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"Sicilian Fox" - Living Safely on a Volcano!



Mount Etna Erupting



Lava



Sicilian Fox

Whilst I was in Sicily earlier this year I had the rare pleasure of 2 unforgettable experiences.

Firstly, I was on the side of Mount Etna whilst this active volcano was erupting. Standing only a few yards from the lava flow and listening to the main crater explode into life every few minutes was a unique and memorable opportunity.

Secondly, that holiday as I was driving back from the main crater down the side of the volcano I managed to photograph a Sicilian fox.....not a pseudonym for a member of the local mafia but a genuine wild animal living off the small herbivores which feed off the fertile slopes.

I was reminded of this experience the other day as I was driving back from the cinema and counted three dead foxes at the side of the road. These animals had clearly been fatally injured after colliding with a motor vehicle.

The danger of our roads is all too evident in our daily routine at Fairfield. The extent of injuries sustained and the number of casualties involved can be extremely frustrating; six victims in the last week alone! Lack of insurance can also be a major factor as owners come to realise the high costs involved in restoring patients back to health.

As we approach the longest night of the year it is worth dwelling on the dangers of our roads by increasing visibility of our pets with the use of reflective collars and leads, and increased vigilance whilst driving. The sad fact of reality is that the fox living on the side of an active erupting volcano is almost certainly safer than any of our urban wildlife living in and around Hinckley!

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