

A heartwarming moment as a 370-pound tiger interacts gently with a toddler girl. aa

These beautiful photographs capture the remarkable moments when a tiger bowed its head and placed a paw up to the hand of a small girl.

Photographer Dyrk Daniels noticed the 370lb Golden Bengal Tiger had taken an interest in the child, who was leaning against his glass enclosure.

As the tiger, called Taj, headed over to her, Mr Daniels got his camera ready, expecting him to snarl and break through the glass.



Tender moment: Rather than banging against the glass, the tiger gently put its paw up to the little girl's hand

But amazingly the tiger lifted his head, extended a paw out to her hand and rubbed his cheek against where the girl's face was.

Father-of-two Dyrk Daniels, 47, went to Cougar Mountain Zoo in Issaquah, Washington State, to photograph the Bengal tigers.

When he got to the enclosure there were several children and families in the area.

