

# THERE'S A TIGER LIVING AT MY HOUSE



**Song Track: 7**

**Description:** Using your imagination is the focus of this song as Wendy pretends her cat is a tiger. Children will enter the world of make believe while listening to Wendy describe the fun she has with her pet.

**Possible Story Time Themes:**

- ❖ Pets
- ❖ Cats
- ❖ The world of make believe.
- ❖ Animals

## 10 Cat Facts

1. Light-colored cats can get sunburn, especially on their nose and ear tips.
2. Cats sleep almost all of the time! They are awake about 4 or 5 hours every day.
3. Feeding bones is not good for cats. Hard bones can break teeth, and bone splinters, splinters and chips can get caught in the digestive system.
4. Cats are pure carnivores. This means that they must eat a meat diet to obtain proper nutrition.
5. A cat arches its back and its fur stands up to make it look bigger to an enemy.
6. When cats fall they do not always land on their feet.
7. Cats use their whiskers as feelers.
8. A cat's hearing is much more sensitive than humans and dogs.
9. When a cat drinks, its tongue – which has tiny barbs on it – scoops the liquid up backwards.
10. Cats step with both left legs, then both right legs when they walk or run.

## Similarities between House Cats & Tigers

- ◆ Both have retractable claws (they can hide them). This keeps them sharp.
- ◆ Both have an extra scent organ in the roof of their mouth called the vomeronasal
- ◆ Both silently stalk, then pounce on what they're trying to catch
- ◆ Neither can taste sweetness
- ◆ Both are almost exclusively carnivores
- ◆ Same shaped heads and muzzles
- ◆ Both have pointed ears
- ◆ Both have large eyes
- ◆ Both have sensitive whiskers around their mouth
- ◆ Both have scratchy tongues which helps with drinking and grooming
- ◆ Both have long tails
- ◆ Both can see well in very dim light
- ◆ Both are fast runners for short distances
- ◆ Both are good jumpers
- ◆ Both are good at climbing trees

## Taking Care Of A Cat

- ◆ Give your cat fresh water every day. You do not need to give your cat milk.
- ◆ Feed your cat food that is made from beef, chicken, or fish.
- ◆ Choose a cat food that is right for your cat's age and weight. For example, if you have a kitten, be sure to buy kitten food.
- ◆ Keep the litter box clean. Cats like it fresh!
- ◆ Keep string-like objects like tinsel, threads and rubber bands out of reach. These things could hurt your cat.
- ◆ Take your cat to the vet (animal doctor) for vaccines so it will not get sick.