

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



FACT SHEET

Püñktchen and Anton

Species: Cougar (Puma concolor)

Other names for species: Puma, mountain lion, panther or catamount

Date of birth: 26/May/1997

Birthplace: Germany

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

Püñktchen and Anton were taken over from an insolvent animal organization.

Story: Püñktchen and Anton were transferred to Wallersdorf through an animal protection organization in 1999. They were seized by officials after having been discovered on a property near Lausitz (Lusiatia), where the owner was keeping them illegally in a tiny shed.

Characteristics: Due to the extremely bad keeping, the two cougars experienced during their cubhood, Püñktchen and Anton find it hard to trust humans. In the course of time Anton has reached the conclusion that not all humans are bad whereas Püñktchen is still hanging on to her suspicions regarding everything new, be it new people, new surroundings or even new kinds of food, which have to be observed warily before she dares approaching them.

Although they belong to the biggest cats, cougars are no „panthera“ they are „felinae“ - small cats. An important characteristic is that felinae can't roar. Another characteristic that typically applies to the “felinae” is the weight: Anton only weighs 45kg, Püñktchen even less (38kg) – quite the difference compared to our lightest tiger Rhani (120kg)!

About the Sanctuary for Predators and Exotic Animals

The non-profit organization „Raubtier- und Exotenasy 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.