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DESERT MUSEUM'S MOUNTAIN LION CUB

FAST FACTS

Sex: Male
Age: 5-1/2 months
Rescued: March 9, 2013 in San Jose, CA
Rescue Weight: 15 lbs.
Current Weight: 51.5 lbs.
Current Length: 37.5 inches (not including the tail)
Current Paw Size: 4-3/4 inches
Favorite Food: Goats Milk
Favorite Activities: Chasing rock squirrels and lazing in the shade

Enter the naming contest at: desertmuseum.org. Winner will receive a special gift from the mountain lion and a family membership to the Desert Museum. Winning name will be announced at a special naming celebration on July 6, 2013.

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MOUNTAIN LION FAST FACTS

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| Scientific Name: | <i>Puma concolor</i> |
| A.K.A.: | Puma, mountain lion, cougar, catamount |
| Range: | Canadian Yukon to Southern Andes Mountains |
| Length: | Nose to Tail -- Adult Male 7.9 ft., Adult Female 6.7 ft. |
| Weight: | Adult Males – 115-220 lbs., Adult Females – 64-141 lbs. |
| Litter Size: | One to six cubs |
| Size: | 4 th largest cat predator |
| Habitat: | Dense underbrush and rocky terrain; territorial & solitary |
| Hunting Style: | Nocturnal stalk & ambush |
| Running Speed: | 40-50 MPH |
| Leaping Ability: | 18 ft. vertically and 40-45 ft. horizontally |
| Normal Prey: | (Largest) deer, elk, moose, big horn sheep (Smallest) rodents |
| Predators: | Jaguars, black bears, wolves, and grizzly bears |
| DNA: | More closely related to house cats than lions |
| Fun Facts: | Mountain lions are not true lions and cannot roar; they hold the Guinness record for animal with the most names – with over 40 names in English alone; Proportionally they have the largest hind legs in the cat family. |

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is one of the nation's leading outdoor, living museums, featuring more than 230 animals and 1,200 varieties of desert plants. Its purpose is to inspire people to live in harmony with the natural world by fostering love, appreciation, and understanding of the bi-national, Sonoran Desert region. The museum is located at 2021 N. Kinney Road, in Tucson Mountain Park adjacent to Saguaro National Park (West). It is open daily year round with operating hours varying by season. Call (520) 883-2702 or visit www.desertmuseum.org for more information.