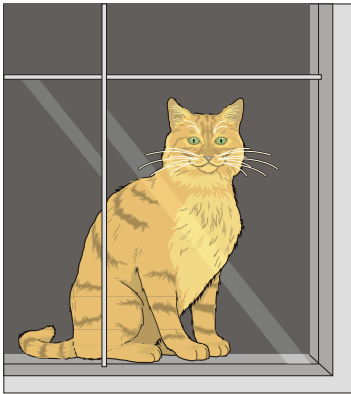


## Is a puma just a big house cat?

The Puma may also be known as a *cougar* or *mountain lion*. Let's compare it to your house cat.

### Where do they live?

Your house cat lives in comfort, in your home. Your house cat may also roam the neighbourhood but usually doesn't stray more than one block away.



A male puma can have a range that is 12 kilometres wide or as large as 30 kilometres wide. One male puma lives in each range. A female puma needs only about half that size or less and it may overlap the male's area. If there is a lot of food in one area, a puma will not have to travel far to eat. If it needs to, a male puma can walk 50 km in 24 hours.

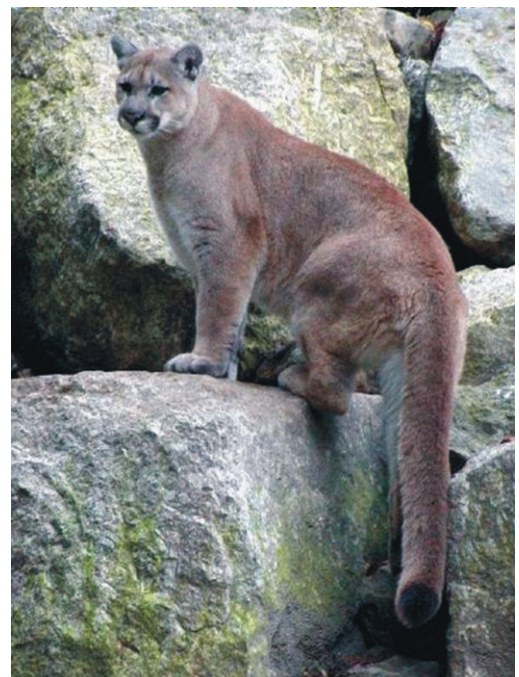


### Size and Shape

Your cat probably weighs between 3 to 7 kilograms. A male puma can weigh 60 to 100 kilograms (Approximately the same size as an adult human). Female pumas are a little smaller.



Your cat may be 50cm long and 30cm tall but a puma may be 150cm to 270cm long. This length includes its tail which is about one third of the body.



**Imagine your cat...**

**As big as a person!**