

Famed Los Angeles mountain lion appears recovered

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(AP)—A mountain lion living in a Los Angeles wilderness park appears to have recovered from mange and exposure to rat poison earlier this year.

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area biologist Jeff Sikich says the lion dubbed P-22 looks healthy and has a full belly in recent photos.

The National Park Service on Thursday released images taken last month by a remotely triggered camera set up at the site of a freshly killed [mule deer](#) in Griffith Park. More than 1,500 photos were taken as P-22 returned to feed over four nights.

National Geographic famously photographed the cat last year with the Hollywood sign in the background. But early this year, he was markedly deteriorated when he was captured for a collar battery change. Biologists treated him for mange and poisoning and released him.



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