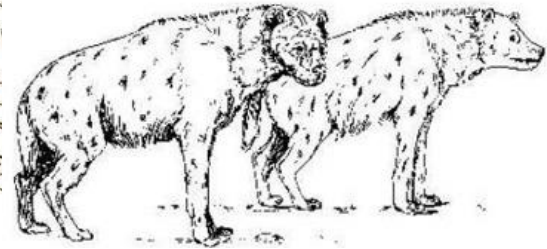


Cave Hyena – *Crocuta Crocuta Spelaea*



Height: 1 metre

Length: 1.7 metres

Weight: 80-130 kg

Occupied Kents Cavern: 500,000 – 20,000 years ago

Cave Hyenas and early humans were in competition for finding habitual places to live. Kents Cavern at one time had its very own Hyena den. Hyenas are scavengers and would usually eat the left overs of kills made by other predatory animals, but they would have had no problem hunting down food if they had the opportunity, their long hind legs and strong jaws with sharp teeth allowed them to drag their prey over long distances, back to their dens. Kents Cavern has revealed lots of evidence of hyenas living in the cave as well as their bones and teeth, fossil droppings (coprolites, more commonly known as poo!) are also found.