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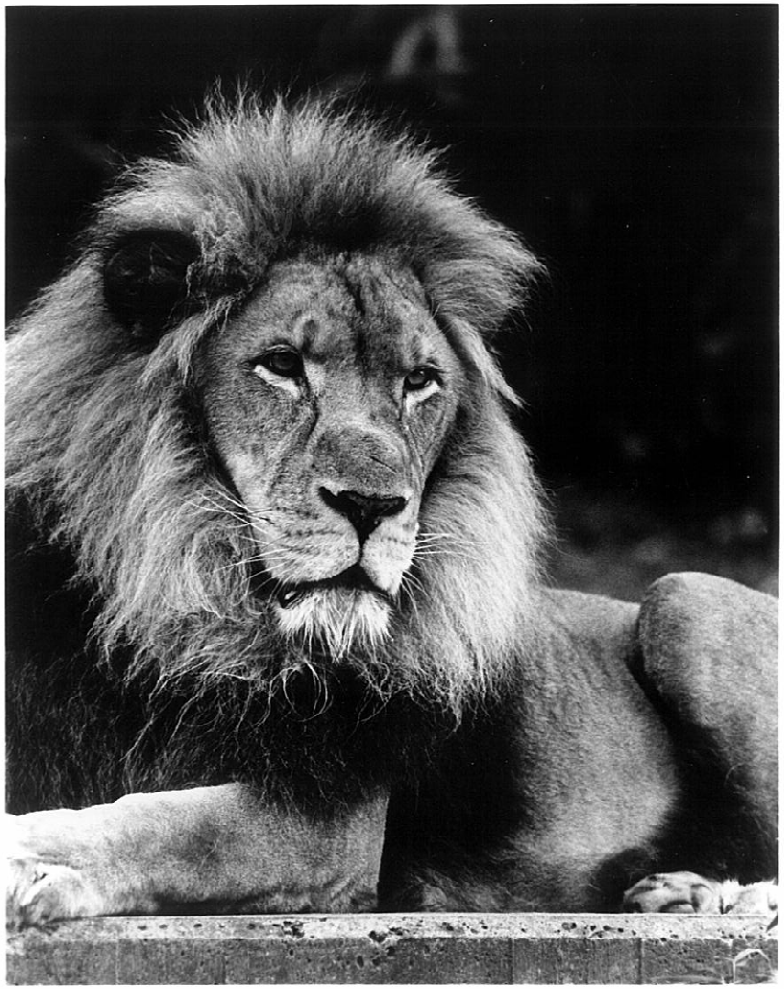

GREAT CATS

Top: Full-blooded Sumatran tiger female, Soy, was born at the National Zoo in June 1993 as part of a Species Survival Plan organized by zoo conservationists through the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums. This beautiful tiger is popular with visitors at the National Zoo. Her future offspring will likely play an important part in the efforts of conservationists to save the highly endangered Sumatran tiger from extinction. *Credit: Jessie Cohen, National Zoo*

Left: Named for a river in Kenya, Tana, a 10-year-old male African lion maintains his 475 lb. weight by eating 56 lbs. of meat each week. At the National Zoo's Great Cats exhibit that opened on October 1, 1998, carnivores are provided carefully formulated diets that include not only meat, but also a broad variety of other nutritional elements essential to the big cats' health and longevity. *Credit: Jessie Cohen, National Zoo*

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Top left: The drama of the plight of tigers in the wild comes to life with interactive educational materials at Tiger Tracks, featured at the National Zoo's Great Cats exhibit that opened October 1, 1998. Tiger Tracks was funded by a generous contribution from the "Save the Tiger Fund," an international program established by Exxon and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support conservation projects. *Credit: Jessie Cohen, National Zoo*

Top right: At Tiger Tracks, part of the National Zoo's Great Cats exhibit that opened October 1, visitors are encouraged to think about family life and to compare their own to life in a tiger family. Tigers are listed as an endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. *Credit: Jessie Cohen, National Zoo*

Bottom left: Visitors to Predator Alcove, at the National Zoo's Great Cats exhibit which opened October 1, can pat a Tyrannosaurus rex on the nose or feel its mighty teeth. They also learn why big, fierce predators - like today's lions and tigers - have always been rare. *Credit: Heidi Summers, National Zoo*

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