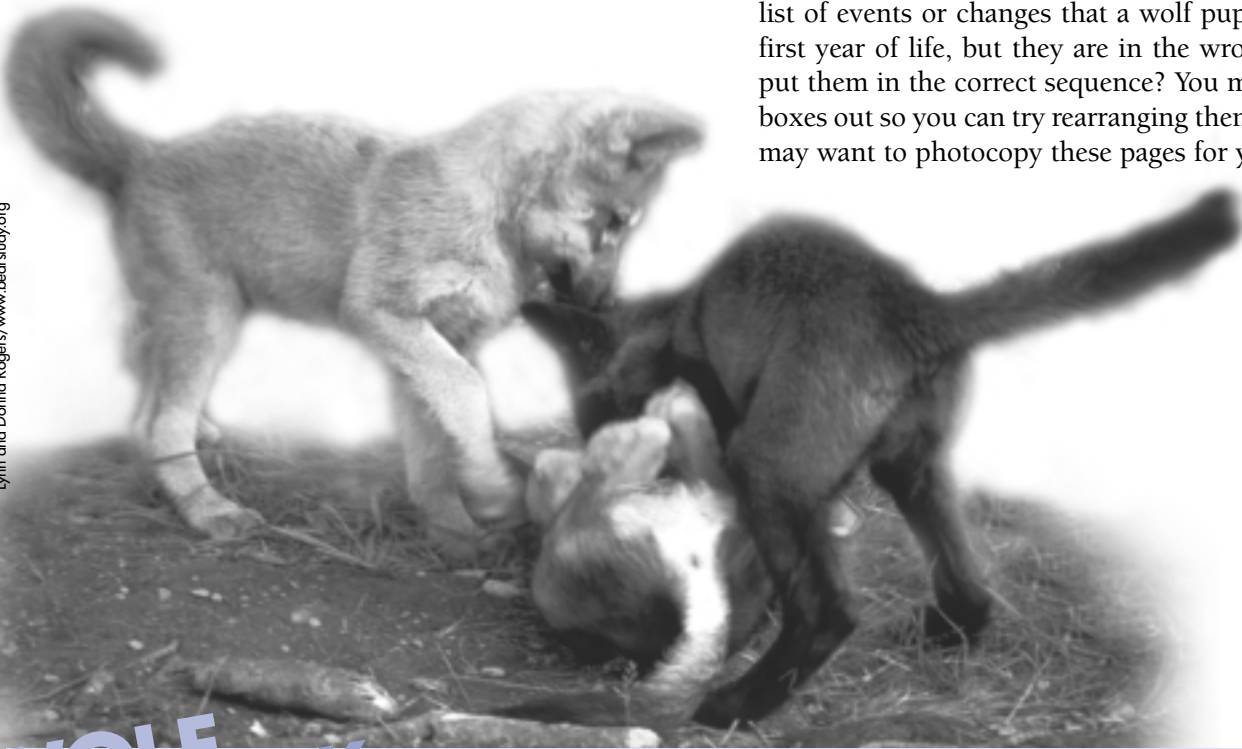


Wild Kids



Wolf Pups: On the Way to Grown Up

When wolf pups are born, they are nearly helpless. They can't see or hear, and weigh only one pound. In their first months of life they grow and learn a lot. Here is a list of events or changes that a wolf pup experiences in its first year of life, but they are in the wrong order. Can you put them in the correct sequence? You may want to cut the boxes out so you can try rearranging them visually (an adult may want to photocopy these pages for you first!). ■



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WOLF WORK

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JOB TITLE AND DESCRIPTION:

Freelance writer who specializes in children's books; author of *Wolf Watch*.

TRAINING REQUIRED: There are no rules that make one a certified children's book writer. I was a classroom teacher for years, which gave me a good background in child development. Once I decided to write full-time, I took a course in writing children's books at the New School in New York for three semesters. I attended conferences to meet editors, and I read all the picture books on the shelves from the

past two years at the Children's Book Council.

SKILLS NEEDED TO DO THE JOB:

Storytelling ability, grasp of language, understanding of child development, willingness to revise and revise—persistence—the ability to keep trying when it seems hopeless.

ADVICE TO KIDS: To write children's books that are both accurate and use beautiful language, the writer needs to read, read, read. Take careful notes. Then write, write, write. The work should be rewritten and revised until every word sings. And the writer must care. It's important to care about what you are writing.



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Hint: Think logically—what skills or abilities does a wolf pup need in order to do each thing?

A. Pups leave den and move to the rendezvous site with pack.	F. Pups begin dominance displays with each other.	K. Pups are fully weaned of mother's milk.
B. Pups begin to pounce on grasshoppers and small insects.	G. Pup skeletal growth ends—they are now considered yearlings.	L. Wolf pups are born, helpless, unable to see or hear.
C. Pups begin to see.	H. Pups begin to hear.	M. Pups begin to eat small portions of meat brought back by adults.
D. Pups begin to emerge from the den.	I. Pups begin to eat food regurgitated by the adult wolves.	N. Pups leave the rendezvous site and begin traveling with the pack over great distances.
E. Pups begin to accompany adults on short hunting trips.	J. Pups begin nursing.	O. Pups attempt to howl.

Be sure to visit the "Just for Kids" section of our Web site, www.wolf.org, to read more about a pup's early life. Several articles there will help you arrange these events correctly!

Correct sequence: L, J, C, H, D, I, M, F, B, O, K, A, E, N, G.

