



15 THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME



TIGER

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1. Tiger is our mascot at the Nebraska School for the Deaf (NSD). Our colors are orange and black.

2. Tigers have unique striped patterns, with none identical to others.



3. Tigers are among the largest cat species, weighing up to 570 pounds and reaching lengths of 10 feet.

4. Tigers are excellent swimmers and can swim at speeds up to 38 miles per hour.



5. Tigers are fast runners. They can sprint up to 40 miles per hour for short distances.

6. Tigers don't PURR like a house pet cat. They make a chuffing sound instead of purring.

7. Tigers can live up to 25 years, while in the wild, it's typically 18-20 years.

8. A group of tigers is called an ambush or a streak.



9. Tigers' roars are incredibly loud, reaching up to 114 decibels, which is comparable to a chainsaw or a jet airplane taking off. It can be heard up to two miles away.

10. Tigers have the longest canine teeth of any living cat, up to 4 inches long.

11. Tigers live mainly in the forests of tropical Asia, though they also roam colder climates like those in Northeast Asia.

12. Tigers' urine smells like buttered popcorn. Don't get tempted because it also signifies a warning sign to the intruders in their territory.



13. The tiger population has declined by 97% over the last century. Their decline is largely attributed to poaching, although habitat loss plays a major role, too.

14. Tigers are carnivores, eating only meat. They are solitary hunters and generally search for food alone at night.

15. Tigers will always be NSD's mascot and in our hearts. Long live the TIGERS!

