

LION AND THE PUPPIES:

On the left is "Daisy". She's a boxer - and believe it or not, to everyone else in the cage, she is "Mam. Years ago, she was foster-mother to the lion cub "Negus". Negus is grown up now; but he's always at home to mother, and as far as she and the puppies are concerned, he's just one of the family.

Don't be misled by the expression - mother knows he's quite safe. The pups will come to no harm - and besides, he saves her a lot of work by helping to tidy them up. Just one of those chores an elder brother's always being landed with!

Of course, Negus sometimes decides that a little discipline is needed - but it's all very gentle. If you ask our opinion, Negus is rather a soft-hearted character, and those pups are in serious danger of being spoiled.

One day, we are told, the lion will lie down with the lamb. While we're waiting, we'll make do with a boxer or two; and, as these guys can tell you, there's nothing so comfortable as a lion to lie on!