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VICTORIAN TAXIDERMY SPECIMEN OF A PUMA OR MOUNTAIN LION 'FELIS CONCOLOR' MOUNTED FOR DISPLAY BY EDWARD GERRARD AND SONS

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SET UPON A WOOD PLINTH

'THE SURREY PUMA'

LATE 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 74CM HIGH - 29 INS HIGH

LITERATURE

CURIOUSLY, THIS TAXIDERMY SPECIMEN WAS USED TO RIG AN ORGANISED 'PUMA HUNT' ON THE 27TH AUGUST 1966 WHICH WAS RECORDED IN THE DAILY MIRROR. HE BECAME KNOWN AFTERWARDS AS THE 'SURREY PUMA'. PUMA'S ARE ALSO KNOWN AS COUGARS AND ARE NOW INCREASINGLY RARE WITH SOME SUBSPECIES IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION. THEIR HABITAT IS IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND IN SOUTH WEST CANADA. OF ALL THE PREDATORS, CATS ARE THE MOST EFFICIENT KILLERS. ALL OF THE SPECIES, FROM THE SMALLEST TO THE LARGEST, ARE BASICALLY SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE AND PROPORTIONS TO THE DOMESTIC CAT; THE IDEAL PREDATORY BODY FORM.