



ABOUT CUB PETTING

It's hard to resist a cute and cuddly tiger cub, the reality behind cub petting though, is a dark one. Those facilities that are involved in cub petting are only concerned about one thing, and that is how much money they can make.

- Cubs are taken from their mothers just hours or days after they are born.
- These cubs can only be used from the ages of 8 weeks-12 weeks before the law says they are too big to be held by the public.
- Once they are too big to be used for cub petting most are killed; some are sold into the pet trade or to roadside zoos.
- Many of these cubs are underfed or not given a proper diet to keep them small so they can be passed off as younger cubs and used longer.
- Cubs are passed around to as many paying tourists during the day as possible with no regard to the health or needs of the cub.
- The tigers that are bred for cub petting are "generic" tigers. They do not aid in conservation because they are not a particular sub species of tiger.
- Some facilities will declaw and de-fang their cubs to make them "safer". This is painful and can cause many long-term issues such as infections and arthritis.
- Due to a lack of proper nutrition the cubs can develop metabolic bone disease in which their bones do not form properly, leading to painful, debilitating issues as they grow and age.
- At times cubs are sedated to make them "safer" to handle.

TAKE ACTION

It is important to understand the truth and consequences behind cub petting. Here are ways you can help.

- Avoid places that allow cub petting or photo opportunities with cubs-facilities who offer this, do it for the money, if they stop making money, the practice will also end.
- Educate others on the truth behind cub petting-many times people simply do not know the facts about cub petting.
 1. Visit accredited facilities that are committed to conservation or rescuing wild animals and that do not exploit animals.