Elephant Facts

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Type: Mammal

Diet: Herbivore

Average life span in the wild: Up to 70 years

Size: Height at the shoulder, 8.2 to 13 ft (2.5 to 4 m)

Weight: 5,000 to 14,000 lbs (2,268 to 6,350 kg)

Group name: Herd

Protection status: Threatened

Size relative to a 6-ft (2-m) man:

An elephant's trunk is actually a long nose used for smelling, breathing, trumpeting, drinking, and also for grabbing things.

Elephants are fond of water and enjoy showering by sucking water into their trunks and spraying it all over themselves.

An adult elephant can consume up to 300 pounds (136 kilograms) of food in a single day.

Female elephants (cows) live in family herds with their young, but adult males (bulls) tend to roam on their own.

At birth, elephants already weigh some 200 pounds (91 kilograms) and stand about 3 feet (1 meter) tall.

Giraffe

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Type: Mammal

Diet: Herbivore

Average life span in the wild: 25 years

Size: 14 to 19 ft (4 to 6 m)

Weight: 1,750 to 2,800 lbs (794 to 1,270 kg)

Size relative to a 6-ft (2-m) man:

Giraffes are the world's tallest mammals, thanks to their towering legs and long necks. A giraffe's legs alone are taller than many humans

Lion

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Type: Mammal

Diet: Carnivore

Size:Head and body, 4.5 to 6.5 ft (1.4 to 2 m); Tail, 26.25 to 39.5 in (67 to 100 cm)

Weight:265 to 420 lbs (120 to 191 kg)

Group name: Pride

Protection status: Vulnerable

Size relative to a 6-ft (2-m) man:

Lions are the only cats that live in groups, which are called prides.

Only male lions boast manes, the impressive fringe of long hair that encircles their heads.

Female lions are the pride's primary hunters.

Tiger

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TYpe: Mammal

Diet: Carnivore

Average life span in the wild: 8 to 10 years

Size: Head and body, 5 to 6 ft (1.5 to 1.8 m); tail, 2 to 3 ft (0.6 to 0.9 m)

Weight: 240 to 500 lbs (109 to 227 kg)

Protection status: Endangered

Did you know? A tiger's roar can be heard as far as 2 mi (3 km) away.

Size relative to a 6-ft (2-m) man:

Females give birth to litters of two to six cubs, which they raise with little or no help from the male. Cubs cannot hunt until they are 18 months old and remain with their mothers for two to three years,