

《友谊不分物种 狮王与小狗成好兄弟（图）》

A disabled lion who was reared by a double amputee zookeeper has formed an unlikely bond with a miniature sausage dog with the pair inseparable ever since the cat was a cub.

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Bonedigger, a 500lb male lion might dwarf Milo, an eight-year-old Dachshund but he rarely leaves his side.

Bonedigger????500????????8????Milo????????????????????????????

The two have been inseparable over the past five years at G.W. Exotic Animal Park in Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

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Bonedigger was born with a metabolic bone disease that left him mildly crippled and has also struck up an unusual bond with zookeeper John Reinke, who lost both of his legs following a bungee jump accident.

Bonedigger??

When Milo and two other five-year old wiener dogs, Bullet and Angel, sensed that the lion was disabled they sought to comfort and protect him.

Milo????5?????"?"?"?"Bonedigger????????????????

Now Bonedigger and his pack of dogs cuddle, feast on raw meat and play in the grounds together.

??Bonedigger????????????????????

Mr Reinke, who works at the zoo witnessed the bond develop between the unlikely duo.

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He said: 'This friendship between an 11 pound wiener dog and a 500 pound lion is the only of it's kind in the world ever seen.

???“11??????500????????????????????”

Bonedigger was hand-reared by Mr Reinke along with a tiger called Tony after he realised his ability to bring up animals.

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He added: 'They used to live with me in the house. I raised them both with bottled formula and raw meat until they grew too big for the house.

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'Bondigger's like a dog and when he hasn't seen me for ages he gets all excited and runs up to me.

“Bondigger??”

'Tony is perfectly healthy, but is a bit too playful. When Bonedigger senses that I am losing control of the play, he snarls at Tony and you can tell he is being protective and telling him to stop.'

“????????????????????Bondigger??”

Now the big cats have moved into their own enclosure.

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