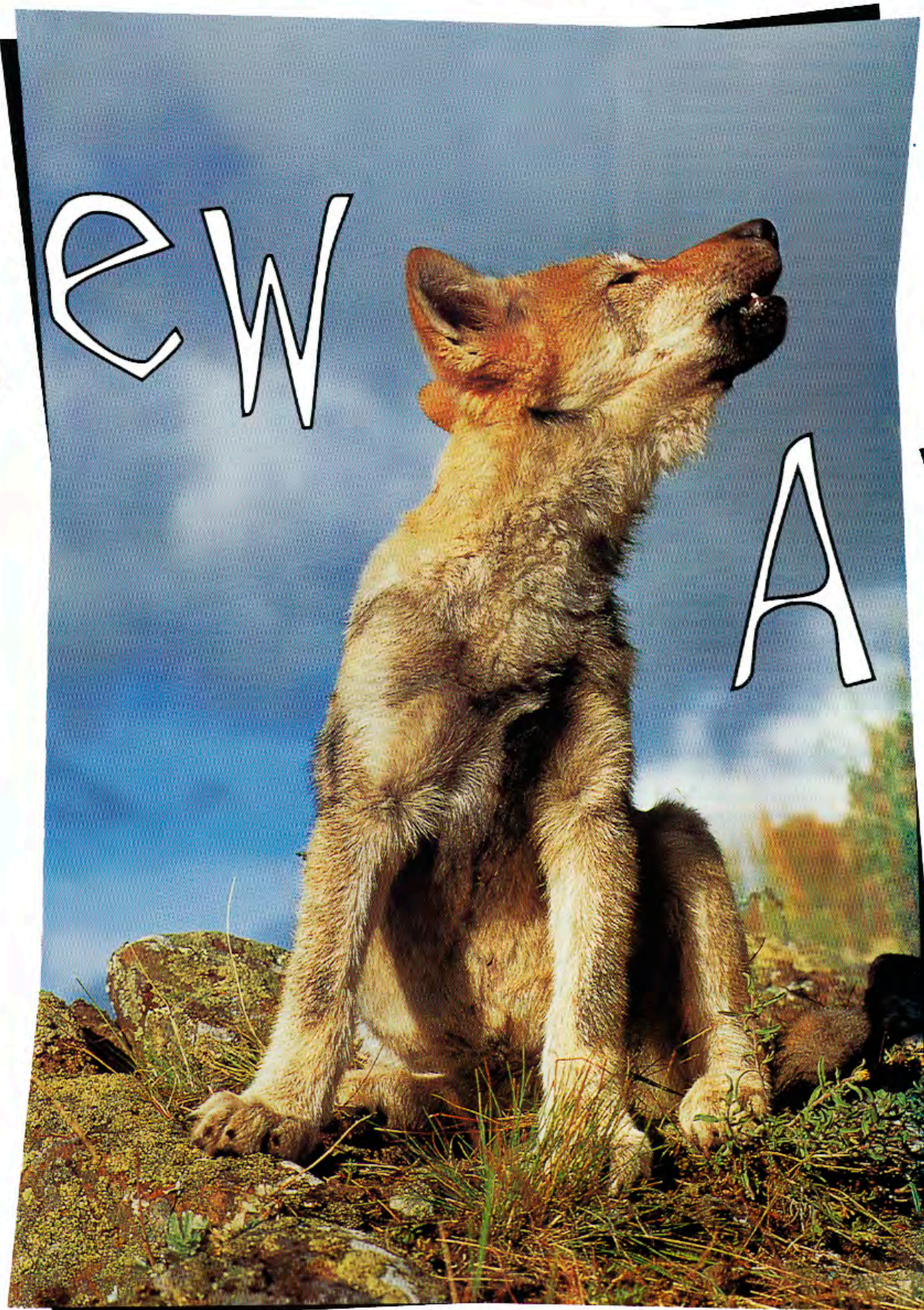


Call of the wild: A GRAY WOLF PUP lets out a howl.



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A PHOTO ESSAY BY DANIEL J. COX

EACH SPRING brings new life to the world. Among the wondrous sights of the season's renewal is the image of young wildlife discovering their environment. Bear cubs, fox pups, baby otters, orcas and other animals exemplify the joy and curiosity of youth. • Expressive faces and playful demeanors are the images captured in this photo essay by Daniel J. Cox, a native of Washington state who now resides at the foot of the Bridger Mountains in Montana. Cox's exposure to the rugged beauty of the Northwest—as well as the wilderness regions of the upper Midwest—helped influence his decision to channel his creative energies and talent toward a lifetime career as a wildlife and nature photographer. It's an appreciation he hopes to nurture and instill in others through his work, which has appeared in publications such as *Reader's Digest*, *National Geographic*, *Sierra* and *Audubon*. • Though some of the animals depicted here were photographed in captivity, all are native to the Northwest. And their animal attraction is equally captivating.

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At home on the range: **PRONGHORN ANTELOPE FAWNS**
attentively scan the Wyoming prairie.

No mountain too high: **A MOUNTAIN
GOAT KID** relaxes on Logan's Pass in
Montana's Glacier National Park.



Follow the leader: **A BABY ORCA** stays close to its mother.

Curious cats: **MOUNTAIN LION CUBS** keep watch on
the world around them.



Oh, give me a home: **A BISON CALF**
is nuzzled by its mother.



Different points of view: **RIVER OTTERS** survey the scene from a mossy log.



More silly than sly: **RED FOX PUPS** playfully tease each other.