

Largest living cat



Who

HERCULES

Where

UNITED STATESMYRTLE BEACH

When

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The largest living cat is Hercules, an adult male liger (lion x tigress hybrid) currently housed at Myrtle Beach Safari, a wildlife reserve in South Carolina, USA. In total length, he measures 3.33 m (131 in), stands 1.25 m (49 in) at the shoulder, and weighs 418.2 kg (922 lb).



Ligers are generally larger than their two parental species. In contrast, tigons, hybrids resulting from the reciprocal cross (tiger x lioness), are often smaller. He is pictured here with Moksha Bybee, an animal trainer from the wildlife reserve.

