

Unlikely Friends

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In 2001 three three-month-old cubs arrived at an animal rehabilitation center in Locust Grove, Georgia, having been seized by the Department of Natural Resources in the process of a drug bust.

An African lion named Leo, an Asian tiger named Shere Khan, an American black bear named Baloo.

During this ordeal they became inseparable. A habitat plus a strong wooden house to sleep and avoid the staring visitors to the Center was built for the three friends.

Visitors watch them rough-housing in their large yard, napping side by side on their porch, the tiger and the bear swimming in huge tubs, all playing with their toys and eating together.

Everyone just gets along. There is a greater message here. Different isn't necessarily bad.