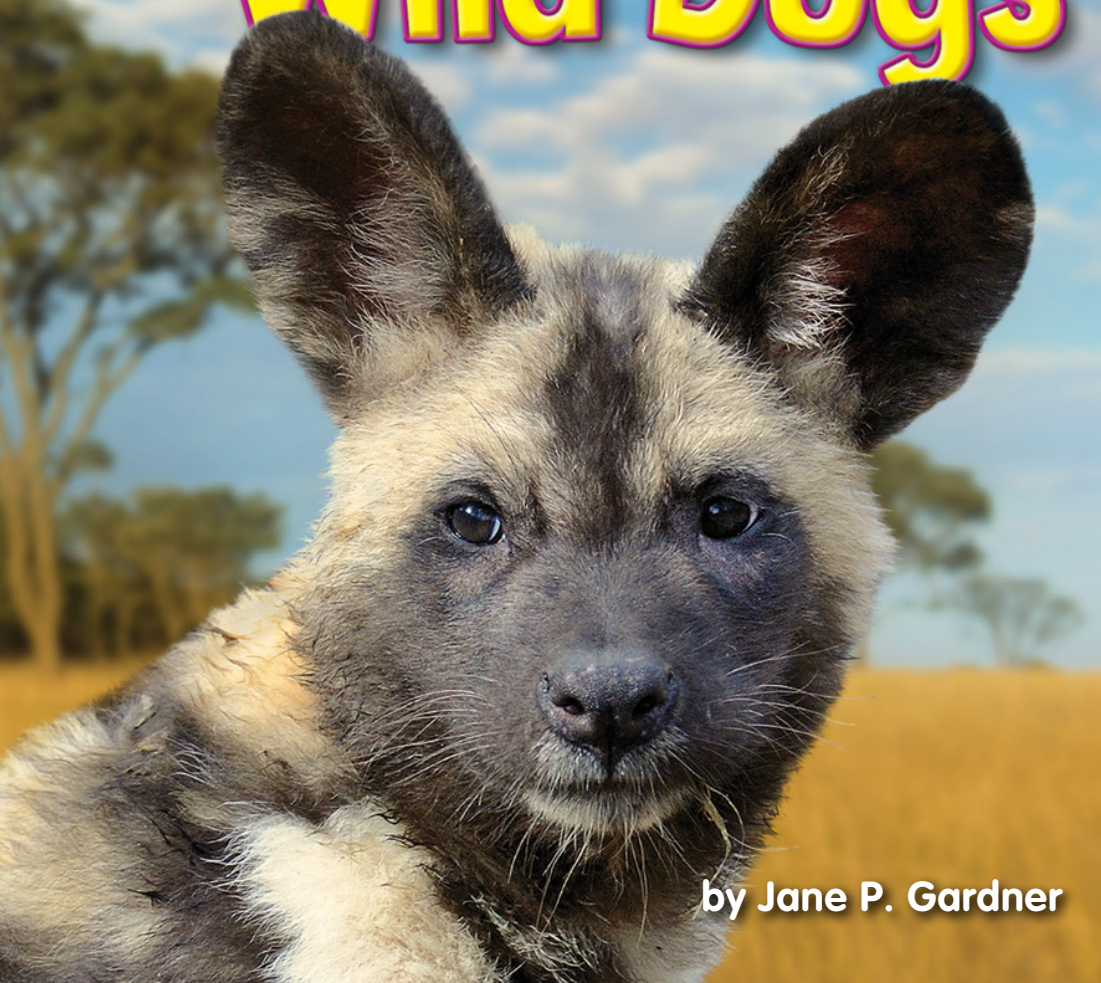




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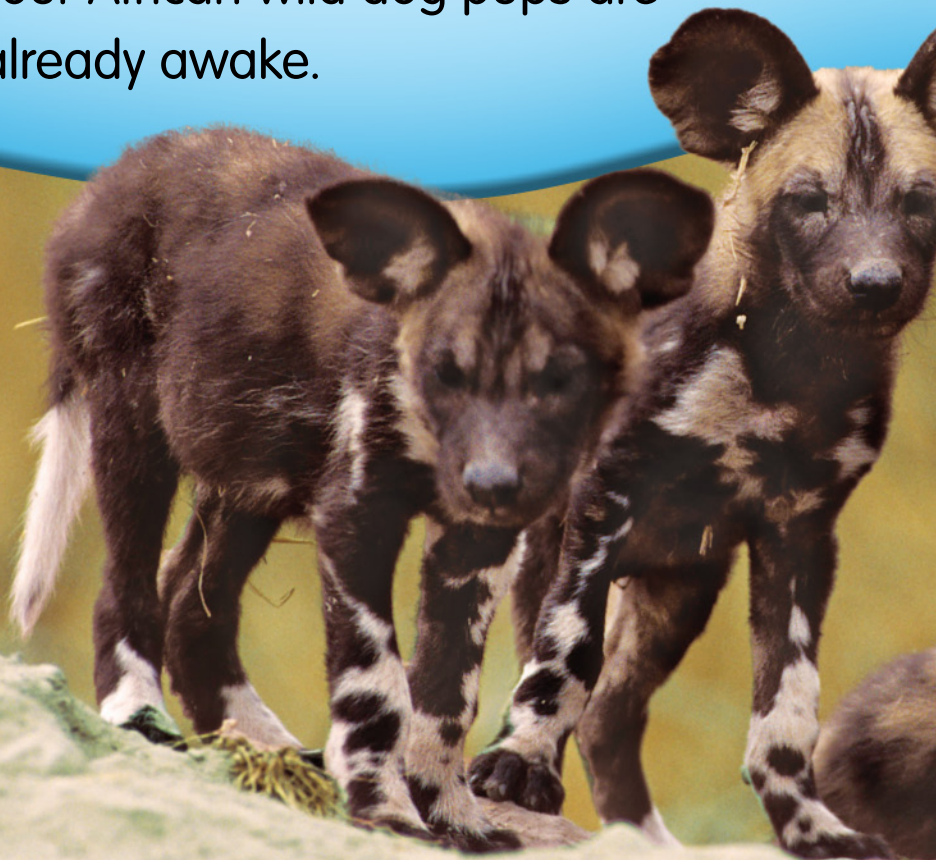
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# Meet some pups

It is dawn and the sun is rising over the African **plains**.

Four African wild dog pups are already awake.



They are only a few weeks old.

Their older brothers and sisters are getting ready to hunt for food.

The young pups will stay home and drink their mother's milk.



**African wild  
dog pups**

# What is an African wild dog?

African wild dogs belong to a group of animals called **canines**.

Pet dogs, foxes, and coyotes are also members of this group.

Adult African wild dog size



African wild dogs have large, round ears that help them hear well.

They also have long legs that help them run fast to catch **prey**.

round ears

long legs



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Four African wild dog pups rest inside their den. Their mother keeps them safe while the rest of the pack hunts for food. Working together, the adults feed and care for the furry pups. Look inside to see how the little pups grow up to become skilled hunters—just like the other members of their pack.

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