

How come there isn't a mountain lion statue up there? [On display in the Foothills Park Interpretive Center]

Our animal specimens died of natural causes, which gives us the opportunity to use them in interpretive displays. Also, we do not have money set aside in our budget for major expenses, such as the purchase of a taxidermied mountain lion.

Mountain Lions (*Felis concolor*), which are rarely seen by humans, are common in many areas of the United States; however, some subspecies are vulnerable and on the Endangered Species List. At Foothills Park, our mission is to protect and preserve the natural area which surrounds us; the animals you see in the interpretive center are plentiful in this area.

Did you know Mountain Lions are also called Puma, Cougar and Panther and are the largest of the "small" (an adult mountain lion can weigh up to 140 pounds) cat species?

Mountain Lions are good swimmers but they would rather not be in the water because they would get wet!

Also, even though we hear a lot on TV or in the movies, Mountain Lions don't make "wild cat screams" very often. More common vocalizations are whistles, squeaks, growls, purrs, hisses and yowls; just like your kitty at home.