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**Wild cats** Sleek, stealthy, patient, and intelligent, wild cats are natural killers. Most of them hunt on their own, using their claws and teeth to catch, stab, and cut up their prey. They are athletic, with

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