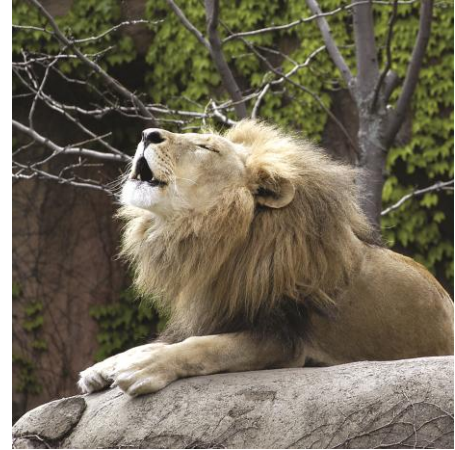


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Kovler Lion House celebrates a century!

What: Lincoln Park Zoo's Kovler Lion House is home to some of the world's rarest and most stunning big and small cats. Built in 1912 this historical landmark features some of Lincoln Park's most beautiful architecture. The interior design was renovated in 1990 to increase the size of the exhibits. In 1997 the outdoor lion and tiger habitats were also renovated. The great hall was intentionally preserved and is an integral part of the building's historical significance. This unique historical landmark can be reserved for private parties or various special events.



Size: 32,700 square feet

Opened: 1912; Newest exhibit renovations in 2007

Featured wildlife (see a list of animals here): <http://www.lpzoo.org/kovler-lion-house>

Noteworthy Awards:

- **Chicago Landmark Award – 2006**
Preservation Excellence at the *Kovler Lion House* – Commission on Chicago Landmarks

Conservation Efforts for Lions in Africa:

Serengeti Health Initiative (Tanzania):

The Serengeti Health Initiative, led by Lincoln Park Zoo, makes sure everyone – from lions to children to wild dogs to family pets – has a healthy place to call home in one of the world's most delicate ecosystems. Lincoln Park Zoo empowers locals to stem the spread of rabies and distemper through vaccination and disease prevention public awareness campaigns across thousands of communities bordering Tanzania's Serengeti National Park and Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve. Veterinarians and field teams provide free vaccinations against rabies, canine distemper, and parvovirus for domestic dogs living around the 5,700 square mile protected parklands.

The need for this project began in 1993 when a third of the Serengeti National Park's lion population had been lost to disease, African wild dogs had gone extinct in the region, and dozens of people – mostly children – died each year from rabies. The Serengeti Health Initiative aims to control and eliminate certain infectious diseases that compromise the lives and health of local people, wildlife and domestic animals but vaccinating 70% of domestic dogs within a 5-10 km buffer zone around the national park. At that number

rabies is not able to maintain itself in the reservoir host and is eliminated locally. Because of this initiative, there have been no human deaths due to rabies in the past few years; prior to the inception of the project, there were 250 annually. The lion population has rebounded dramatically, and between 2003 and 2009, there were only 2 cases of rabies recorded in Serengeti National Park carnivores. The African wild dog population to the east and south of the Serengeti has grown 17% every year since the inception of the project. Currently there are around 150-180 wild dogs living in the area. Learn more about the Serengeti Health Initiative here: <http://www.lpzoo.org/conservation-science/projects/serengeti-health-initiative>