

TERRY THE TIMID TIGER

<u>TERRY</u>	"Meooow"
<u>CIRCUS</u>	"Applaud"
<u>PEOPLE</u>	"Crowd noises"
<u>TIGER/TIGERS</u>	"Orrrrr"
<u>TAMER</u>	"Here kitty, kitty"

TERRY was a baby TIGER. He lived with mother and father in a CIRCUS. TERRY liked living in the CIRCUS. He liked all the PEOPLE, and he liked the other TIGERS and he liked all the CIRCUS PEOPLE. But one thing he did not like was the TIGER TAMER. When TERRY would watch the other TIGERS perform in the CIRCUS, for all the PEOPLE, he was afraid of that TAMER. The TAMER had a whip and sometimes the TIGERS would have to jump through rings of fire. This did not seem at all fun to TERRY.

TERRY did not think too much about the TAMER the time. He would sit in his cage with the other TIGERS and watch the PEOPLE who came to see the CIRCUS. That is until one day when the TAMER decided that it was time for TERRY to join the TIGER act in the CIRCUS. One day before the PEOPLE came and the CIRCUS began, the TAMER took TERRY out of his cage and into the center ring of the CIRCUS. The TAMER held his whip and tried to get TERRY to climb up on a little step. But TERRY would have none of it. Even though the TAMER was very kind to TERRY and never hurt him, TERRY was too afraid even to jump up onto a little step. So the TAMER put TERRY back in the cage with the other TIGERS and shook his head as he walked away. "How can we afford to feed a TIGER who will not perform?" he asked.

Mother and father TIGER tried to help TERRY understand how important it was for him to try. "The PEOPLE love to see little TIGERS" They said. "It is important that you try to do your best, TERRY." But every time the TAMER took TERRY to the CIRCUS ring, he hid under the step instead of jumping up on it. This was not good. TERRY wanted to do good, but he didn't know how to get over being scared.

One day, while TERRY was watching the PEOPLE who had come to the CIRCUS, he saw a group of boys wearing blue and gold. He didn't know it, but they were the Cub Scouts in Pack "your pack number", on a field trip to the CIRCUS. One little boy seemed very frightened when the group came close to the TIGER cages. But the other boys told him to be brave and do his best. Soon the Cub was just fine and no longer afraid. TERRY was amazed that PEOPLE could be afraid just like he was. If that Cub Scout could be brave, so could TERRY. The next time the TAMER took TERRY into the CIRCUS ring to practice, TERRY jumped right up on the step. The TAMER was so surprised he nearly fell over. He gave TERRY a big hug. "I am so glad you have become a brave TIGER." He said. "Now you too can perform for the PEOPLE who come to see the TIGERS at the CIRCUS."