# Lion Stalking Device

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## Need, Scope, and Requirements

- Stalking behavior is difficult to encourage in captivity
- Contributes to health problems
- St. Louis Zoo wants to keep its lions healthy



http://www.mathewssafaris.com/gallery/msLionStalking.jpg

## Need, Scope, and Requirements



 Design a device to elicit stalking behavior

- Minimize direct human interaction
- Do not hurt the lions

http://www.kittenspet.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/lionesses-and-lion-2.jpg

## Need, Scope, and Requirements

#### • Size

- Must be smaller than 4ft x 2ft x 2ft (1.22m x .61m x .61m)
- Must be larger than 4in x 4in x 4in (.10m x .10m x .10m)
- Cost
- Must cost less than \$400.00
- Durable
- Safe



#### Features:

- Locomotion
- User-controlled
- Ball connected by reversible process

**Specific Calculations:** 

- Friction of pulley on wire
- Gear Ratio between motor and pulley
- Magnetic force attaching ball and wire
- Stall torque of ball motor
- Tensile requirements of wire

#### Gear ratio:

 $\frac{(8.4V)(5800rpm/V)}{(4m/s)} = 31.83rps = 1909.86rpm$ 

 $(2\pi)(gear_{pulley})(rpm_{pulley}) = (2\pi)(gear_{motor})(rpm_{motor})$  $(gear_{pulley})(rpm_{pulley}) = (gear_{motor})(rpm_{motor})$ 

 $\frac{rpm_{motor}}{rpm_{pulley}} = \frac{gear_{pulley}}{gear_{motor}} = 25.51$ 



#### Maximum Rotational Acceleration:



 $F = \mu mg$ 

$$\alpha = 4.93 * 10^9 \frac{rad}{s^2}$$



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http://www.homedepot.com/p/Lehigh-110-lb-1-1-4-in-Zinc-Fast-Eye-Utility-Pulley-7086S-6/100146115

#### Key features:

- Moving parts is novel in this field
  - Due to durability
- Keeper interaction

- Тор
- Motor
- Pulley
- Radiofrequency Receiver
- Power Source



- Top (cont.)
  - Gears
- Wire Rope



## Top (cont.)

 Gears will be attached directly to the pulley wheel and the motor shaft



- Top (cont.)
  - Location of wire



#### 1/4" Heavy-Duty Pulley

#### 1/4" Vinyl-Coated Wire

130ft





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http://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-1-4-in-x-200-ft-Galvanized-Vinyl-Coated-Wire-Rope-806410/203958877

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#### 2.4 GHz Ground Receiver

#### 109W Electric Motor [2]





#### Gears

-1mm

-25.51mm

Custom-made from *rushgears.com* 

#### 9 Volt Battery



#### Padeye

(for construction)



#### **Circuit Board**



http://www.berkeleypoint. com/products/hardware/parts/hd\_square\_pad\_eye\_ [3]

#### Bottom

- Motor
- Ball (two halves)
- Power Source
- Weight
- Radiofrequency Receiver



#### Ball

10" dia., hollow

Manufacturing Note: EcoBond adhesive vs. manufactured whole



## Motor, Controller, and Receiver

Cost-effective to use the same as previously mentioned





### Weight

50g ideal, many options for best movement.

#### **Power Source**

Less power needed, so cheaper option is AA batteries



http://ecx.images-amazon.com/images/I/51AIgFTqVeL.\_SY355\_.jpg



## Manufacturing/ How to make

## Тор

- Pulley manufacturing process to include gear
- Print circuit

#### Bottom

- Ball manufacturing to include inner machinery
- Print circuit

## Safety

- Most issues are with lion interaction
- Reduce likelihood of risk by informing handlers of potential risks
- Reduce severity of risk with new design concepts

User / Task	Hazard / Failure Mode	Initial Assessmer Severity Probability	nt Risk Level	Risk Reduction Methods /Control System
Lion Bite	electrical / electronic : energized equipment / live parts Live magnets present where the lions can reach them	Minor Very Likely	Medium	None Written warning
Lion Bite	slips / trips / falls : falling material / object Moving object may hit lions	Minor Likely	Low	Ensure lions are not in the way when operating. Written warning
Lion Bite	chemical : reaction to / with irritant chemicals Lions may ingest trace levels of chemicals	Moderate Unlikely	Low	Ensure the lions are not consuming large sections of the setup. Written warning
Lion Push/Pull	mechanical : drawing-in / trapping / entanglement Risk of becoming entangled with the wire	Serious Unlikely	Medium	Ensure that the wires are properly secured, and do not coil on the groun (are the appropriate lengths) /Written warning
Lion Push/Pull	material handling : excessive weight If the lion bites the device and pulls on it, it will lead to breaking of the wire and destruction of the setup	Catastrophic Likely	High	Ensure that the magnetic attraction is sufficiently weak to allow release of the ball under stress. Use a wire that is difficult to bite and hold. Another method for consideration is an additional failsafe at the top of the vertical wire. Written warning

## **Price/Lead time Summary**

#### PRICE SUMMARY

Wire Rope, 130ft	.(24hrs)	\$80.39
Heavy-duty ¼" Pulley	.(24hrs)	\$5.00
Two Pad Eyes	.(24hrs)	\$52.00
Neodymium Magnets (x2)	.(1-2 weeks)	\$6.00
Electric Motor (for top portion)	(3-6 weeks)	\$15.00
Radiofrequency receiver (x2)	(3-6 weeks)	\$20.00
Radiofrequency Transmitter (x2)	(3-6 weeks)	\$33.78
Controller Board (x2)	(2 weeks)	\$65.98
Boomer Ball	(3-6 weeks)	\$48.00
Gears (1mm & 25.51mm)	(1 week)	\$20.00
Electric Motor (for ball)	(3-6 weeks)	\$35.00

Fotal\$381.1
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## Conclusions

- Did you solve the problem?
  - Original problem is nebulous
  - Under budget
  - Accomplishes subtasks
- Future Direction
  - Test with live animals
  - Refine mechanisms
  - Incorporate other senses

- What we learned
  - Pragmatism vs idealism
  - Problem breakdownfrom complex to manageable

## **Physical Prototype**

## DEMO

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