



# INTERNET SCAVENGER HUNT WILD CATS



**NAME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

- 🐾 On which continents can wild cats be [found](#)?

**North America, Central America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.**

- 🐾 According to conservationists, in 2015 about how many [wild tigers](#) remained in the world?

**3200**

Compare this to the number of [tigers in captivity](#) in the U.S, according to the World Wildlife Fund.

**5000**

- 🐾 What animals are protected under the [Captive Wildlife Safety Act](#) passed in 2004, that prohibits interstate and foreign trade in exotic cats?

**Lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, and cougars**

Who is exempt from this law?

**Circuses, zoos, wildlife rehabilitators, and some licenses facilities**

Does this law prohibit owning these animals?

**No, it is not an outright ban on ownership.**

- 🐾 List 3 reasons [exotic cats](#) DON'T make good pets. Here's another [resource](#) 🐾.

- 1.) Cats are impulsive, they can and will strike at you if you do the wrong things at the wrong time. You must be able to read a cat's body language (eye's, how it walks, speed of its movements, sounds, movement of tail, position of head, how it approaches and how it responds).
- 2.) Instincts are to lock on and stalk smaller of any species.
- 3.) Require large living space (i.e. lions & tigers 4500 square feet). Tigers and jaguars require a pool for swimming and cooling off. The average habitat costs \$30,000.



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Animal	Where I am found in the wild	Habitat	Biggest Threats
<a href="#"><u>Tiger</u></a>	Southeast Asia, Russia, India	Swampy mangroves, dense forests, rocky country, woodlands	Habitat loss Poaching
<a href="#"><u>Serval</u></a>	Africa	Savannah, tall grass near water	Leopards, dogs, and people. Poachers for their pelt
<a href="#"><u>Lion</u></a>	Africa	Grassy plains, savannah, dry open woodlands	Growing human populations Tribal rituals, and medicinal powers Trophy hunting
<a href="#"><u>Ocelot</u></a>	Central, South America	Rainforests Adaptable with good water source	Humans Fur and pet trade
<a href="#"><u>Leopard</u></a>	Africa, Southeast Asia, Far East Russia	Savanna, rainforest, grasslands, woodlands, and forests Adaptable	Humans Habitat Loss Hunting