

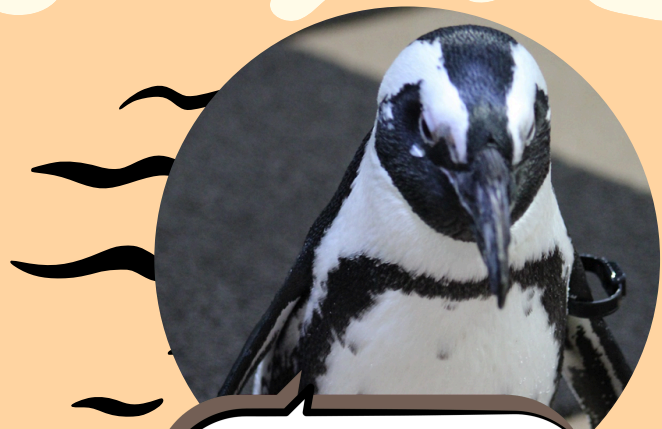
African PENGUINS

Meet the Flock

PAULA

Hatch Date: 5/26/2006

Paula is very sweet and unruffled. She is not part of a pair but is often near Sandy and Red Pepper. When she nests, she nests alone and works hard to defend her spot. Paula does fantastic on outreaches as she is slow to startle.



I'm named after Paula Abdul from American Idol



Even though I have arthritis I still love to climb on my good days

RED PEPPER

Hatch Date: 11/5/2008

Red Pepper is our most aloof African penguin. She is always with her best friend Sandy but rarely interacts with people or other birds on her own. She is a great climber and her favorite spot to lay is on top of the wide flat rock in the exhibit.

SANDY

Hatch Date: 6/23/2009

Sandy's favorite food is silversides, a small green fish. She goes crazy for them and would eat nothing else if we let her. She is very protective of her best friend, Red Pepper, and is a fierce defender of their nest. She is excellent at gathering nesting and often steals nesting directly from other nesting birds.



I have my own library card in Piqua, OH.



I'm not the best nest sitter I tend to leave my eggs unattended

BLUEBERRY

Hatch Date: 11/8/2008

Blueberry enjoys caplin, more than many of the others, but usually nibbles at her fish before eating them. She also frequently takes her food "to-go," taking the fish back to her spot before eating it. Her best friend is Speckles.

SPECKLES

Hatch Date: 6/21/2009

Speckles is an enthusiastic nester! Her best friend, Blueberry, is less dedicated, often abandoning the nest when its her "turn" to sit on the egg. Speckles will go and grab Blueberry by the flipper and physically pull her back to the nest, standing guard until Blue has settled back down, before enjoying her freedom or swim or gather more nesting.



I like my trinkets; I love to collect enrichment for my nest

RANDI

Hatch Date: 4/4/2006

Randi is our oldest African penguin. Her best friend is Green Bean. She is an excellent eater and is always trying to eat more herring than she should. She is excellent at crating, and always one of the first birds to run over when offered the chance to go out on programs.



I'm named after Randi from American Idol

GREEN BEAN

Hatch Date: 11/4/2008

Green Bean is the sweetest bird. She flirts with all the staff and always gathers nesting to bring to Randi. Her best friend is Randi.



I love being on photo rock and refuse to get down after photos

TOPPER

Hatch Date: 12/24/2015

The oldest of the "young girls," Topper is the most relaxed in their group. She is closely bonded to Biologist Steph, and prefers her over everyone except maybe her best friend Suzie.



I have a little trouble finding my best friend Suzie sometimes

SUZIE

Hatch Date: 12/14/2016

Suzie is obsessed with shadows! She often gets so worked up over shadows that her access has to be restricted. When she is at her most "shadow crazed" she is prone to biting. This is a problem for obvious reasons, but also she will stand directly under people or get in the way during the feed, trying to chase the shadows. Her best friend is Topper.



Shadow!!! Where?!?

SHELLEY

Hatch Date: 12/4/2017

She is our most "unpredictable," she will go from asking for attention to biting you one second to the next. More defensive when Lwazi is present. Her best friend is Lwazi.



I'm a bit of a wildcard, one minute I want your attention until I don't

LWAZI

Hatch Date: 11/12/2019

Her name means "wisdom" in the South African Zulu language. Gets very excited for laser pointers and balls on string. Bites other birds during the feeds. Frequent swimmer. Her best friend is Shelley.



I've been told I have poor manners