



PENGUIN RESCUE

Under the current laws of New Zealand, you are required to have a DOC permit to handle protected wildlife. Should you find a penguin or seabird in need of assistance you can contact DOC on their Hotline 0800 362 468 , alternatively a permitted wildlife rehabilitator for advice.

Be prepared!

Have a basic rescue kit on hand

Box - Bag - Towels - Net

Gloves - Contact Numbers - Phone



Assess the situation

There are somethings you can take into consideration

- Does the penguin look hurt or sick?
- Are there maggots on, or flies hovering, around the penguin?
- Is the penguin bleeding?
- Does it allow you to approach?
- Is it weak or cold?
- Has it been attacked by something?



- If “yes” to any of these questions the bird will need to be rescued.
- Do not put yourself at risk!
- Make the bird comfortable in a suitable, well ventilated container.
- We recommend you do not attempt to feed or give water to the bird if you don’t have prior experience.
- Quietly transport the bird to a professional as soon as possible.

Some reasons why penguins may be ashore:

Heading out in the early morning

Heading home in the late afternoon

Moulting - Nesting - Unwell - Injured - Oiled



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