

# The super Saber Tooth tiger.

Ten thousand years ago, collections of Saber Tooth Tigers (also known as the Smilodon Fatalis) roamed the globe. The latin name for the colossal creature means deadly knife tooth. Scientists have discovered multiple bones from the breath-taking beast in the La Brea tar pits however there have be no real descendants of the Saber Tooth cats alive today.



# There's No place like home.

The Saber Tooth Tiger lived where plant-eating animals were. These areas included: pine forests; shrubby areas; and grasslands. During the miocene and pliocene Epoch Time they lived in North America and Europe (23 million to 2.6 million years ago). Some Saber Tooth Tigers moved to South America during the pleistocene Epoch (2.5 million to 10,000 years ago). Living in open grasslands and on the plains, they would spend most of the day hunting.

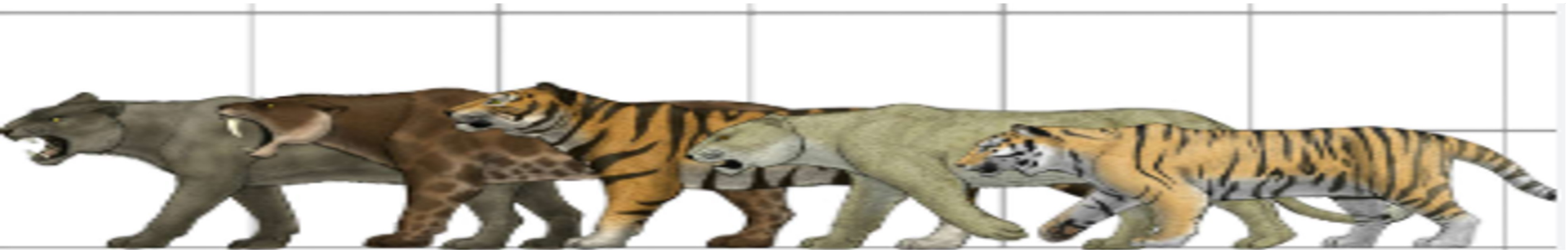


# What's on the delicious menu.

This cunning cat was a carnivore (meat-eater) and it ate any meat that it could find. This deadly species ate herbivores (plant-eating creatures) like deer. Most of the time, the Saber Tooth hunted large slow-moving animals like: sloths; horses; bison; mastodons; young mammoths ; and even hairy elephants (one of the reasons why hairy elephants became extinct). Interestingly, the bite force of a Saber Toothed Tiger was three times less than a modern lion.



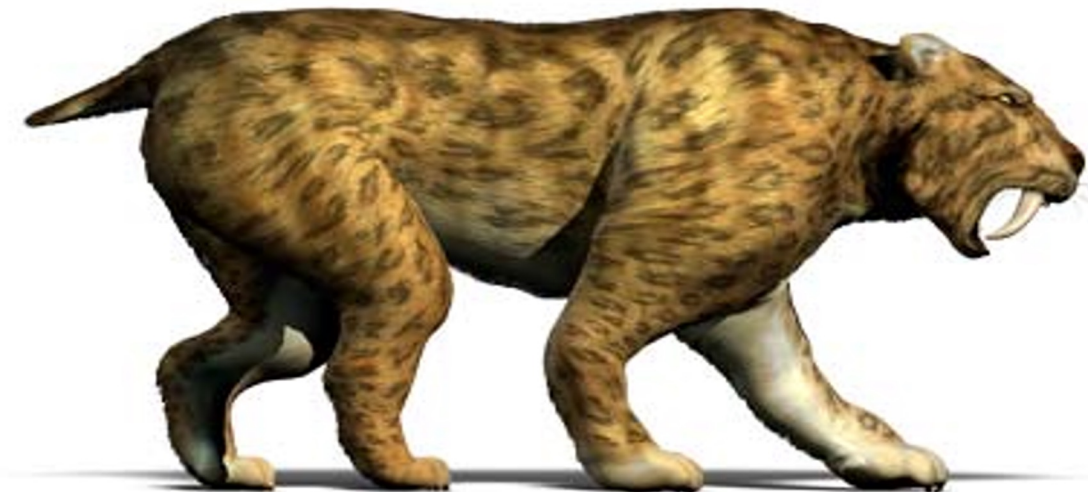
# Amazing adaptation?



Saber Tooth Tigers have long canine teeth that could be used as knives to kill its prey so then they could eat the prey they killed. Saber Tooth Tigers also had a bobbed tail which means they could ambush (surprise attack) their prey.

# Fascinating features.

The pattern of the Saber Toothed Tiger is unknown but they were a similar size to a modern day lion. However, they were more robust (stronger) and had shorter limbs. Measuring around 175 cm from nose to its rump, they weighed between 55 to 400 kg. This Mega cat's teeth can grow up to 20 cm long animal scientist Saber Smith stated, "The bones and fossils of the Saber tooth tiger are still being found in North America and Europe!"



# Fantastic Facts!

## Fact 1

The pregnancy period for the Saber Tooth Tiger was around eight months and the cubs were born blind and helpless which is similar to modern day cats, how fascinating!!!!

## Fact 2

Just like modern lions, the Saber Tooth Tigers hunted animals in packs. This ensured that when they were injured or ill they would still get a meal.

## Did You Know?

Did you know that Saber Tooth Tigers are double the weight of an African lion?

Did you also know that nobody knows what colour the species originally were?

Did you know that tar pits would trap the Saber Tooth tiger? What a terrible end!!!!