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WARP SEALS

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A Cute and Cuddly

BABY

It's early spring in the Arctic. A baby harp seal cries out for food. The little white pup pulls itself across the ice to its mother. The mother knows its baby by its smell. It lets the pup **nurse**. The hungry pup drinks and drinks.



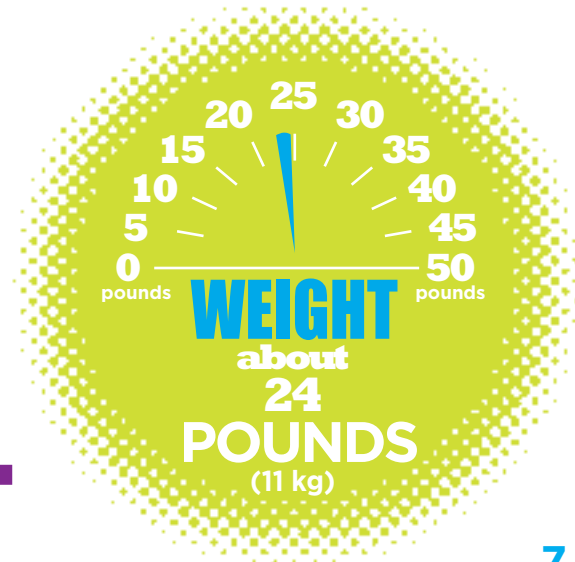


Hello, World!

Harp seal pups begin life on ice. They arrive in late February to mid-March. The newborn pups are tiny compared to their mothers. But they grow quickly. Pups gain about 5 pounds (2 kilograms) a day from drinking their mothers' milk.

How Big Is a Newborn Harp Seal?

LENGTH
LESS THAN
3
FEET
(1 meter)



Changing Clothes

Adult harp seals spend a lot of time in water. But newborn pups cannot swim. They must stay on the ice. Their white fur helps them blend in with their surroundings. **Predators** struggle to see them. As pups learn to swim, their fur turns gray. Gray fur helps the pups blend in with the water.

Young pups are called whitecoats. Older pups are called graycoats.

