

The Dawn of the Sabre Tooth Tiger.

The Sabre Toothed Tiger (also known by the latin name of *Smilodon Fatalis*) is the descendant of the modern lion. This predator's origin began over 2.5 million years ago. Roaming the earth throughout the Ice-Age, the predacious beast co-existed alongside many other prehistoric animals. To find out more about these Jurassic species, read on and become an expert about the *Smilodon Fatalis*.



What's on the menu?

Interestingly, the saber tooth tiger was a carnivore (meat-eater) and would eat any meat it could find. In fact, it mostly ate herbivores. Also, they only hunted in packs. Fascinatingly, if a member of their pack was injured, they would feed them. They would feed on bison, camels and remained successful even when encountering new prey in South America such as macrauchenia and ground sloths.



Heavenly Homes

Mostly, the Saber Toothed tiger would live in areas with herbivores (plant-eaters). These areas included pine forests; shrubed environments; and grasslands. During the Pleistocene era, (23 million years ago) the razor-toothed beast spread from North America and Europe to Asia and Africa with some of them moving to South America as well. Places like these were great food sources to be preyed on by the sabre toothed tiger.



Almighty Appearance

The Saber Toothed Tiger had two 20cm (8 inches) canines that were razor sharp. Its jaw could also open at a 90 degree angle. Scientist have done all they can to research the Saber Tooth's fur colour, but it is still unknown. To help with its hunting, the sly specimen also had a fluffed tail which it used to ambush prey. Most Saber Tooth Tigers weighed up 350kg (750 pounds). Surprisingly, the male tigers were a lot less aggressive than the female tigers.



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R.I.P Saber Toths

12,000 years ago, the Saber Tooth went extinct in the ice age. The reason of this extinction was because of tar pits (they would fall into it) and they were running out of food. They also died out because humans came and started to hunt their prey; they didn't have any food because of this.

Expert archeologist, Sebastian saber, explained "This descendant of the tiger will always be remembered as one of the top predators."



Fanged Facts!

Amazing facts!

- Did you know that they use their fangs to stab their prey? Their going to need one big toothbrush!

-Did you know that the Saber Teeths were social, perhaps even living in groups to care for one another. There going to need a bigger meal!

Funky facts!

- Did you know that, two long sharp canine teeth came out of its top jaw. WOW!
- Did you know that the Sabertooth mostly hunter large, slow-moving animals, like sloths, and even young mammoths or possibly humans. Good thing we don't live in the prehistoric era!

Did You Know?

-The Sabre Toothed Tiger is bigger than the modern lion!! Think we are going to need a bigger measuring tape!

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