

Dads 'Sphengic'

5 Congratulations! The penguins Sphen and Magic are dads! Their cute, baby chick was born on October 19. Sphen and Magic are natural parents even if they are 'gay'. The Sea Life Sydney aquarium in Australia is very proud of them. But it is unusual for two male penguins to raise a chick. How did this happen?



Baby Sphengic

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There is a group of Gentoo penguins at Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. A few months ago, two male penguins, Sphen and Magic, fell in love. They walked and swam together. They were never apart. Sphen and Magic were given the name 'Sphengic'.

15 Good parents

15 Sphen and Magic started to build a nest with pebbles, small stones. They could not lay an egg though, so the aquarium gave them a 'dummy' egg. Surprisingly, Sphen and Magic took turns to sit on the egg to keep it warm. Just the same way other penguins do. Because Sphen and Magic did the normal things penguin parents do, the aquarium gave them a real penguin egg to take care of.



The dads: Sphen and Magic

25 Congratulations

After sitting on the egg for 36 days, it hatched. The chick weighed only 91 gr. Sphen and Magic are taking good care of their baby. They are busy feeding and caring for their baby chick. They have to feed it 10 times a day! For now, the baby will stay close to its dads. When the chick is older, they will teach it how to swim. Congratulations dads 'Sphengic' with your baby!

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