rammelzeit*): Gestation period: Teeth: Males: February – August 42 days 28 *Rammler*



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Mature Hare are 50 - 70 cm long, weighs 2,5 - 8 kg, and have ears that are 11 to 15 cm long.

The hind legs of a hare are almost twice as long as the front legs.

The Hare is yellowish-brown, with a white belly and under part of the tail (Blume).

The ears are tipped with black.

In flight, the hare changes direction by sudden, sharp turns.



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Under normal conditions, Hare prefer open fields so that they can more easily observe the approach of predators and have a extensive food supply.

Hare live in fields and forests.

Living above ground, with young born in their nest (*Sasse*), the first litter (*Satz*) may not survive cold, wet weather during Spring.

Hare eat sweet grass, clover, young grain, vegetables, young buds, and leaves.

During severe winters, Hare feed on tree bark, often causing considerable damage.

The mating season (*Rammelzeit*) extends from February through August.

With the relatively short gestation period of 42 days, it is normal for Hare to reproduce three to four times per season.

The average litter consists of three to five young.



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