

HERO MOTHER SAVES SON FROM MOUNTAIN LION ATTACK



A woman in California has been hailed a hero after fighting off a mountain lion that was carrying away her five-year-old son. Her maternal instincts kicked in as she dragged her little boy from the jaws of the big cat. She fought off the wild animal with her bare fists in the garden of her house on Thursday morning. Her son had been playing in the garden when the lion pounced. The boy suffered bites and lacerations to his head and torso, but is now in a stable condition in a local hospital. He is expected to make a full recovery. Patrick Foy, a spokesperson from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, said: "The true hero of this story is his mom because she absolutely saved her son's life."

Officials reported that the mountain lion was a juvenile and was less than a year old. They said the attack probably happened because the creature was young and was practising its hunting skills. They shot a lion near the boy's home that was acting in an "aggressive" nature. The officials later stated: "Wildlife forensics scientists analyzed samples from underneath the claws of the suspect lion carcass and isolated traces of human tissue and blood with a DNA profile that matched the young victim." They added: "Results were conclusive that it was the attacking lion that was shot by the wildlife officer on scene." Another mountain lion was found at the scene. It was shot with a non-lethal tranquilizer and released.

1. Indicate if the following sentences are True or False.

1. A mountain lion attacked a 5-year-old boy in Kenya. T / F
2. The boy's mother beat the lion off with her fists. T / F
3. The boy is doing well in a hospital. T / F
4. The boy is expected to be back to normal. T / F
5. The lion was 10 years old. T / F
6. The article says the lion was an expert hunter. T / F
7. DNA was used to confirm which lion attacked the boy. T / F
8. A different lion was tranquilized and set free. T / F

2. Who are your biggest heroes? Complete this table.

	Who	Why?
Political		
Sporting		
Business		
Entertainment		
Family		

3. Rank these animals. Put the most dangerous animals at the top.

Lion __

Buffalo __

Snake __

Shark __

Elephant __

Blowfish __

Crocodile __

Mosquito __

4. Match the words with their correct meanings.

Paragraph 1:

hailed - maternal - instincts - bare
pounced - laceration - torso

1. Not clothed or covered. _____
2. The trunk of the human body. _____
3. Praised. _____
4. A natural or intuitive way of acting or thinking. _____
5. Relating to a mother, especially during pregnancy or shortly after childbirth. _____
6. Of an animal or bird springing or jumping suddenly to catch prey. _____
7. A deep cut or tear in skin or flesh. _____

Paragraph 2:

juvenile - creature - forensics - claws
carcass - conclusive - tranquilizer

1. An animal, rather than a human being. _____
2. Relating to using scientific methods and techniques to investigate crime. _____
3. Likely to have the effect of proving a case. _____
4. Relating to young birds and animals. _____
5. A medicinal drug taken to reduce tension or anxiety; a drug used to make animals unconscious. _____
6. The dead body of an animal. _____
7. Curved, sharp pointed nails on the feet of birds, lizards, dogs, cats, etc. _____

5. Match the following synonyms from the article.

hailed
maternal
bare
lacerations
absolutely
creature
traces
conclusive
scene
tranquilizer

totally
cuts
undeniable
motherly
location
praised
sedative
signs
uncovered
animal

6. Listen and put these words into the spaces in the paragraph below.

**absolutely - hailed - pounced - stable
full - instincts - torso - bare**

A woman in California has been (1) _____ a hero after fighting off a mountain lion that was carrying away her five-year-old son. Her maternal (2) _____ kicked in as she dragged her little boy from the jaws of the big cat. She fought off the wild animal with her (3) _____ fists in the garden of her house on Thursday morning. Her son had been playing in the garden when the lion (4) _____. The boy suffered bites and lacerations to his head and (5) _____, but is now in a (6) _____ condition in a local hospital. He is expected to make a (7) _____ recovery. Patrick Foy, a spokesperson from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, said: "The true hero of this story is his mom because she (8) _____ saved her son's life."

hunting - traces - juvenile - scene
claws - tranquilizer - nature - DNA

Officials reported that the mountain lion was a (9) _____ and was less than a year old. They said the attack probably happened because the creature was young and was practising its (10) _____ skills. They shot a lion near the boy's home that was acting in an "aggressive" (11) _____. The officials later stated: "Wildlife forensics scientists analyzed samples from underneath the (12) _____ of the suspect lion carcass and isolated (13) _____ of human tissue and blood with a (14) _____ profile that matched the young victim." They added: "Results were conclusive that it was the attacking lion that was shot by the wildlife officer on (15) _____. Another mountain lion was found at the scene. It was shot with a non-lethal (16) _____ and released.

7. Multiple choice quiz

1) Where is the woman from?

- a) Oklahoma
- b) Nebraska
- c) California
- d) North Dakota

2) What does the article say kicked in regarding the mother?

- a) her maternal instincts
- b) her panic
- c) her rage
- d) her autopilot

3) Where was the little boy playing when the lion pounced on him?

- a) in the mountains
- b) in the desert
- c) in a local park
- d) in his garden

4) What kind of condition is the little boy in?

- a) a critical condition
- b) a stable condition
- c) a satisfactory condition
- d) a good condition

5) What did a wildlife official call the mother?

- a) inspirational
- b) Bob
- c) a true hero
- d) beyond brave

6) How old was the mountain lion?

- a) 18 months
- b) less than a year old
- c) 3 years
- d) 10 years

7) What does the article say the lion was practising?

- a) living in the city
- b) stalking
- c) foraging alone
- d) its hunting skills

8) From which part of the lion did scientists take samples?

- a) its teeth
- b) under its claws
- c) its fur
- d) its nose

9) What kind of profile matched the young victim?

- a) a DNA profile
- b) a personal profile
- c) a victim profile
- d) an animal profile

10) What did officials shoot a different lion with?

- a) a dart
- b) a taser
- c) a big net
- d) a non-lethal tranquilizer