

BORN TO BE WILD

Spotted Hyena

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Spotted hyenas
are the size of
large dogs.

Meet Max. He's a baby spotted hyena. He lives with his mom on the grasslands of Africa.

Max and his mom live in a hole in the ground.
His sister lives there, too.



4 weeks old

Max's coat changes as he grows older.
Soon he will have a shaggy, spotted coat
like the young hyena lying next to him.



8 weeks old



A group of
hyenas is called
a clan.



Max lives near lots of other
hyena moms and their babies.
He has many playmates.

16 weeks old

Max practices his pouncing skills. He will use them when he is older to hunt.



When Max is two years old, he will say good-bye to his clan. Male hyenas live alone.



Hyenas eat other animals' leftovers as well as animals they catch.