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Animal Fact Sheet

Bengal Tiger



- **Latin name:** panthera Tigris Tigris.
- **Other names:** Royal Bengal Tiger, Indian Tiger.
- **Habitat:** Mangrove forest. 20sq miles
- **Range:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Nepal, South East Asia.
- **Sizes:** Male 8ft- 10 ft., Females 7ft- 8.7ft.
- **Weight:** Male 400-500 lbs. Female 200-350 lbs.
- **Sexual maturity:** Female, 2 years.
- **Mating:** Spring, males mate with females near home range, stay together for 20-80 days. Fertile 3-7 days.
- **Gestation:** 15 weeks.
- **Number of young:** 1-5 cubs.
- **Diet:** Ox, Buffalo, Axis, Deer, Boar, Monkeys, Antelopes.
- **Lifespan:** 15-20 Years in the wild.
- **Behavior:** nocturnal, solitary, stalking predatory, bites on the back of the neck or throat to kill prey, hunts weak and old animals, solitary.

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- **Name:** Meshra.
- **Subspecie:** Bengal and Siberian mix
- **Age:** 6 years old.
- **Weight:** 350 lbs.
- **Residency at Project Noah:** 4 years.
- **Bred:** yes, 3 males on July 8, 1998.
- **Why did she come here?** Laws passed against private ownership.
- **Lifespan in captivity:** 15-20 years.
- **Diet:** chicken, beef, deer, horse.
- **Behavior in captivity:** Meshra stays up all night and rests during the day. She spends much time playing in the water during the summer and keeps herself very clean. When she is cool, she is much more alert and playful. She is the most loving of our cats and craves attention.
- Meshra died of a brain tumor in January, 2003.

Interesting facts about Tigers

- Tigers have white spots on the back of their ears to trick other animals in to thinking they are eyes.
- Tigers have only one natural predator, humans.
- Everybody knows that lions roar but Tigers roar as well.
- If the whiskers and snout fit through an opening, then so can the body.



Three-week old Vaughn, Meshra's son, in July, 1998. He is now in Indiana tipping the scales at 600 pounds.