

ESCAPE FROM THE ZOO

The Humboldt Penguins escaped from the Japanese zoo!!! The Humboldt Penguins escaped from the zoo, even though the zookeepers tried hard to prevent them from escaping.

The zookeepers tried to figure out how two penguins, two month old, could escape from the zoo. One penguin was named Toto. The other penguin was named Sazanami. They both escaped in the same way, at the same time. One day, zookeepers saw both of them climbing up the stairs, running away to the pond, and swimming at the pond. So the zookeepers made a huge fence in front of the stairs, so they could not climb up the stairs and escape. A few weeks later, again both penguins escaped. The zookeepers were really shocked. They think that the penguins jumped over the fence. They decided to go to Chile to see why the Humboldt penguins could be so powerful.



In Chile, they learned lots of things about Humboldt Penguins

- They get their food from morning to evening
- They make their homes on the rocky shores, often near cliffs
- They are on average about 70 centimeters (cm) in length and their weight is approximately 4 kilograms (kg), making them a relatively small bird
- They become fully mature within a period of five years, between ages 2 & 7
- They are known to “fly” under water by using their wings much like flippers, steering themselves with their feet and tail
- They are waterproof with their stiff feathers acting as a protective barrier against the water
- They have really strong wings
- They could face *extinction because they are*
 - Threatened by rats
 - Human encroachment
 - Rat infestations
 - Unforgiving weather currents carried by unusual

warmth



The zookeepers saw the mother penguin and father penguins don't feed the food easily as the babies get older, because adult penguins want the babies to know how to walk the rocky hills, and want them to have great motor nerves. They also saw the parent penguins leaving their children when they think that their children do not need any help from them. The zookeepers thought that was the clue of penguins escaping.

When the children penguins are left over, they will be a place where there are only children penguins. These young penguins came from different families. After a few minutes, the zookeepers saw the young penguins starting to play each other. So, they improve their motor nerves. The zookeepers thought that it was the clue for the escaping penguin. They remembered that penguins had a lot of training when they were small.

The zookeepers learn lots of things about Humboldt penguins at Chile and now they made the fence high and made a huge fence in front of the stairs. So now, the zookeepers think that the penguins will not be able to get out of the zoo.

