

Dindim the Penguin



In 2011 on a beach in Brazil, 71 year old fisherman Joao Periera de Souza found a tiny South American Magellanic Penguin covered in oil and close to death. The compassionate Joao took the penguin home, cleaned his feathers and fed him a daily diet of fish until he was healthy enough to be released back into the wild.

The penguin by now named Dindim, liked his new friend so much however, that he decided to stay, for another eleven months! Dindim did eventually return to his natural breeding ground off the coast of Argentina but soon came back a few months later to see his old friend once more. Joao was walking on the beach one day when he saw his tiny friend waddling towards him along the sands, wagging his tail and honking with delight. By now it was apparent that little Dindim would see this as a home from home. Each year for the past few years, the little penguin has spent most of the year living with Joao before returning to his breeding ground during the mating season.

It is estimated that Dindim swims up to 5000 miles each year to be reunited with his friend and each year he seems to be happier than ever at their reunion. He is quite content to sit on Joao's lap and pecks at anyone else who tries to get close to the pair. Of their relationship Joao said: "I love the penguin like it's my own child, and I believe the penguin loves me."



1. According to the article, when did Joao Periera de Souza find the penguin?
 - a) in 2010
 - b) in 2011
 - c) in 2012
 - d) in 2013
2. According to the article, what was the condition of the penguin when Joao Periera de Souza found it?
 - a) in a healthy condition
 - b) in a compassionate condition
 - c) in a determined condition
 - d) in a critical condition
3. The word 'decided' in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) refused
 - b) chose
 - c) faded
 - d) guided
4. According to the article, what happened when Dindim was healthy enough to be released back into the wild?
 - a) It immediately returned to its natural breeding ground
 - b) It returned to its natural breeding ground but only approximately one year later
 - c) It never returned to its natural breeding ground because it never fully recovered
 - d) It swam 5000 miles to catch up with other South American Magellanic Penguins
5. According to the article, where does Dindim live most of the time?
 - a) in the sea
 - b) with Joao Periera de Souza
 - c) at its breeding ground
 - d) the article doesn't say
6. The word 'relationship' in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) marriage
 - b) division
 - c) friendship
 - d) relaxation

Answers: 1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (b) 6.(c)

