

Longleat Safari Park lions destroyed because of genetic defects

Five lions were destroyed at Longleat Safari Park because they had serious genetic defects caused by inbreeding, managers said.

In a statement, the Wiltshire park said it had no choice but to put down a lioness and her cubs because they displayed “odd aggressive behaviour”.

A sixth lion was destroyed after the lioness attacked it. Longleat said the lioness’s behaviour was due to “poorly managed genetic history prior to her arrival”.

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