

The following is a partial listing of incidents involving captive big cats since 1990. These incidents have resulted in the killing of 87 big cats, 53 human deaths, and more than 180 human injuries. Contact PETA for documentation

October 3, 2003/Las Vegas, Nev.: While walking a tiger across the stage on a leash, Roy Horn of the Siegfried & Roy casino act was mauled and critically injured by a tiger during a show. The tiger bit Horn on the right arm, then lunged at him, bit him on the neck, and dragged him across the stage in front of more than 1,500 horrified tourists. Horn suffered bite wounds and massive blood loss. The 7-year-old tiger had been performing in the show since he was 6 months old.

September 20, 2003/Baghdad, Iraq: A U.S. soldier shot and killed a tiger at the Baghdad Zoo after the tiger bit off the finger and clawed the arm of another soldier who was feeding him through the bars of the cage.

September 4, 2003/Alexandria, Egypt: A tiger pounced on a circus trainer during an act, causing deep cuts to his face and a broken jaw.

August 21, 2003/Whetstone Township, Ohio: A chained 180-pound "pet" cougar snapped his collar, escaped, and attacked a neighbor's dog, causing more than 100 lacerations.

August 14, 2003/St. Louis, Mo.: A cheetah at the St. Louis Zoo escaped from her enclosure--by going through a 12-foot wide moat and over a 12-foot high wall--and walked among visitors before being recaptured.

August 8, 2003/Dhaka, Bangladesh: A zookeeper fainted when a tiger escaped from his cage at the Bangladesh Zoo. The tiger roamed freely for an hour.

July 29, 2003/Chisinau, Moldova: A tiger at a zoo bit off a 10-year-old girl's arm when she reached into the tiger's cage and tried to pet him.

July 18, 2003/Chihuahua, Mexico: A 12-year-old New Mexico boy, vacationing in Mexico, nearly lost his finger when he was bitten by a jaguar at a petting zoo. The child's finger received 42 stitches.

July 3, 2003/La Crosse, Wis.: A tiger mauled circus trainer Bruno Blaszak in front of 400 people during his show at a festival. The tiger charged at Blaszak, knocked him down, and clawed him. His right leg required 30 to 40 stitches.

June 30, 2003/Calhan, Colo.: Two tigers severely mauled an employee of Big Cats of Serenity Springs as he entered their cage. The employee was knocked down by one tiger and suffered a mangled leg and scalp injuries. As a result, the tigers were beaten with shovels and later killed.

June 23, 2003/Crossett, Ark.: A firefighter visiting the Crossett Zoo suffered a deep laceration and lost part of his thumb when he was bitten by a tiger.

May 28, 2003/Nampa, Idaho: At a roadside zoo called For the Birds, where visitors are allowed to pet tigers, a toddler was jumped on and licked by a 170-pound tiger. Other zoo visitors and employees have been jumped on and bitten by tigers.

April 28, 2003/Russia: Two lions escaped from their cage, which had been left open, and killed a circus trainer. Police shot and killed the lions.

April 23, 2003/Colmenar Viejo, Spain: A tiger with the Italian-owned International Circus bit off the right arm and caused serious injury to the left arm of a man who approached the his cage.

April 23, 2003/Tokyo, Japan: Several lions attacked and killed an animal handler who was patrolling the grounds at a drive-through facility called African Safari Park.

April 6, 2003/San Antonio, Texas: A lion from Wild Animal Orphanage escaped and roamed through a northwest area neighborhood for several hours. An employee required hospital treatment for a fractured pelvic bone and bruised rib when the lion charged and knocked her down as she attempted to shoot the animal with a tranquilizer dart. The lion was shot and killed by four police officers armed with handguns and shotguns.

April 2, 2003/Adair, Okla.: Several tigers belonging to the International Wildlife Center of Texas and boarded at Safari Joe's Rock Creek Exotic Animal Park attacked and killed a handler. One tiger grabbed her arm and pulled her into the cage as she was giving them water, and other tigers in the cage pounced on her. Another worker beat the tigers with a shovel to break up the attack and to retrieve the woman's body and her severed arm. The tigers were displayed at fairs and used in photo ops with the public.

March 31, 2003/Hennepin, Ill.: As he entered their pen to shift them to another enclosure, a man was mauled to death by two tigers he kept in a backyard menagerie. Police shot and killed both tigers in order to retrieve the body. This was the second incident at the Second Nature Exotic Cats Sanctuary (see May 26, 2002/Hennepin, Ill.).

March 23, 2003/Sacramento, Calif.: A keeper at the Sacramento Zoo was hospitalized and treated for puncture wounds to his neck, right shoulder, and left leg after he was attacked by a 325-pound tiger while he was preparing to feed the animal. Another worker beat the tiger on the head with a shovel to stop the attack.

March 16, 2003/Dehiwela, Sri Lanka: A leopard at the Colombo Zoo reached through the bars of his cage and attacked an infant, causing severe head injuries.

February 4, 2003/Jacksonville, Fla.: A 450-pound tiger with UniverSoul Circus escaped while the cage was being cleaned. The tiger climbed a car, jumped over a fence, headed down an alley, frightened employees at a nearby restaurant, and was recaptured 10 minutes later.

January 30, 2003/Benimantell, Spain: A lion bit off a British woman's arm at the elbow as she attempted to pet the animal while touring a zoo.

January 24, 2003/Albert Lea, Minn.: A malnourished tiger cub was seized from a home in a residential neighborhood after school officials learned that scratches and bite marks on a fifth-grade boy were caused by his father's "pet" tiger.

January 17, 2003/Hubei Province, China: Two lions at Wuhan Forest Safari Park mauled a keeper to death as he entered their cage to feed them, then escaped and ran loose for hours before being recaptured.

January 8, 2003/Laurens, S.C.: A 200-pound "pet" cougar was recaptured in a residential neighborhood after he had escaped from a pen 5 miles away and roamed freely for three days.

December 15, 2002/Leesburg, Va.: Animal control was called to help recapture an 80-pound tiger who escaped from a petting zoo and was on top of a car in a parking lot.

December 2002/Malibu Hills, Calif.: Television star Elisha Cuthbert was treated at a hospital for deep puncture wounds to the hand after she was bitten by a cougar while shooting a scene for the TV show *24*.

November 29, 2002/Kaohsiung City, China: A tiger from an American circus based in Las Vegas bit off a woman's hand as she tried to pet him during a parade to advertise circus performances.

November 14, 2002/Detroit, Mich.: A tiger who had been beaten to death and dumped in a field was found by local residents.

November 3, 2002/Guatemala: A leopard with the King Gitano Circus attacked and killed a 2-year-old girl after she wandered near the animal's cage. The leopard reached out, grabbed her with his claws, threw her against the cage, and bit her. She died of a fractured skull.

October 28, 2002/Las Vegas, Nev.: Neighbors became frightened and alerted animal control when they spotted two tiger cubs running loose on a neighbor's rooftop. The cubs had escaped from the homeowner's private menagerie.

October 17, 2002/Southport, Fla.: A 500-pound African lion pounced on, dragged, and mauled his owner at a roadside zoo called 77 Zoological Park as the owner stepped into the cage to pose for a picture. The lion ripped a hole in his throat, pulled his right eye out of its socket, severed tendons in his neck and chest, tore his skin, and bit through his flesh to the bone. The man spent weeks in the hospital and was in critical condition for 11 days.

October 11, 2002/Jackson, N.J.: The 70-year-old husband of "tiger lady" Joan Byron-Marasek was suddenly attacked by a tiger at her controversial preserve as he was feeding the tigers. He suffered head injuries, and his arm was nearly severed.

October 9, 2002/Potsdam, Germany: A tiger escaped from a circus, forcing fearful residents to stay indoors for more than two hours. A park was sealed off and 20 police officers and veterinarians searched for the tiger, using a tranquilizer gun to recapture her.

September 28, 2002/Bloomington, Ill.: A 400-pound tiger was shot and killed by police after he escaped from a trailer at a truck stop and hid in bushes near a residential area for nine hours. Local police spent \$9,000 attempting to recapture the tiger. This same tiger mauled a 7-year-old girl in Hennepin, Ill. (see May 26, 2002).

September 22, 2002/Mayagüez, Puerto Rico: Police officers shot and killed a jaguar after she escaped from her cage at the Mayagüez Zoo. The jaguar, found hiding in a tree, made several attempts to attack the officers before they gunned her down.

September 22, 2002/Quitman, Ark.: Four African lions, believed to have escaped from a nearby exotic animal farm, were shot and killed after running loose for several days, terrifying residents.

September 20, 2002/Scotts Valley, Calif.: A declawed 150-pound tiger, who was being walked on a leash by Zoo to You at a school assembly with 150 children at the Baymonte Christian School, suddenly lunged at a 6-year-old boy and grabbed the child by the head with her jaws. The boy was wrestled away from the tiger by the principal and airlifted to a medical center where he received 55 stitches for two cuts to his scalp. A psychologist gave counseling to the terrified children who witnessed the attack.

August 23, 2002/EI Arish, Egypt: A circus trainer was taken to a hospital for treatment after his lion lashed out as he attempted to play with him. The lion severely wounded his hand.

August 14, 2002/Akron, Ohio: A 30-pound "pet" serval-hybrid escaped and ran loose for several blocks, worrying neighbors who were concerned for the safety of children playing outdoors.

July 22, 2002/Cozumel, Mexico: A 13-year-old Florida resident vacationing in Mexico was mauled by one of two lions displayed in a cage as an attraction at a restaurant. The girl was petting the lion when the lion bit her arm and refused to let go for five minutes. The girl's arm was severely torn above the elbow and required more than 300 stitches.

June 9, 2002/South Africa: Three lions mauled a tourist from Texas as she posed for a picture in their enclosure at a game lodge. She suffered injuries to her arm, shoulder, and leg and was hospitalized for 10 days.

May 26, 2002/Hennepin, Ill.: A 7-year-old girl was bitten by a tiger at a private menagerie as she attempted to pet the animal. The girl required 110 stitches and three months of therapy.

May 22, 2002/Mayagüez, Puerto Rico: A 12-year-old boy was scratched on the hand by a jaguar at the Mayagüez Zoo when he reached inside the jaguar's cage.

May 15, 2002/Romania: A 3-year-old girl was mauled by a 9-month-old lion tied up outside of a shop. The girl, who had tried to play with the lion, required hospital treatment for cuts to her chest, belly, and buttocks.

May 12, 2002/Tampa, Fla.: A 350-pound African lion at Busch Gardens ripped off the arm of a zookeeper standing next to the lion's cage while she was giving a private tour to her family. The attack occurred shortly after the zookeeper had fed the lion pieces of meat during training exercises. The zookeeper filed a lawsuit seeking in excess of \$15,000 in damages.

April 28, 2002/Pickens County, S.C.: According to the *Post & Courier*, a "pet" tiger was quarantined for biting an 8-year-old boy in the leg after the tiger had been given a bath. The tiger is normally kept in a metal cage in the backyard.

March 6, 2002/Vienna, Austria: While visitors watched, three jaguars at the Schoenbrunn zoo attacked and killed an employee as she was preparing their food and injured the zoo's director when he tried to rescue the zookeeper.

February 15, 2002/Pahrump, Nev.: Animal exhibitor Karl Mitchell shot and killed one of his tigers after the animal became frightened and escaped his control while being moved to a new residence.

February 3, 2002/Loxahatchee, Fla.: A woman was hospitalized in critical condition with a skull fracture after she was attacked and bitten by a 750-pound declawed tiger. The woman had been painting in preparation for a photo shoot at Steve Sipek's private animal compound.

January 24, 2002/Gentry, Ark.: Two animal handlers at Wild Wilderness Drive Thru Safari were attacked while transferring cougars between cages. One handler received multiple bites on an arm and leg, and the other was bitten in the face.

January 16, 2002/Pickering, Canada: A 500-pound tiger used for photo ops with small children and strippers snapped her tether, escaped, and wandered in the streets near Toronto, alarming residents. More than half a dozen police cruisers and a helicopter were dispatched to locate and recapture the tiger.

December 9, 2001/Davie, Fla.: A 7-year-old boy was taken to the hospital for stitches after being attacked and bitten "bone-deep" on the neck by a 40-pound declawed African serval at a PepsiCo International picnic. The child was walking by when the unattended serval leaped on him and knocked him to the ground. Pangaea Productions was hired to bring the serval and other animals to the event to be used for entertainment.

November 2, 2001/Pahrump, Nev.: A man was severely injured by a tiger while visiting a private residence. The man was bitten on the arm when he was allowed to feed the animals and required more than \$160,000 in medical care, including reconstructive surgery. A lawsuit was filed against tiger owner Annette Grabowski and her companion, Paul Mason, for negligence and against Nye County for failure to take action despite a previous biting incident.

October 22, 2001/Lyons, France: A lion belonging to a circus and being used in a film escaped from the film set and was discovered near a children's home. The lion was shot and killed.

October 21, 2001/Kunming, China: A zookeeper was mauled to death by a tiger as she entered the cage to feed the animal.

October 10, 2001/Lee County, Texas: A 3-year-old boy was killed by one of three of a relative's "pet" tigers as he was about to have his picture taken with the animals. The 250-pound tiger snatched the boy from the arms of an adult, clamped down on his leg, and dragged him around the enclosure, causing head injuries. The tiger was beaten on the head until he released the boy's foot.

October 6, 2001/Wuhan, China: A lion at a drive-thru animal park attacked and injured two tourists. A mother and son were throwing live hens to the lion from the open window of a bus when the lion grabbed the boy's arm and dragged him out through the window. The mother was scratched as she tried to rescue her son. As punishment, the lion will spend the rest of his life in a small cage.

October 3, 2001/Pittsburgh, Pa.: A "pet" African serval escaped for the fourth time in two years (see August 3, 2001).

September 26, 2001/Paris, France: A lion escaped from his cage at Zoo de Vincennes and ripped open a zookeeper's carotid artery during an attack, killing him.

August 16, 2001/Quitandinha, Brazil: A trapeze artist with the Imperial Circus of Mexico had an arm amputated after he was attacked by a lioness while helping a worker feed her.

August 11, 2001/Sydney, Australia: A lion trainer was "thrown around like a rag doll" by two lions during a performance. The trainer was hospitalized for several days in serious condition with puncture wounds to his chest, back, arms, and buttocks. Emergency workers used fire hoses to push back the lions so that the trainer could be rescued.

August 3, 2001/Pittsburgh, Pa.: A 42-pound "pet" African serval alarmed the neighborhood after he escaped and ran loose for the third time in two years. The serval was undernourished when he was re-captured a month later.

July 31, 2001/Center Hill, Fla.: A 500-pound tiger mauled and killed a man making cage repairs at a roadside zoo called Savage Kingdom. The man had suffered a fatal bite to his neck and severe injuries to his head, arm, and ribs. The tiger was later shot and killed by zoo workers.

July 27, 2001/Racine, Minn.: A 2-year-old, 400-pound white Siberian tiger was destroyed for rabies tests after he bit a 7-year-old girl. The tiger had escaped from a cage at a roadside zoo called B.E.A.R.C.A.T. Hollow and attacked the girl, inflicting two puncture wounds that became infected. The tiger was stuffed and mounted.

July 11, 2001/Africa: British film-maker Nigel Marven was mauled by a hand-reared lion while filming a show. The lion clawed his leg and tried to bite his head.

July 11, 2001/Moscow, Russia: A leopard reached through the bars of his cage at the Krasnoyarsk Zoo and mauled a 4-year-old's neck as she posed next to the animal for a photograph. The girl was hospitalized and required surgery.

June 29, 2001/Valladolid, Spain: A zookeeper was mauled to death by four lions at a zoo when he moved the animals into another part of their cage and accidentally left their cage door ajar.

June 25, 2001/Nashville, Tenn.: The Nashville Zoo was evacuated after officials found a cheetah wandering outside of his pen. The cheetah was shot with a tranquilizer dart and recaptured.

June 13, 2001/Kazan, Russia: A Siberian tiger was shot and killed by police after he escaped from a zoo and attacked a keeper. More than 700 officers and a helicopter searched for the escaped tiger for more than four hours.

May 23, 2001/Michoacán, Mexico: Two lions belonging to the Hermanos Rodriguez Ayala circus escaped from their cages during a severe rainstorm. The lions caused panic among local residents before police and circus workers recaptured the animals.

May 2001/Douglass (Berks) Township, Pa.: An escaped "pet" African serval was struck and killed by a car after roaming free for a week.

April 2001/Omaha, Neb.: Animal handler Bryan Franzen required stitches after he was clawed by a tiger during a performance at the Tangier Shrine Circus.

April 29, 2001/Oskaloosa, Kan.: A Jefferson County sheriff's lieutenant shot and killed an escaped tiger as the tiger crouched in an attack position. The 600-pound tiger ran loose for an hour after fleeing while being unloaded at a traveling zoo called, "Gatekeepers Wildlife Sanctuary." The animal had twice tried to attack a veterinarian when he was shot with a tranquilizer dart.

April 27, 2001/Oakwood, Ohio: The sheriff's office warned residents to keep their children and companion animals indoors after receiving a report that an escaped lion had been sighted.

April 16, 2001/Cascante, Spain: Three lions and a tiger escaped from a circus, killing or injuring several other animals at the circus. Police cordoned off the area and warned residents to stay indoors. Two of the lions were recaptured, and police shot and killed the tiger and the third lion the next day.

April 12, 2001/Brasov, Romania: A lion being used for photo shoots with tourists attacked an 8-year-old boy and escaped. The lion was recaptured by police, and the boy was hospitalized with bite wounds to his shoulder.

April 7, 2001/Van Buren County, Ark.: Three tigers escaped from their cages while being moved by court order from a Faulkner County subdivision, where they had been kept in violation of a local ordinance. The tigers were found three hours later, and one died after being tranquilized. After the escape, the sheriff of Van Buren County stated that he did not want the tigers in his county either.

March 27, 2001/Morgan County, Mo.: An African lion at Ozark Nature Center escaped from his cage while animals were being loaded for transport. Terrified residents spent the next four days escorting children and keeping companion animals indoors while dozens of police officers and conservation agents searched for the animal. The lion was found napping near a road and recaptured.

March 25, 2001/Las Vegas, Nev.: A tiger with Safari Wildlife attacked and killed his handler. The tiger put his paw on the man's back, pushed him down, and bit his throat. The handler died within minutes from loss of blood. The tiger was used for photo ops with the public and had also appeared in numerous motion pictures and advertisements. He was being groomed for a promotional advertisement when the attack occurred. Another handler was hospitalized with injuries to his knees and puncture wounds.

March 22, 2001/Toronto, Canada: A 400-pound tiger with Garden Bros. Circus bit off a circus worker's fingertip while being given water.

March 20, 2001/Olmsted Falls, Ohio: A worker spreading gravel in a tiger enclosure at Burnette Farm was mauled and critically injured by a 500-pound tiger. The worker underwent surgery for bite wounds to his neck.

March 16, 2001/Witts Springs, Ark.: A tiger escaped from a backyard menagerie by gnawing her way through the heavy steel enclosure. The tiger was loose for three days, terrorizing residents and biting a dog, who was subsequently treated for three large fang marks on each side of his neck. The tiger continued to elude capture after she was shot in the shoulder by an area resident. She was tranquilized and recaptured after she was located in a thickly wooded area by a police helicopter.

March 10, 2001/Kamarkundu, India: Just minutes after the show started, a tiger suddenly mauled a worker at the Olympic Circus while the animal was being forced to jump through a fireball. The circus worker received 15 stitches on his head, neck, and jaws.

February 5, 2001/Keal Cotes, England: An animal trainer suffered bite wounds to his leg and shoulder when he was mauled by a 550-pound tiger during a training exercise.

January 26, 2001/Las Vegas, Nev.: A "pet" cougar escaped from her pen and hopped aboard a school bus. No children were on board at the time. The driver fled from the bus, and animal control workers captured the animal.

December 29, 2000/Frankfurt, Germany: A tiger escaped from a circus and caused a 12-mile traffic jam on Germany's busiest motorway that lasted longer than two hours while he eluded capture by 50 police, firefighters, animal experts, and circus personnel. A helicopter with heat-seeking equipment located the tiger at night, and he was finally captured after being sedated with six shots from an anesthetic dart gun.

December 20, 2000/Omaha, Neb.: A 6-month-old mountain lion cub pounced on the landlord of a rental home that he was checking on after the tenant was arrested for armed robbery.

December 15, 2000/ Calcutta, India: A 30-year-old man, believed to be drunk, was killed by a tiger in front of horrified spectators at the Alipur Zoo when he jumped over a fence into the tiger enclosure. The tiger swiped at the man once with his paw.

December 15, 2000/West Bengal, India: A tiger trainer was mauled to death by three tigers during an act that required nine tigers to jump over her and then pass through a ring.

November 5, 2000/Amberg, Germany: A 5-year-old girl was critically wounded when a tiger/lion mix broke through his cage, knocked down a fence, and grabbed her at a circus.

October 21, 2000/Gambier, Ohio: A 10-year-old boy was knocked to the ground and bitten on the leg by a tiger at the Siberian Tiger Foundation while participating in a "close encounter" at the facility. This was the tenth incident in seven months of people being bitten or otherwise injured by tigers at the facility.

September 21, 2000/Vandalur, India: A zookeeper died after being mauled by a panther at the Arignar Anna Zoological Park. The panther pounced on the keeper and grasped her by the neck while she was cleaning the cage. This was the third keeper to be killed by an animal at the zoo.

September 12, 2000/Brisbane, Australia: Two tiger handlers received stitches after they were attacked and bitten by a tiger prior to shooting a scene for the U.S. television series *Beastmaster*.

September 10, 2000/Albuquerque, N.M.: A tiger cub bit a man during a photo op at the New Mexico State Fair.

August 26, 2000/Sioux Falls, S.D.: A 14-year-old boy was hospitalized after being mauled by a tiger on his father's farm. The teenager was hospitalized for more than a month with bite wounds to the leg, neck, and shoulder.

August 12, 2000/Boise, Idaho: A woman was mauled by a tiger at a fundraiser for Zoo Boise after the cat escaped from an unlocked cage. She was hospitalized in serious condition with a broken leg, puncture wounds, and a gunshot wound that she received when police fired their guns to scare the tiger away.

August 7, 2000/São Paulo, Brazil: Police firing machine guns and shotguns killed six lions from a circus after they had escaped from their cage and prowled through the town.

July 12, 2000/Chippewa Falls, Wis.: An employee at the Irvine Park Zoo in Wisconsin was bitten by a cougar after she tried to pet him. She was hospitalized for three days.

June 28, 2000/Rensselaer, N.Y.: A 4-year-old boy underwent plastic surgery for a bite to the neck and two puncture wounds to the face when he was attacked by a 40-pound African serval being taken for a walk. The man walking the cat received several stitches for bite wounds to the hand.

June 12, 2000/Ahmadabad, India: A leopard escaped from a zoo and attacked two construction workers, one seriously, and a cyclist before being recaptured two hours later.

June 7, 2000/Bloomington, Ill.: A man was treated for a 3-inch cut and puncture wounds to his hand, inflicted by a snow leopard after he tried to pet the animal at the Miller Park Zoo. A similar incident occurred at the same zoo in September 1995 when a man suffered a 3_-inch gash to his hand when he attempted to pet a leopard.

May 31, 2000/Guyana, South America: A jaguar attacked and killed his handler at the Georgetown Zoo and escaped from his cage. Police later found the jaguar in a nearby shrub and shot him to death.

May 21, 2000/Kiowa, Colo.: A tiger ripped off the arm of a volunteer at a zoo in Colorado.

May 17, 2000/Brewster, Mass.: A 14-year-old girl was attacked by a tiger at a roadside zoo in Massachusetts. The girl, a part-time employee at the zoo, was feeding the cat when he bit her leg and shook her before releasing her.

April 10, 2000/São Paulo, Brazil: Five lions used in a circus devoured a 6-year-old boy after one dragged him away from his father and into the cage inside a tent full of spectators. Police wounded two people with bullet fragments as they sprayed the top of the cage with machine-gun fire to scare the lions off the boy's body. Four lions were killed.

March 28, 2000/Bohuslän, Sweden: A zookeeper suffered gashes on her head, arms, and shoulders and was rushed to the hospital after being mauled by a snow leopard at Nordern's Ark. The big cat had torn a pound of flesh from her body.

March 15, 2000/Channelview, Texas: A 3-year-old boy had his arm bitten off by his uncle's "pet" tiger.

March 14, 2000/Warsaw, Poland: An escaped tiger traveling with a circus attacked a veterinarian before being gunned down by police after a two-hour chase through the streets of Warsaw. The veterinarian was also killed by a bullet meant for the tiger.

February 24, 2000/Kent, England: A keeper at a zoo in Kent, England was bitten on the eyelid by an ocelot while in the cage feeding the cat.

February 23, 2000/Great Bend, Kan.: A high school student was bitten on the hand and arm after sticking her arm into a cougar's cage at the Brit Spaugh Zoo.

February 3, 2000/Tokyo, Japan: An employee of a company that rented out animals was killed by a tiger at the firm's breeding compound in Tokyo. The company rented animals to television stations for use in their programs.

January 22, 2000/Rome, Italy: A man who kept wild animals as "pets" was found dead. He had been eaten by one of his lions.

December 4, 1999/Williamsville, Mo.: A 5-year-old boy required surgery after he was mauled by a "pet" lion kept chained in a neighbor's yard. The animal inflicted puncture wounds to the boy's throat and head. The lion was killed.

November 18, 1999/China: Four tigers mauled to death a driver at a safari park after he exited his bus to make a repair. Previous attacks at the 4-year-old park had been reported.

October 30, 1999/Buffalo, N.Y.: A keeper at the Buffalo Zoo was bit and clawed by a leopard.

October 25, 1999/Great Plains, S.D.: A 4-year-old girl was injured after she was clawed by an African lynx at the Great Plains Zoo. The girl and her parents had wandered into a staff area of the zoo.

October 21, 1999/Evansville, Ind.: A zookeeper at the Mesker Park Zoo was mauled by a lion who severely injured his leg and arm.

August 3, 1999/Alor Star, Malaysia: A lion with a circus slashed and deeply cut a handler's hand as he escaped from his cage. The lion was recaptured three hours later.

June 26, 1999/Sterling, Kan.: A woman with a group of Boy Scouts visiting Safari Zoological Park was attacked by a caged tiger when she put her hand on the cage.

June 7, 1999/Yorktown, Texas: A 9-year-old girl was killed when her stepfather's "pet" tiger grabbed her by the neck and dragged her into a water trough.

May 4, 1999/Spain: Tigers mauled to death an elderly German couple visiting a game park in Spain. After getting out of their car, three tigers attacked them both, causing fatal neck wounds.

April 10, 1999/Pearland, Texas: A tiger handler had to be airlifted to the hospital after being attacked by a tiger at a defunct roadside zoo. The tiger was killed.

March 31, 1999/Tyler, Texas: A woman's arm was nearly severed by a tiger at a compound. A volunteer at the facility, she reached in to pet the tiger, when he attacked. Doctors were unsure whether they would be able to save her arm.

March 16, 1999/Colorado Springs, Colo.: A 6-year-old boy was severely injured by a leopard at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo after he climbed over a rope to get a closer look at the animal. Three months earlier, a woman was scratched by a tiger at the zoo after sticking her hand into his cage.

February 28, 1999/Fort Wayne, Ind.: A tiger mauled an employee of the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo while she was cleaning the cage, causing injuries to her chest, neck and back.

January 27, 1999/Jackson Township, N.J.: Police shot and killed a 431-pound tiger who escaped from the Tigers Only Preservation Society, only a few hundred yards from a subdivision.

January 21, 1999/Bangkok, Thailand: Four tigers attacked and killed their keeper at a private zoo. The zoo is attached to a restaurant and the animals are used to attract customers.

January 7, 1999/Wichita, Kan.: A 5-month-old tiger cub bit the throat of a 5-year-old child. The tiger belonged to Safari Zoological Park, a roadside zoo that hauls animals around to schools, festivals, and store promotions. The tiger was killed the next day.

December 9, 1998/South Africa: A 2-year-old boy was severely injured when a lion at a zoo reached under the gate of his cage and bit the boy's hip and dragged him under the gate.

December 7, 1998/Doue-la-Fontaine, France: A 4-year-old boy was fatally mauled, and his father severely injured, by 2 jaguars who had escaped from their cage at the Doue-la-Fontaine Zoo south of Paris, France. Police killed both of the 200-pound female jaguars.

December 7, 1998/Ukraine: A lioness attacked and badly injured a worker at a Ukrainian zoo after she entered her cage thinking it was empty.

November 21, 1998/Chicago, Ill.: A Ringling Bros. circus employee was seriously mauled by a tiger used in the circus when three tigers escaped from their cage in a Chicago parking lot. The tiger clawed the handler on his neck and side. This was the second attack by tigers used by Ringling in one year. (see 1/7/98).

November 18, 1998/Kaufman, Texas: A Texas man was attacked by his "pet" lion and suffered serious injuries. The adult female lion jumped him from behind.

November 15, 1998/Chatham County, N.C.: A cougar mauled a volunteer with Carnivore Preservation Trust causing numerous bites and deep scratches.

November 13, 1998/Newberry, Fla.: The same tiger who killed his trainer on 10/8/98 attacked and killed his owner. The tiger was shot dead.

November 8, 1998/Cut and Shoot, Texas: Two "pet" tigers escaped their backyard cage and attacked a dog and a pig before being shot dead by police after charging pursuers. In 1997, a "pet" cougar kept by the same man escaped and was never re-captured.

October 8, 1998/Newberry, Fla.: A tiger attacked and killed his trainer at the Holiday's Cat Dancer facility. The tiger had been used in the operation's traveling animal show and featured in Shrine circuses. The tiger grabbed the trainer by the throat.

September 5, 1998/Tampa, Fla.: A woman needed 451 stitches after a leopard latched onto her arm with his mouth, removing skin from her elbow to her wrist. The woman was a volunteer at Wildlife on Easy Street, a breeding complex.

August 29, 1998/Myakka City, Fla.: A tiger bit the hand of a 14-year-old volunteer with Tiger Claw Productions. The bite stripped flesh and tendons from her hand and required two surgeries to repair.

July 31, 1998/Vallejo, Calif.: A woman taking her photo at Marine World with a Bengal tiger was mauled and hospitalized with multiple cuts to her neck and throat. A trainer trying to separate them was also injured.

July 30, 1998/Minot, N.D.: A 5-year-old boy suffered facial cuts requiring plastic surgery after being attacked by a tiger at a photo booth at the state fair.

July 13, 1998/Brisbane, Australia: During a show in front of 200 spectators, a tiger attacked his handler, picked him up, and carried him 15 feet.

May 2, 1998/Wylie, Texas: A "pet" cougar bit a 4-year-old boy on the leg. The boy required \$5,800 in medical care.

May 1, 1998/Wichita, Kan.: A tiger scratched or bit an adult while the animal was appearing at a store's promotional event.

April 7, 1998/Charlotte, N.C.: Two lions at the Charlotte Metro Zoo attacked a keeper, one biting him on the leg while the other took the man's head in his mouth. The keeper suffered deep puncture wounds to his head and leg. He had to be airlifted to a trauma center.

April 1, 1998/Ark.: A tiger attacked a worker at a breeding compound, biting him on the neck.

February 10, 1998/Lincolnton, N.C.: A leopard nearly killed his trainer after attacking her at a Royal Palace Circus performance in North Carolina. The trainer suffered injuries requiring reconstructive surgery and hospitalization for a week.

February 8, 1998/Belfast, Ireland: A tiger escaped from his cage at the Belfast Zoo and attacked a keeper before being shot to death by police. The keeper was treated at a hospital for injuries to both legs and a hand.

January 7, 1998/St. Petersburg, Fla.: A trainer with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus suffered severe head wounds after a tiger grabbed him by the head and dragged him around the ring. He was hospitalized in critical condition and required extensive surgery. The trainer's brother shot the tiger five times after the animal had been returned to his cage, killing him.

November 7, 1997/Shubra al-Khaima, Egypt: Three starving lions belonging to a traveling circus mauled to death a teenage boy who had been hired 10 days earlier to clean cages. The lions had been left in a cage without food for several days near a bus station in a densely populated neighborhood outside Cairo.

October 22, 1997/Calabasas, Calif.: The same jaguar who attacked a trainer on 10/16/97 attacked another trainer who suffered bite wounds on his leg and a cut to his hand on a movie set.

October 16, 1997/Calabasas, Calif.: A trainer on a movie set in California underwent surgery to repair a broken leg after being attacked by a jaguar. She was expected to remain hospitalized in fair condition for several days.

September 1997/Port Perry, Ontario, Canada: A 6-year-old girl was attacked and left permanently scarred by a jaguar at the Northwood Buffalo and Exotic Animal Ranch. The girl put her arm through the wire mesh of the cage, and the cat grasped her with his paws and mouth. The girl's family was awarded more than \$31,500 in a lawsuit.

August 17, 1997/Marshfield, Mass.: A 13-year-old girl was rushed to the emergency room after being bitten by a tiger during a photo session in Massachusetts. The girl had to undergo painful rabies treatment. The Marshfield Mass. Animal Control Department reported "several" other bites associated with this photo booth.

August 3, 1997/Tokyo, Japan: A Japanese couple was mauled to death by a tiger at a safari park near Tokyo.

June 7, 1997/Scappoose, Ore.: A woman suffered deep puncture wounds to the neck and post-traumatic stress disorder when she was attacked by a neighbor's "pet" leopard.

May 19, 1997/Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: A 4-year-old boy was killed after a lion who was being taken for a stroll broke loose and mauled him.

May 13, 1997/Strassburg, Germany: During a circus performance a tiger attacked a circus worker and seriously hurt him while he was setting up cages.

May 8, 1997/Lubbock, Texas: One of five "pet" tigers mauled his owner. The man was admitted to the hospital in critical condition. The owner's son killed the tiger.

May 7, 1997/Carrollton, Pa.: A tiger used in the Franzen Bros. Circus killed a trainer in front of 200 horrified schoolchildren.

May 4, 1997/Knox County, Tenn.: A tiger mauled a student at Joe Robinson's roadside menagerie.

April 29, 1997/Oklahoma City, Okla.: A leopard escaped from his cage killed a woman at an exotic animal "sanctuary." Sheriff's deputies shot and killed the leopard seven hours later when he was found along a road nearly a half-mile from Oak Hill Center for Rare and Endangered Species.

April 27, 1997/San Antonio, Texas: A man lost his finger and his friend was injured when they broke into an exotic animal orphanage and tried to pet a tiger.

April 4, 1997/Dallas, Texas: A "pet" bobcat mauled a toddler. The 2-year-old boy lost his right index finger, had his heel chewed off, and suffered a severe bite wound to his right cheek.

March 19, 1997/Orlando, Fla.: A tiger escaped from a cage and mauled a keeper at exotic cat breeding compound. The keeper suffered a broken thigh, crushed knee and severed arteries and veins in his leg. Authorities later shot and killed the tiger because they feared the animal would jump a perimeter fence and flee the compound.

March 18, 1997/San Antonio, Texas: A tiger escaped from a wildlife animal refuge, killing an ostrich and pawing a sheriff's deputy before being tranquilized and recaptured.

March 12, 1997/Caudwell, Texas: A 13-year-old boy was attacked by a "pet" tiger and a lion kept in a cage built into the side of his grandfather's house. The boy's father said, "My boy was not mauled, he was being eaten alive."

1997/Texas: A lion kept in a cage as a backyard "pet" bit a visitor's hand and tried to pull her into the cage. She had four deeply grooved cuts requiring 21 stitches. The owner claimed that in the past, when the lion "got out of control," squirting him in the eyes with a spray bottle full of vinegar usually "calmed him down."

December 21, 1996/Brooklyn Park, Minn.: Three pet-supply store workers were bitten or scratched by a 7-month-old tiger who had been brought to the store to have his picture taken. The three workers agreed to receive rabies shots.

December 15, 1996/Indonesia: A tourist was mauled to death by a chained tiger at a safari park while posing with the animal for a photograph.

December 6, 1996/Ababa, Ethiopia: A lion pushed open his cage door and killed his keeper at a roadside zoo.

October 9, 1996/Las Vegas, Nev.: A Las Vegas animal trainer had to undergo surgery on his feet and legs after being mauled by a tiger.

September 16, 1996/Crystal Beach, Texas: A declawed "pet" lioness died after she was shot and tranquilized by a deputy. The lioness attacked a man after a burglar had apparently set her free.

August 28, 1996/London, Ontario: A "pet" cougar mauled 2-year-old outside of London, Ontario.

May 6, 1996/Midlothian, Texas: A 6-year-old girl suffered severe injuries to her head, neck, arms, back, and legs in an attack by a tiger, one of seven big cats on a breeding farm. During the investigation it was found that these same cats had been involved in three previous documented attacks.

February 10, 1996/Pahang, Malaysia: An employee of the London Royal Circus suffered serious injuries to her thigh and calf after a lioness attacked her while she was cleaning her cage.

January 5, 1996/Vallejo, Calif.: One trainer at Marine World Africa was seriously hurt and another received minor injuries when they were attacked by two cougars as they prepared to take the cougars for a walk.

January 3, 1996/Calcutta, India: A tiger killed one man and mauled another at the Calcutta Zoo when they attempted to put a garland around his neck.

December 27, 1995/Quinlen, Texas: A 3-year-old toddler was mauled by his family's "pet" cougar. His 6-year-old sister suffered minor injuries in the attack. The cougar was shot and killed.

December 13, 1995/Beijing, China: A Chinese circus hand was killed by a tiger with whom he was "quite familiar." The chained animal sprang at the man and sank his teeth into the man's throat, causing fatal injuries.

December 1, 1995/Fort Worth, Texas: A tiger at the Fort Worth Zoo leaped an 11-foot-wide moat and attacked a zookeeper. The keeper was bitten on the shoulder, arm, and hand and was off work for several weeks.

November 24, 1995/Raleigh, N.C.: A "pet" Bengal tiger mauled and critically injured a 3-year-old boy while his father was walking the animal on a leash. The tiger was shot and killed.

November 13, 1995/Memphis, Tenn.: Two Sumatran tigers mauled a man who entered their enclosure at the Memphis Zoo.

November 2, 1995/Washington, D.C.: House Speaker Newt Gingrich was bitten on the chin by a baby cougar he was holding. The bite drew blood, but was not considered a serious injury.

October 29, 1995/Allegan, Mich.: While her 9-year-old daughter watched in horror, a woman was attacked and killed by a "pet" lion after she entered his cage at the home of a friend who collected exotic animals. The friend was severely injured when he tried to stop the attack.

September 30, 1995/Indianapolis, Ind.: A lion being used by Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus bit off the index finger of a woman who put her hand in his cage kept in a staging area.

September 29, 1995/Piraeus, Greece: An American tourist was bitten and nearly lost her hand when she attempted to pet a tiger with an Italian circus.

September 27, 1995/Lava Hot Springs, Idaho: Nineteen lions at Ligertown Game Farm were shot and killed after escaping the complex.

September 18, 1995/Wesley, Kan.: A 2-year-old boy required hospital treatment for a severe bite on his ear from the family's 4-month-old cougar.

September 1995/Bloomington, Ill.: A man suffered a 3_-inch gash to his hand when he attempted to pet a leopard at the Miller Park Zoo.

August 6, 1995/Phoenix, Ariz.: A mountain lion at the Phoenix Zoo gashed a 5-year old boy's arm after he wandered too close to the cage. He required stitches to close the wound and received scratches on the side of his chest.

June 27, 1995/Downers Grove, Ill.: A 2-year old Chicago girl was mauled by her aunt's "pet" Asian jungle cat.

May 28, 1995/Novi, Mich.: Seven lions and tigers toppled onto a freeway when the trailer they were in came unhitched. One lion suffered a fractured skull and a tiger bolted across traffic, leading police on a four-hour chase.

March 5, 1995/Washington, D.C.: A woman was fatally mauled by lions after climbing into their enclosure at the National Zoo. The body was so battered and shredded so violently that her fingerprints were gone and her face unrecognizable.

January 2, 1995/Scottsbluff, Neb.: A zookeeper at the Riverside Zoo required surgery to repair her windpipe and injuries to her face and chest after she was attacked by a leopard.

December 20, 1994/East London, South Africa: Two tigers at the East London Zoo mauled a man who jumped into their enclosure. A tiger from this same group was the one killed after attacking a cameraman in Angola (see 3/16/94).

November 13, 1994/London, England: A zookeeper was killed at a private zoo by a tiger while cleaning the cage. The private facility in London had a slew of deaths and maulings of both visitors and keepers.

October 11, 1994/San Diego, Calif.: San Diego Zoo animal trainer Joan Embery suffered two deep gashes on her face by a cheetah she was exhibiting on a television talk show.

September 3, 1994/New Delhi, India: A tiger jumped out of the ring during a circus performance and killed a 6 year-old boy in the audience. The boy's father was also seriously injured.

July 24, 1994/Hanover, Canada: A 16-year-old boy was bitten on the neck and killed when he entered a cage with two declawed tigers at a roadside zoo.

July 15, 1994/Kuwait, Iraq: A lion killed his circus trainer by locking his jaws around the woman's neck during a performance.

June 23, 1994/Brisbane, Australia: A 20 month-old boy had one arm bitten off, and the other badly mauled by a tiglon (a lion/tiger cross) at a circus. The boy's father was an employee of the circus.

June 18, 1994/Columbia, S.C.: A tiger at an exotic animal farm mauled a 17-year-old worker.

June 7, 1994/Miami, Fla.: A senior zookeeper with 20 years' experience was mauled and killed by a tiger at Miami Metrozoo.

April 5, 1994/Jackson, Miss.: An 80-pound cheetah scaled an 8-foot fence and pounced on an 8-year-old boy at the Jackson Zoo. The boy was scratched and nipped before the cheetah was recaptured.

March 16, 1994/Angola: A tiger killed a South African news cameraperson while he was filming the evacuation of starving animals from a zoo in Angola. A witness reported that he "never stood a chance." The tiger was killed.

January 25, 1994/Moscow, Russia: A lion with Bingo-Bongo Circus escaped from his cage. A policeman shot and killed the animal with a submachine gun.

January 3, 1994/Shanghai, China: After being forced to climb a ladder and jump through a hoop, a tiger in the Chinese circus grabbed his trainer puncturing two big holes in her neck.

January 3, 1994/Namibia, Africa: Lions at the Ekongoro zoo mauled to death a man who broke into the zoo at night.

December 12, 1993/Palm Beach, Fla.: A worker at the Lion Country Safari was attacked by a lion, causing severe puncture wounds to her head and chest, as well as collapsed lungs.

September 14, 1993/Joplin, Mo.: A circus employee lost part of her arm after an attack by a tiger on the circus' animal farm. Doctors had to amputate her arm below the elbow.

August 11, 1993/Georgetown, Ohio: Two teenage boys suffered facial cuts when a lion attacked one, and the other attempted to intercede. The boys were walking when a "pet" lion escaped from his cage and attacked them unprovoked.

May 6, 1993/Las Vegas, Nev.: A keeper feeding a trio of lions in the backyard of a Las Vegas residence was hospitalized after one of the cats attacked her. The Circus Vargas employee suffered five gouges to her leg. During an April performance, another employee was bitten by a lion.

May 6, 1993/Bronx, N.Y.: A man with a history of mental instability was mauled by two lions at the Bronx Zoo after he climbed into their cage.

April 17, 1993/Little Rock, Ark.: A tiger performing with the Shrine Circus at the Barton Coliseum escaped, ran into the audience, and bit a 13-year-old girl. The tiger was owned and trained by Jordan Circus.

February 21, 1993/Norfolk, Va.: Graham Chipperfield, a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus big cat trainer, was mauled by a lion while breaking up a fight between two other lions.

February 3, 1993/Wichita, Kan.: A keeper was hospitalized in serious condition with wounds to his face and neck after being mauled by a Bengal tiger at Tanganyika Wildlife Company. The tiger lunged through the open door of a cage and attacked when the keeper bent down to pick up something. A second keeper attempted to beat the tiger away with a shovel and then shot and killed the tiger.

November 30, 1992/Pahrump, Nev.: A man was severely bitten by a tiger owned by animal trainer Alex Pasternak. The tiger had to be shot before he would release his grip.

September 27, 1992/Reno, Nev.: A Reno illusionist suffered "bone-deep" puncture wounds to his leg and arm by a tiger being used in a performance.

September 19, 1992/Tokyo, Japan: A lion escaped from a Bolshoi Circus cage in Tokyo and roamed loose for five hours before being gunned down with high-powered rifles.

July 26, 1992/Curitiba, Brazil: A tiger who escaped from a circus and terrorized residents was shot 20 times and killed by police.

June 10, 1992/St. Mary, Australia: A tiger bit a Robinson Circus worker after escaping from his cage and was shot and killed as he approached a busy shopping center.

May 21, 1992/Muhlenberg Township, Pa.: Two tigers with Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus escaped from an unlocked cage during a performance. One tiger roamed around the center ring, frightening 2,000 spectators before he was recaptured.

April 7, 1992/Iron Hill, Del.: One of two cougars used by a private breeder jumped 12 feet and attacked a visitor, biting her on the head, neck, and upper back. The breeder said he would sell the two animals and replace them with cubs in order to continue his breeding and dealing operation.

April 5, 1992/Portland, Ore.: A "pet" lion/tiger hybrid attacked an 11-year-old girl who had to undergo surgery to repair extensive muscle damage in her arm. The animal would not let go and had to be shot and killed.

December 1, 1991/France: A tiger attacked a trainer during a performance of the Parade Circus. The trainer was treated for lacerations to his legs that required a one-month hospitalization. The same trainer's father was similarly attacked by a cougar during a "wild animal" show twelve years previous to his son's attack.

October 9, 1991/Manchester, N.H.: A model was hospitalized for five days and received 50 stitches and rabies shots after being attacked by a lion during a photo session in New Hampshire. A court awarded her a judgment of \$75,000 on March 24, 1995.

May 31, 1991/Mexico City, Mexico: A lion performing with Sur Americano circus leaped into the bleachers and pounced on a 7-year-old boy, biting his head and killing him. The lion was shot in the head and killed during the attack.

September 29, 1991/Jackson County, Kan.: A caged lion bit a man on the hand causing puncture wounds that required stitches after the man attempted to pet the lion at a Christmas tree farm.

September 17, 1991/Tucson, Ariz.: A lion cub bit the arm of a 3-year-old girl at the Reid Park Zoo.

May 13, 1991/Belgium: In front of horrified onlookers, an animal trainer for the Kessler Bros. Circus was slowly suffocated to death by a lion who put the trainer's entire head in her mouth. The lion was shot and killed, but the trainer had already perished.

April 18, 1991/Wilkesboro, N.C.: A 3-year-old girl was attacked by a leopard traveling with the Great American Circus.

March 8, 1991/Grimsby, Britain: Four lions escaped during a Chipperfield circus performance and ran into a crowd of 100 parents with their children in Grimsby. One man was attacked and treated at a hospital.

February 23, 1991/Melbourne, Australia: A drunken man was severely mauled after freeing four lions from their circus cage.

January 18, 1991/Toulouse, France: A tiger attacked and seriously injured a 3-year-old girl at a circus performance. The 400-lb. tiger leaped into the audience, slashed the child across her face and managed to get her head in his jaws before being dragged off.

December 19, 1990/Italy: A 65-year-old woman was mauled to death at an amusement park when a leopard she was feeding seized her by the neck and dragged her into the cage. The animal, part of an exhibit in a small town in Italy, was tear-gassed, shot, and killed.

November 5, 1990/Phoenix, Ariz.: A woman visiting a Phoenix resort was attacked by a tiger while his trainer was walking him on a leash. Witnesses reported that the tiger acted like a "pussycat" only moments before the attack. The woman was hospitalized with severe puncture wounds.

October 27, 1990/Candelaria, Colombia: A tiger escaped from his circus handler during a parade and killed a 1-year-old child.

August 9, 1990/Sturgis, S.D.: A 5-year-old girl was mauled by a leopard who was restrained by a small chain on a box in Engessor's Endangered Species traveling act. The girl's mother sued for \$100,000 in damages.

June 23, 1990/San Pedro, Argentina: One man was killed and three people were seriously injured when they were mauled by two lions who escaped from a traveling circus. The lions were shot and killed by police.

June 18, 1990/Sidney, Mont.: A leopard in a petting zoo bit a 7-year-old boy. The owner of the leopard said he had no intention of stopping his shows.

May 1, 1990/San Francisco, Calif.: A zoo keeper was mauled by a leopard in front of school children at a San Francisco zoo. The keeper underwent surgery for deep wounds to his head, shoulders, and arm.