

Unusual Bonding As Gir Lioness Adopts A Leopard Cub Separated From Mother In A Rare Phenom

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A lioness in Gujarat's Gir Forest has adopted a one-and-half-month old leopard cub who has been separated from his mother. The Gujarat forest officials are claiming this to be a "rare phenomenon".

The lioness is looking well after the cub and is also protecting him from other lions who might try to kill him.

“Along with two of its own cubs, the lioness, spotted in the forests of Gir-West division, is feeding the leopard cub,” says a report by PTI.

The forest staff spotted the lioness with the leopard cub some six days ago.

"It is indeed a rare phenomenon, as lions tend to kill leopards. In this case, it is quite opposite to what we know about big cats. The lioness is taking extra care of a leopard cub. The lioness is even protecting it from lions present in the area," Deputy Conservator of Forest, Gir-West division Dheeraj Mittal told PTI.

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