

PENGUIN SWIMS 5,000 MILES EVERY YEAR

TO VISIT THE MAN WHO SAVED HIS LIFE!

João says, 'I love the penguin like he's my own child, and I believe the penguin loves me.'

João Pereira de Souza, 71, lives on an island near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He is a retired bricklayer but still works as a part-time fisherman. One day, about five years ago, ❖ he ¹ found a tiny, sick penguin on the beach near his home. The penguin's feathers were covered in oil, ❖. João ² _____ sorry for the sick, little bird, and so he ³ _____ him back to his home. He cleaned him and ⁴ _____ him sardines, and he ⁵ _____ him the name **Dindim**. The penguin soon ⁶ _____ strong and healthy again.

After a week or two, João ⁷ _____ down to the seashore and ⁸ _____ to put Dindim back into the water. The penguin didn't want to go. He stayed with João, getting bigger and bigger – beautiful new feathers ⁹ _____ on his back. Eight months passed. João was very happy ❖. Then suddenly, one day in February, Dindim disappeared. João was sad to lose him, but hoped that the bird just wanted to return to his penguin family. Four more months passed, ❖ when suddenly he ¹⁰ _____ a familiar 'honking' sound – Dindim was back.