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**Basic Information About Lions**

The lion  is one of the [big cats](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_cat" \o "Big cat) in the [genus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genus" \o "Genus) [Panthera](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Panthera" \o "Panthera) and a member of the family [Felidae](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Felidae" \o "Felidae). The commonly used term African lion collectively denotes the several subspecies in Africa. With some males exceeding 250 kg (550 lb) in weight,  it is the second-largest living cat after the [tiger](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiger" \o "Tiger). They usually live in Africa. Lions usually eat meat but once a week they eat pulling weeds.

**Interesting Facts About Lions**

African lions are the most social of all big cats and live together in groups or “prides.” A pride consists of about 15 lions.

Male lions defend the pride’s territory while females do most of the hunting. Despite this, the males eat first.

These majestic cats are threatened by habitat loss. The lion is listed as vulnerable on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

The lion was once found throughout Africa, Asia and Europe but now exists only in Africa with one exception. The last remaining Asiatic lions are found in Sasan-Gir National Park in India, which was primarily created to protect the species. Currently, there are approximately 350-400 lions in the park.

A lion’s roar can be heard from as far as 5 miles away.

A lion can run for short distances at 50 mph and leap as far as 36 feet.

Even though the lion is sometimes referred to as the “king of the jungle,” it actually only lives in grasslands and plains. The expression may have come from an incorrect association between Africa and jungles or may refer to a less literal meaning of the word jungle.

A good gauge of a male lion’s age is the darkness of his mane. The darker the mane, the older the lion.

A lion’s heels don’t touch the ground when it walks.

A lion may sleep up to 20 hours a day.

The average male lion weighs around 180 kg (400 lb) while the average female lion weighs around 130 kg (290 lb).

The heaviest lion on record weighed an amazing 375 kg (826 lb).



