

List of incidents in Europe 2017–2019



Date	Country	Species	Incident	Links	
Jan 2017	Italy	EU	Tiger	Circus escape	White tiger escaped from circus and caused panic on the streets of Palermo for several hours
May 2017	France	EU	Lion	Circus attack	Lion from circus attacked and badly injured tamer in front of the audience
May 2017	United Kingdom	EU	Tiger	Zoo attack	Keeper attacked and badly injured by a tiger
Nov 2017	France	EU	Tiger	Circus escape	Tiger shot dead after escaping from a circus in Paris
Jan 2018	Germany	EU	Tiger	Circus attack	Tiger injured two trainers through the enclosure mesh
Mar 2018	Germany	EU	Lion	Circus attack	Tamer Alexander Lacey from Charles Knie circus got attacked and badly injured by one of his lions
Oct 2018	The Netherlands	EU	Lion	Private keeping	Jogger found abandoned lion cub in a field
Oct 2018	France	EU	Lion	Private keeping	Police seized lion cub from Paris suburb apartment (article link no longer available)
Oct 2018	France	EU	Lion	Private keeping	French customs agents discovered lion cub in a car garage in Marseille
Nov 2018	France	EU	Lion	Private keeping	Lion cub found in a car on the Champs-Elysees in Paris
Nov 2018	Czech Republic	EU	Tiger	Private keeping	Discovery of dead tigers and tiger products at Czech tiger farm exposed illegal trade in Europe
Dec 2018	Germany	EU	Puma	Private keeping	Puma cub illegally kept in apartment
Dec 2018	Italy	EU	Tiger	Circus car accident	Road accident with tiger truck from circus Togni on motorway; 7 tigers involved, including cubs
Dec 2018	Italy	EU	Tiger	Circus attack	Man seriously injured by tiger after entering the cage at circus Lidia Togni
Jan 2019	Italy	EU	Tiger	Circus seizure	Tigress seized because she had microchip of another tiger that died three years before (article link no longer available)
Feb 2019	United Kingdom	EU	Tiger	Zoo	Tiger killed by its potential mate during first meeting
Feb 2019	Spain	EU	Multiple	Taxidermy	More than 200 stuffed endangered animals seized from an illegal taxidermy
Feb 2019	United Kingdom	EU	Tiger	Zoo	Tiger died after a fight with two other tigers at Longleat Safari Park after a door was left open
Feb 2019	United Kingdom	EU	Lion	Zoo	Lion died after being attacked by the females in his pride
Mar 2019	Czech Republic	EU	Lion	Private keeping	Czech man killed by lion he kept in backyard

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Mar 2019	Germany	EU	Cheetah	Zoo escape	Two cheetahs escaped from their enclosure in Erfurt Zoo
Apr 2019	Ukraine	Neighbouring country	Lion	Circus attack	Lion attacked a circus trainer in front of audience of children and adults
Apr 2019	The Netherlands	EU	Tiger	Multiple	Rescued tiger moved from FELIDA Big Cat Centre in the Netherlands to LIONSROCK Sanctuary in South-Africa
Apr 2019	Belgium	EU	Tiger	Zoo	Two male tigers kept in a small enclosure injured each other
Apr 2019	Slovakia	EU	Tiger	Zoo attack	Tiger severely injured zoo visitor
Apr 2019	France	EU	Lion	Circus	Truck carrying three circus lions collided with a car on the highway
May 2019	France	EU	Tiger	Private keeping	Man arrested for keeping white tiger cub
May 2019	Germany	EU	Lion	Zoo attack	Two lions killed zookeeper in Serengeti Park zoo after zookeeper entered the lions' enclosure
Jun 2019	Czech Republic	EU	Tiger	Private keeping	Tiger trader Berousek received suspended sentence and taxidermist convicted for three years
Jun 2019	United Kingdom	EU	Lion	Private keeping	Man asked permission to keep two lions in his back garden after rescuing them from Czech circus
Jul 2019	Italy	EU	Tiger	Circus attack	Tiger tamer killed by four of his own tigers
Aug 2019	Austria	EU	Tiger	Zoo	Two tiger cubs found in bathtub at apartment after transporting them from Slovakian zoo
Sep 2019	Europe	EU	Multiple	Multiple	Bears on skateboards and tigers chained up for selfies among animals being used for tourism in Europe
Sep 2019	France	EU	Panther	Private keeping	Panther discovered walking on the roof of a building
Sep 2019	Spain	EU	Tiger	Private keeping	Drug trafficking couple kept white tiger in their chalet as a pet
Oct 2019	Lithuania	EU	Tiger	Zoo trade	Cruel trade in 'surplus' tiger cubs exposed
Oct 2019	Germany	EU	Tiger	Private keeping	Tigers rescued in Germany brought to LIONSROCK in South-Africa
Oct 2019	Poland	EU	Tiger	Zoo trade	Truck with ten tigers stuck on the border of Poland to Belarus and one of the tigers died
Nov 2019	Malta	EU	Tiger	Multiple	Malta's big cats revealed to be at risk of illegal tiger trade
Nov 2019	Kosovo	Neighbouring country	Lion	Private keeping	Caged lion discovered next to restaurant
Dec 2019	France	EU	Tiger	Circus attack	Circus tiger injured a spectator that tried to "pet" the tiger