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Meet Cinnamon
**He's a Real
Teddy Bear!**

DEN MOTHER

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Welcome to my den! The two little guys behind me are my cubs. I've got my paws full taking care of them.

Cinnamon and Blackie are less than two months old. We live in this underground home. The cubs are still too young to go outside.


Bear Fact:
American black bears live only in North America.



Bear Fact:

American black bears can be black, brown, or blonde.

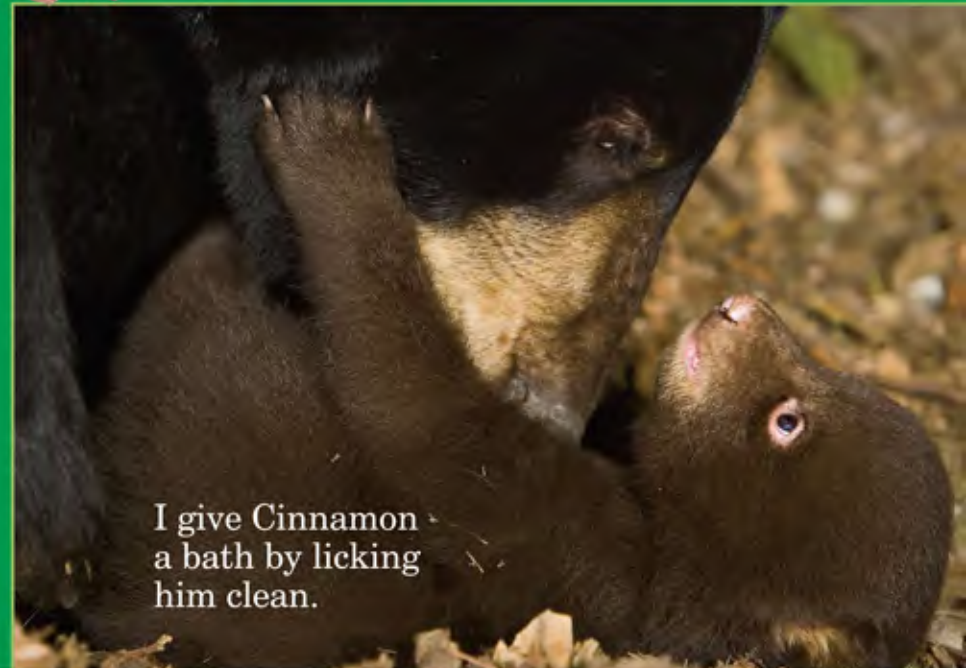


Cinnamon is so small I can pick him up with my mouth and paw.

The cubs spend most of their time nursing, or drinking my milk. The milk helps them grow.



Can you see Blackie underneath Cinnamon?



I give Cinnamon a bath by licking him clean.

Cinnamon and Blackie are little fur-balls of energy. They like to wrestle and play.



It's time for Cinnamon to take a nap.

“Time out” for Cinnamon! He was being too rough with Blackie.



Bear Fact:

Bear cubs leave the den when they are three months old. But they will stay with their mom for at least another year.



I check on Blackie to make sure he's OK. The cubs depend on me to give them everything they need.