







from Ukraine in 2014.

The bones were positioned about 16m below the Cretaceous-Paleogene (K-Pg) boundary - the geological horizon that records the impact of an asteroid on Earth, and the demise of three-quarters of all animal and plant species, some 66 million years ago.



Stan is regarded as one of the finest T. rex specimens in existence.

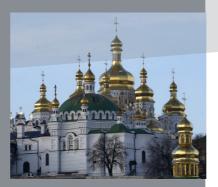
It comprises 188 bones which have been subjected to a battery of tests and investigations. Damage to the skeleton suggests the dinosaur was involved in a number of battles during its life.

«Stan rapidly became the 'Standard' for T. rex, given there are so many casts of this extraordinary fossil that have been sold all over the world,» commented British dinosaur expert Prof Phil Manning who has worked on the specimen.

«If you have looked at a T. rex in a museum, the chances are it was a cast of Stan. The skull is possibly the best preserved, given it was found as isolated elements, carefully prepped and beautifully reconstructed.

«I am keeping my fingers and toes crossed that this remarkable fossil stays in the public domain for all to enjoy,» the University of Manchester scientist told BBC News.

Stan had been on display at South Dakota's Black Hills Institute of Geological Research since the late 1990. With the sale comes certain intellectual property rights, but the new owner has been denied permission to make future casts or 3D prints, or to sell related It is bordered by Russia to the east and north-east; Belarus to the north; Poland, Slovakia and Hungary to the west; and Romania, Moldova, and the Black Sea to the south. Ukraine also borders the Crimean Peninsula to its south, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014, though Ukraine still continues to claim the territory.[11] Including the Crimean Peninsula, Ukraine has an area of 603,628 km2 (233,062 sq mi)The bones were positioned about 16m below the Cretaceous-Paleogene It is bordered by Russia to the east and north-east; Belarus to the north; Poland, Slovakia and Hungary to the west; and Romania, Moldova, and the Black Sea to the south. Ukraine also borders the Crimean Peninsula to its south, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014.





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