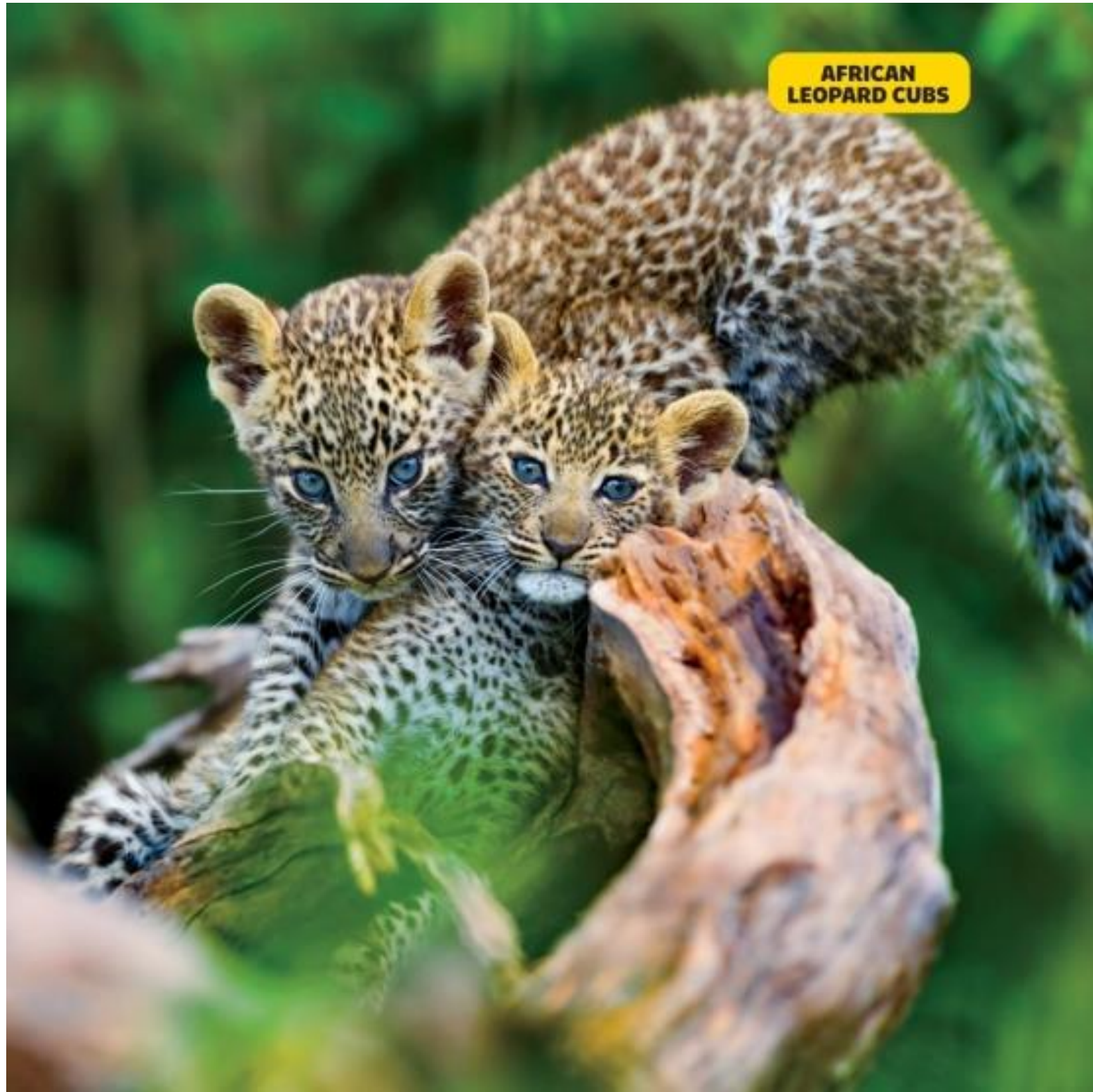





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Introduction

Welcome to the world of baby animals! Of course baby animals are cute, but they are also amazing. This book introduces dozens of different kinds of animals in their earliest days. Readers will find out how these babies are born, where they live, what their families are like, how they get their food, and how quickly they learn to do things on their own—all the things that are important to young humans, too.

Chapter One is about the different types of animal babies readers will encounter throughout the book. It answers questions from “What makes a mammal a mammal?” to “Are birds the only kinds of animals that hatch from eggs?” to “What’s the difference between reptiles and amphibians?”

Chapter Two takes readers to grasslands around the world. It features babies that hop, strut, scamper, and flutter around the open plains, such as bunnies, ostrich chicks, elephant calves, and butterflies.

Chapter Three goes into the water to meet babies that swim in and fly over oceans, rivers, and lakes. Here, readers will find the world’s biggest babies and some of the smallest, along with ducks, sea turtles, alligators, and hippos.

Chapter Four features babies that live on rocky mountainsides and in dry deserts. The conditions in these places may be extreme, but animals like wild goats and prairie dogs are made for places like these.

Chapter Five goes deep into the forest to find babies born on land, in water, in trees, even underground. Among the leaves, readers will meet frogs, orangutans, sloths, and chickadees.

Chapter Six travels to the coldest ends of Earth to find babies that live on snow and ice. Penguins, polar bears, wolves, and musk oxen are some of the fascinating animals to be found in these polar regions.

How to Use This Book

Colorful photographs illustrate each spread and support the text.

Fact boxes give young readers a quick look at an animal's basic biology and family life: what kind of animal it is, what the baby is called, where it lives, how many brothers and sisters it might have, what it eats, and how big it is when it's born.



Interactive questions in each section encourage conversation related to the topic.

Pop-up facts throughout provide added information about the featured animals.

The back of the book offers **parent tips** that include fun activities that relate to baby animals, along with a helpful **glossary**.



CHAPTER 1

Baby Basics



BROWN BEARS

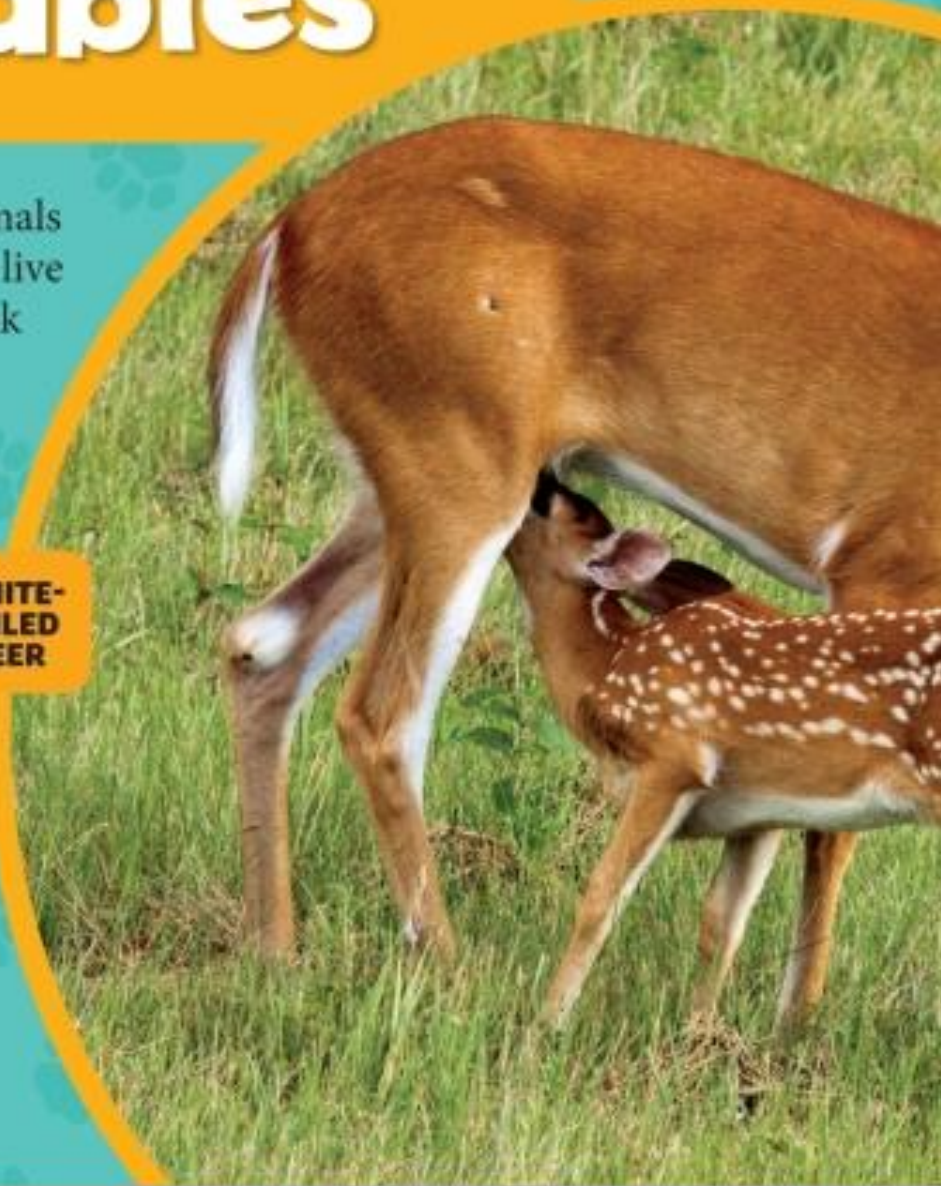
Baby animals can be tiny or huge, furry or bald, slimy or scaly, but they are all pretty adorable! In this chapter, you will learn about the different animal groups found in this book.

Mammal and Bird Babies

Mammals are a group of animals that have hair. Most are born live from their mother. They drink milk before they eat solid food. They use lungs to breathe. Does this sound familiar? That's because people are mammals!

Mammal babies need their parents to take care of them when they are young. They stay close to their mother or father until they learn to find food and keep themselves safe.

**WHITE-
TAILED
DEER**



BABY BASICS

Birds and mammals are endotherms. An endotherm's body can make its own heat. It can keep itself warm even when the air or water around it is cold.



SEA OTTERS

PEEP! Birds are a group of animals that hatch from eggs. Some kinds of baby birds are covered in soft feathers called down. As the chicks get older, smooth adult feathers grow over the down.

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

Most baby birds stay in their nest until they start to fly. Bird parents bring food to the chirping babies in the nest. When they learn to fly, babies leave the nest to find a meal.

