

A Penguin's Adventure

Three months ago, a young penguin was found on a beach in New Zealand, 5,000 kilometers from its home. The penguin was thin, sick and lost, so he was taken to Wellington Zoo.

5 The vets at the zoo called him "Happy Feet", after the movie about a happy baby penguin who liked to dance. But this lost penguin was far from happy. His stomach was full of sand, which made him very sick. The vets were sure
10 that Happy Feet ate the sand because he thought it was snow. So they cleaned out his stomach and put him in a special air-conditioned* room full of ice and snow to keep him cold. They fed him a lot of fish, and soon the lost penguin was fat and much happier.

Three months later, Happy Feet was healthy and ready to leave the ice room.
15 But the vets didn't know what to do with him. They had two choices: they could leave him in the zoo where he would be safe or they could send him back into the wild. One vet explained that because penguins are seabirds, it was best to put Happy Feet back into the ocean and let him swim home. But first they glued a GPS to his feathers so they could track him.
20 Yesterday, Happy Feet started out on his journey home. A ship took him out to the ocean where other young penguins were swimming. Then he went down a special slide into the water.
A vet who was on the ship said, "He swam away, not caring about us anymore. And that's a good thing."



*air-conditioned / مكيفة الهواء

Reading Comprehension

Getting the Facts

1 Why was it surprising that Happy Feet was in New Zealand? (lines 1-4)

Complete the sentence. (lines 5-13)
Happy Feet became sick because

3 Number the sentences in the correct order according to the text. (lines 5-13)

- a. He was healthy and ready to go home.
- b. A sick penguin arrived on a New Zealand beach.
- c. He ate a lot of fish.
- d. The vets at the zoo took the sand out of his stomach.

4 The vets decided to return Happy Feet to the ocean because
(lines 14-19)

- a. he was no longer safe in the zoo
- b. it's his natural home
- c. he was unhappy
- d. they wanted to track him

5 1. How did Happy Feet feel about leaving the vets? (lines 20-24)

2. How do you know?

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Putting It Together

6 Name two things that penguins normally do.

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7 What information is NOT given about Happy Feet?

- a. why he was sick
- b. where he was found
- c. what he eats
- d. how much he

Personal Response

8 Do you think the vets did the right thing when they sent Happy Feet back to the ocean? Why or why not?

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