Man spends his days giving massages to lions

Have you ever seen a lion? *(Yes, I have. I saw one...)*

Vocabulary

1. bond 2. reserve 3. authentic 4. tragic 5. infected 6. treat

True Story

Alex Larenty, a British man, lives in South Africa and works at an animal _____. He discovered that lions seem to enjoy massages when he used cream to _____ a lion's _____ legs. Since then, he has been giving daily massages to the lions in the park. These massages have helped him build a strong _____ with the lions.

When the lions see Alex coming, they lay down, stretch their legs, and appear to smile. Alex believes that with love and respect, any relationship is possible. However, it's important to remember that these lions can still be dangerous to those they don't know or trust. A _____ example of this danger occurred when a man entered the park without permission and was attacked by lions.

The photos of Alex massaging a lion named Jamu have been widely shared online and are confirmed as _____. Alex and Jamu have also collaborated on several wildlife films.

Quiz

1. What do lions seem to enjoy when Alex used cream?
2. How often has Alex been giving massages to the lions?
3. When the lions see Alex coming, what do they do?
4. What occurred when a man entered the park without permission?

True or False

1. Alex is a South African man. True | False
2. The lions in the park can be dangerous to people they don't trust. True | False
3. The photos of Alex massaging a lion are fake. True | False

Conversation

A: Hey Alex, massaged any new lions lately?
B: Yeah, I'm working with Simba now. He's something else!
A: Oh really? How's he doing?
B: Well, he was a bit nervous at first, but he's okay now.
A: That's good. Oh! what happened to your leg?
B: Oh, it's nothing. Just a small bite.

Discussion

1. Have you ever had a massage? Did you enjoy it?
2. What kind of animal would you like to have a strong bond with? Why?
3. Have you ever seen a wildlife film? Which one was your favorite?

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