

Russia's Newest Instagram Star Is an Ice-Fishing, Nature-Loving Cat

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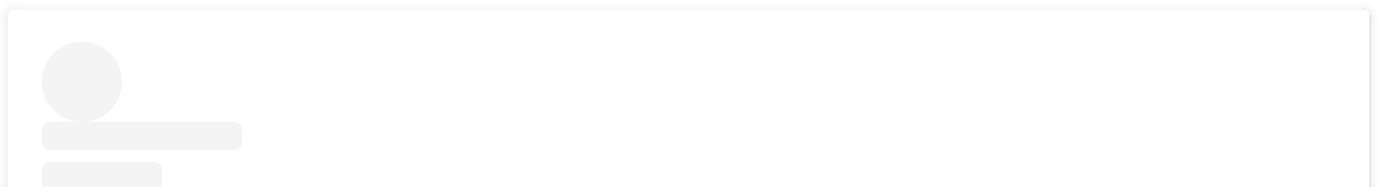


Simba's favorite outdoor activities are fishing and hiking. **primfrog77 / Instagram**

Every year on March 1, Russians celebrate what may be the cutest holiday of the year: National Cat Day. In a country with one of the world's highest rates of cat ownership per capita, it's no surprise that Russia has its own holiday for cats and their loving owners.

It's also no surprise that Russia has its fair share of famous felines, as well. Simba, a Kurilian Bobtail from the Far East city of Vladivostok, became a Russian Instagram celebrity after photos of him ice fishing in a red sweater and a Russian ushanka hat went [viral](#) earlier this year.

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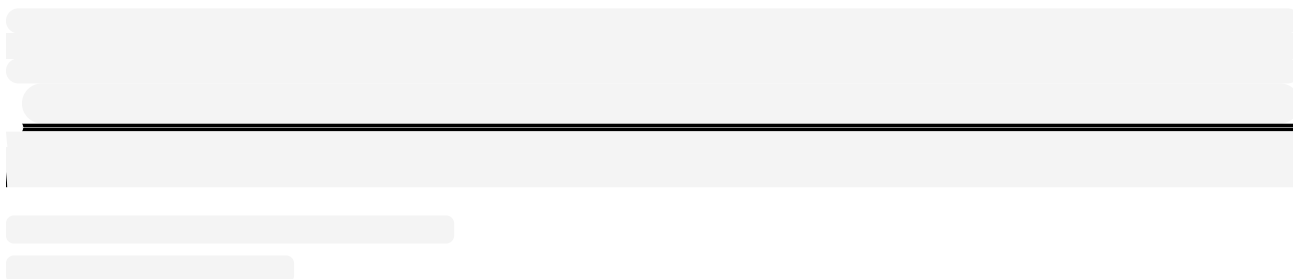
Simba is not only a devout fisherman but an experienced traveler who has been accompanying his owners on hikes across Russia's Far East since his early days.

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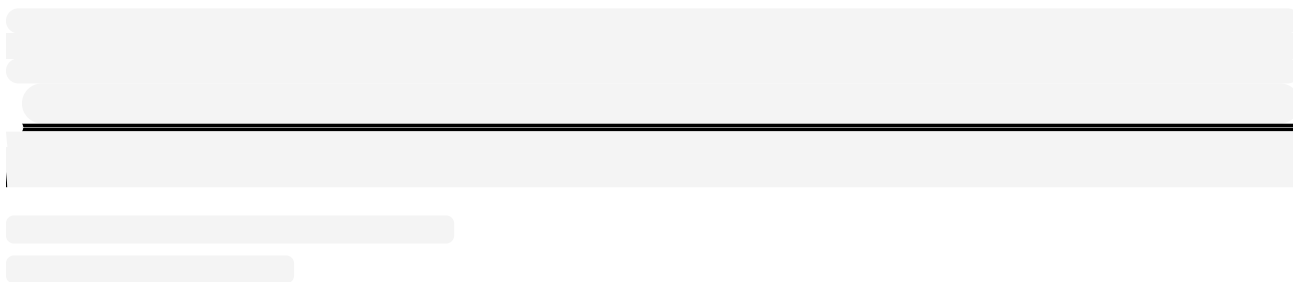
Fit, extremely photogenic and fashionable, Simba naturally possesses all the qualities needed for a successful Instagram modeling career, so his rise to nationwide fame was only a matter of time.

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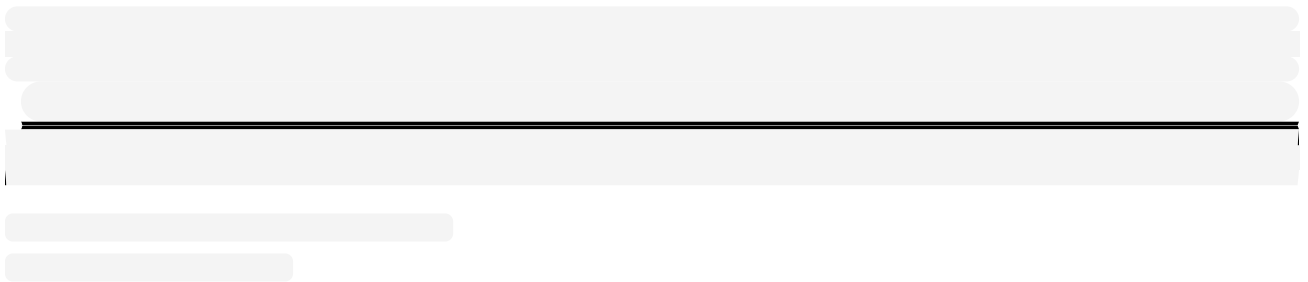
“I’ve always posted his pictures,” Simba’s owner and photography enthusiast Sergey [said](#) in an interview with the Komsomolskaya Pravda radio station, noting that the cat just naturally fit into the landscape shots that he likes to take.

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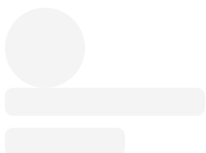


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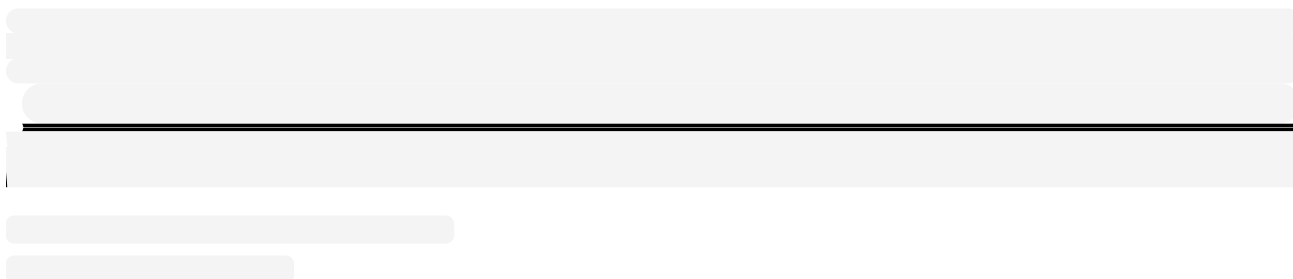
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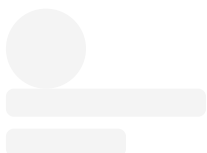
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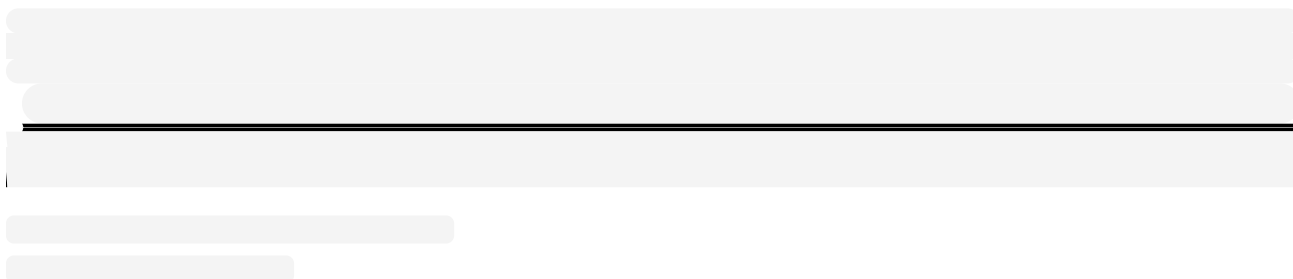
Now, Simba's fame might well have overshadowed that of Kamchatka's unique natural landscapes. The cat's Instagram account, curated by his owner, has over 6,500 followers who shower him with likes and compliments every day.

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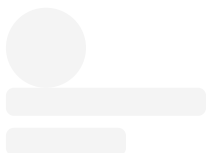


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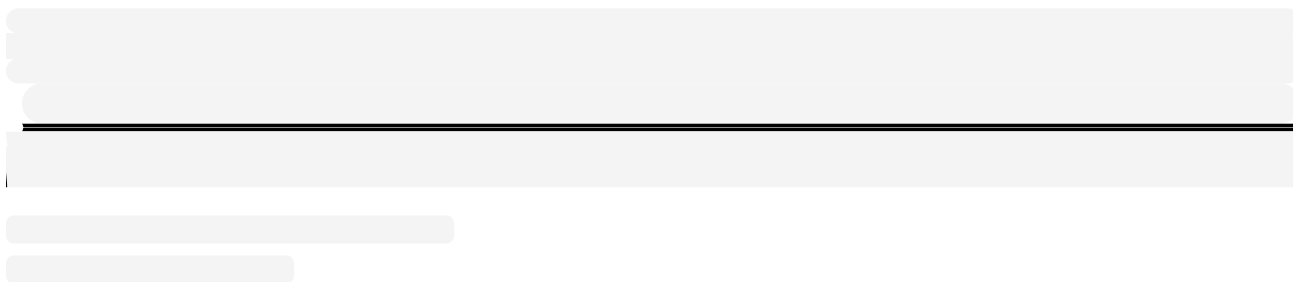
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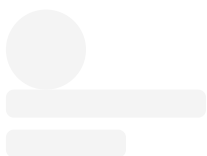
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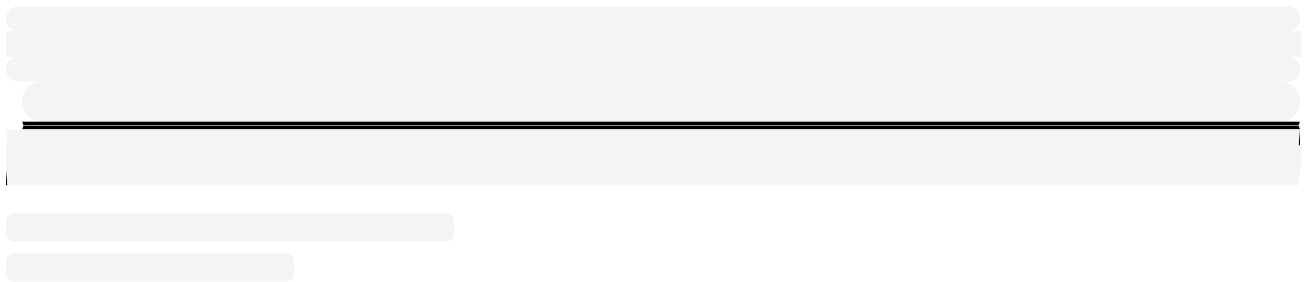
To mark the occasion of National Cat Day, Simba pleased his fans with fresh photos where he is pictured bathing in rays of sunshine in a winter forest.

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