

# Premature baby penguin recovers after parents broke her egg

July 19 2018

---



In this image made available Thursday July 19, 2018, London Zoo unveils a Humboldt penguin chick after they nursed it back to health after its parents accidentally stepped on its egg and broke it. The zoo says keepers were astonished to find that the chick, nicknamed Rainbow, was still alive inside the broken egg, so they rushed the chick to the zoo's clinic, where vets transferred her to an incubation room.(Zoological Society of London via AP)

London Zoo says a premature baby penguin has been nursed back to health after her parents accidentally stepped on her egg and broke it.

The zoo says keepers were astonished to find that the female Humboldt penguin chick, nicknamed Rainbow, was still alive inside the broken egg. They rushed the chick to the zoo's clinic, where vets transferred her to an incubation chamber.

The chick spent weeks cuddling with a soft toy penguin and was fed what the zoo called "penguin milkshake"—blended fish, vitamins and minerals.

Penguin keeper Suzi Hyde said Thursday that the birds typically reject chicks when they accidentally step on their [eggs](#).

She said the one-month-old chick is growing quickly, and that it will stay in the incubation chamber until she reaches 10 weeks.

© 2018 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Citation: Premature baby penguin recovers after parents broke her egg (2018, July 19) retrieved 25 April 2024 from

<https://phys.org/news/2018-07-premature-baby-penguin-recovers-parents.html>

<p>This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.</p>
--