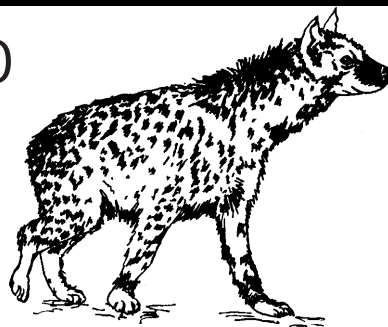


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SPOTTED HYENA



SCIENTIFIC NAME:

Crocuta crocuta

There are four species of hyenas. Despite their resemblance to the Canid family (dogs, etc.), hyenas are more closely related to the Viverridae (civet, mongoose). The spotted hyena lives about 25 years in the wild and 40 years in captivity. Hyenas are carnivores.



STATUS: Currently not threatened or endangered



DIET IN THE WILD: Spotted hyenas will eat just about anything. The majority of their diet consists of mammals weighing more than 40 pounds. Hyenas also will scavenge kills from other carnivores.

ZOO DIET: "Spectrum Meat Eater" brand of meat byproducts (horse, beef); oxtails twice a week.



FUN FACTS: Hyena jaws are probably the most powerful of any living mammal in proportion to body size.