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How Do Hippopotamuses Reproduce?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Giving birth in water helps keep the calf safe and allows the mother to assist easily.
2. Staying in a pod allows multiple adults to help protect the calves from danger.
3. Calves may face threats from predators and other aggressive adult hippos.
4. People can help protect hippos by preserving their water habitats and preventing poaching.

