Using Enrichment to Create an Interactive African Penguin Encounter

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Animal Encounters

African Penguins

- Maddy was the first
- Animal Encounters (paid tour) began 2013
- Hand raised penguins for program
  - kept with flock
- Voluntary participation from penguins

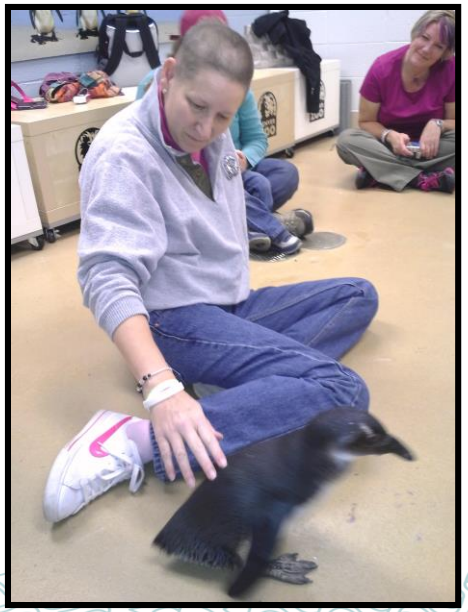
Juniper

- May 9, 2013
  - Parent raised until day 30
  - Hand reared by 2 keepers
- 2 keepers only in beginning (encounter room)
- Slowly add new keepers and Denver Zoo staff
- 55 days old, diagnosed with malaria
  - Pulled from program, all activities cease and 2 keepers help with medical care

Aftermath

Juniper's Recovery

- Began Encounter Room training at 5mo old
- Juniper was very afraid of new people, new clothes and became very nippy
- Needed new tactic to desensitize her to the room and for the program



Enrichment

A New Beginning…

Ramon & Rylie

Enrichment is now an integral training tool for all encounter birds in preparing for Animal Encounters

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Program Changes

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