

# First direct evidence of lion hunting

Puncture wounds found on a 48,000-year-old cave lion skeleton found at Siegsdorf, Germany, may indicate the earliest known example of humans hunting and killing a large predator

**Siegsdorf,  
Germany:**  
Skeleton  
found

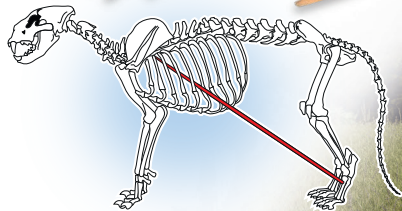
Wound on inside of third rib on  
right side suggests fatal stab  
was delivered with wooden spear



● Paleolithic  
sites containing  
evidence of human  
interaction with  
cave lions –  
either butchered  
remains or cave art

Siegsdorf  
cave lion  
remains

Replica  
of spear



Spear entered left side of  
abdomen, penetrating vital  
organs before puncturing  
rib on right side

**Findings provide new  
insights into interactions  
between Neanderthals  
and cave lions**

