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exposé

grey seals

heligoland 2008

young pup

6 h after birth pups have a yellowish soft silky fur

NIKON D2X
NIKON AF-I 2.8 300mm @ 3.5
1/1000s
Gitzo 1228 Tripod, Graf Studioball



cover / backcover

young pup portrait

NIKON D2X
NIKON AF-I 2.8 300mm @ 4.5
1/90s
Gitzo 1228 Tripod, Graf Studioball

cow and pup

mother and pup contact

NIKON D2X

NIKON AF-I 2.8 300mm @ 4.5

1/640s

Gitzo 1228 Tripod, Graf Studioball



cow and pup

pups are born in winter (december to january) on heligoland.

NIKON D2X

NIKON AF-I 2.8 300mm @ 4.5

1/350s

Gitzo 1228 Tripod, Graf Studioball



rich milk

pups rapidly fatten up from the extremely rich milk they receive from their mothers

NIKON D2X
NIKON AF-1 2.8 300mm @ 2.8
1/250s
Gitzo 1228 Tripod, Graf Studioball



reproduction

when the pups are born mating
season starts and bulls start coming
back to cows

NIKON D2X
12-24mm 4.0 @ 24mm f 9.0
1/160s
Gitzo 1228 Tripod, Graf Studioball



moulting pups

weaned pups start to moult at the age of about six weeks

NIKON D2X
12-24mm 4.0 @ 22mm f 8.0
1/60s



scabby

males keep all the females in their territorial boundaries and defend their harem against other bulls

NIKON D2X
NIKON AF-1 2.8 300mm @ 3.5
1/320s
Gitzo 1228 Tripod, Graf Studioball



cute

young pups behave like playful dogs

NIKON D2X

NIKON AF-I 2.8 300mm @ 2.8

1/200s

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enjoy the beach!

most time of the day young pups lie
on the beach sleeping

NIKON D2X
12-24mm 4.0 @ 12mm f 8.0
1/200s



small pup

pups start getting nervous when they cannot find their mothers quickly

NIKON D2X

NIKON AF-I 2.8 300mm @ 2.8

1/100s

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male coming ashore

male coming ashore to rest

NIKON D2X

NIKON AF-I 2.8 300mm @ 2.8

1/800s

Gitzo 1228 Tripod, Graf Studioball



resting

subadult grey seals prefer sandy ground for their rest

NIKON D100
12-24mm 4.0 @ 12mm f 8.0
1/180s



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