

Sanctuary for Predators and Exotic Animals
Non-profit organization for the preservation
and protection of predators, primates and
exotic animals in need



FACT SHEET

Igor, Boris, Ussuri

Species: Tiger (lat. *Panthera tigris altaica*)

Subspecies: Probably non-purebred Siberian tiger (lat. *Panthera tigris altaica*)

Other names for species: Amur tiger, Korean tiger, Manchurian tiger, North China tiger, Ussurian tiger (named after the rivers Amur and Ussuri in Russia)

Date of birth: 13/Jul/2006

Birthplace: Wallersdorf

How they came to the Sanctuary for Predators and Exotic Animals:

Taken over from an insolvent animal organization.

Story: The three brothers Igor, Boris and Ussuri were born on the grounds which nowadays belong to SPEA after not only their parents, Tiger and Angie, but also their sister Kiara were handed over to the animal organization, which housed the animals in Wallersdorf prior to SPEA by a bankrupt circus.

Characteristics: The decision was made for the three toms to stay with their mother Angie, in order to ensure a species appropriate keeping. Having been raised by their mother, the concession made includes the three tigers not having become tame like hand-reared tigers would be.

Even though with a weight of 180kg (Ussuri), 220kg (Boris) and 240kg (Igor) respectively the three might seem like big cats as far as Siberian tigers are concerned they are considered to be merely small or medium sized which is why they are presumably not purebred.

Researchers can distinguish single tigers by their unique markings.

Igor, Boris and Ussuri can be told apart by the number of the stripes on their left foreleg:

Ussuri: 2 „s“ in his name and 2 stripes on his left foreleg

Boris: 1 „s“ in his name and 1 stripes on his left foreleg

Igor: no „s“ in his name and no stripes on his left foreleg

About the Sanctuary for Predators and Exotic Animals

The non-profit organization „Raubtier- und Exotenasyll e.V.“ (Sanctuary for Predators and Exotic Animals), which was founded in 2007, is the only shelter for predators, primates and exotic animals in need in Germany. The Sanctuary's lone source of income derives from donations. The SPEA works together closely with veterinarians, animal shelters, zoos and foresters. The leased land was taken over from an insolvent animal organization in 2009, as were the resident animals. The Sanctuary for Predators and Exotic Animals serves as a home for animals which stem from illegal private keeping, the black market or insolvent circuses. At the moment we care for 6 tigers, 2 cougars, 1 lynx, 1 arctic fox, 1 red fox, 2 snow monkeys as well as a group of ferrets.

The Sanctuary sees it's task in protecting the animals it's entrusted with as well as clarification and education on the topics of exotic animals, environmental and animal species protection. The organization offers „Bundesfreiwilligendienstler“ (federal service volunteers) zoo keepers- and vets-to-be the possibility of partaking in an internship.