Spotted Hyena



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Mechislav Klimovich
for taking a Spotted Hyena
with a Rifle measuring 41 1/8
On a hunt in *Tanzania, Masailand* on 10/31/2009
Measured by Mechislav Klimovich on 03/20/2010.

Entry currently ranks *Number* 131, a Silver Medal trophy

Hiena con manchas (Sp), Fleckenhyäne (G), Hyène tachetée (F), Gevlekte hiëna (Af).

DESCRIPTION Length, including tail, 4 to 6-1/2 feet (120-200 cm). Shoulder height 28-35 inches (70-90 cm). Weight 100-175 pounds (45-80 kg). Females are about 10 percent larger and heavier than males.

The largest member of the hyena family, very powerfully built, with a massive head, rounded ears and a very sloping back. The jaws are exceptionally powerful in proportion to body size. The coat is normally quite short, although it grows longer in colder mountain regions. It varies in color from dirty yellow to dull gray, and is covered with dark brown, rounded spots. There is no mane or only a slight one. The tail has a brushy black tip. The external genitalia of the female so closely resemble those of the male that it is difficult to determine the sexes. The clitoris looks like a penis, is located in the same position, and is capable of elongation and erection. In addition, the female has two sacs filled with fibrous tissue that look very much like a scrotum and are located in the same place. This resemblance has caused the popular misconception that the animal is hermaphroditic.