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YOUNG NATURALISTS

The Zoological Gardens in Riga, the capital of Latvia, Five years ago a circle of young naturalists, fond of animals, was organized here among the local schoolchildren.

It must be very interesting to watch the behaviour of animals.

The eldest member of the circle, Ingrida Heitman, is 16 years of age and she has a lot of experience in taking care of animals. A year ago she began to look after a young lion nicknamed Singe, and while he's a big lion now he remained loyal to his mistress and the dog visiting this place often.

The children get a lot of fun of the little animals they take care of.

The lion cubs are only ten days old. The mother does not nurse them any longer and they are now under the care of the members of this circle. The cubs seem to feel fine. They like especially the artificial sunlight, which is used for their normal growth and development.

Among the other inhabitants of the ZOO the children are most fond of the little monkeys and squirrels.

For children who like to acquire a profession there is a shop where experts teach them how to make stuffed animals and stuffed birds.

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