

## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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### ***Eagle* the penguin has a sibling and it needs a name!** **Press invited for a daily weigh-in and visual checkup for the new chick**

**WHAT:** Eagle, a male Humboldt penguin who hatched last summer at Woodland Park Zoo, has his first sibling! The new chick hatched on Feb. 16 and marks the zoo's 51<sup>st</sup> chick since its first breeding season in 2010 in the new penguin exhibit. The sex of the chick has not yet been determined.

The press is invited behind the scenes to a weigh-in and visual checkup for the new Humboldt penguin chick.

Why is a penguin named *Eagle*? Actors Chris Pratt and Anna Faris, and their son Jack were invited last year to name the penguin and chose [Eagle](#) in honor of their local roots. Eagle was the zoo's milestone 50<sup>th</sup> chick hatched since 2010.

To pay tribute to Eagle's first sibling, the community is invited to vote on a raptor-inspired name for the new chick: **Hawk, Falcon or Merlin**. The 48-hour naming poll begins **Wednesday, March 9**. To vote, visit <https://www.facebook.com/WoodlandParkZooSeattle/>

Parents for the new chick and Eagle are 8-year-old mother Dora and 3-year-old father Maximiliano.

The chick is off exhibit in a nesting burrow where it is under the care of the parents. Staff weigh the chick regularly to ensure it is achieving growth milestones. Intervention is kept at a minimum to allow the parents to raise their chick.

**WHEN:** **Photo op: Wednesday, March 9, 10:30-10:50 a.m. A maximum of two media reps will be permitted behind the scenes on a rotational basis. To minimize stress levels for the chick and parents, late arrivals can't be accommodated.**

**48-hour naming poll: begins March 9. Vote at**  
<https://www.facebook.com/WoodlandParkZooSeattle/>

**WHERE:** Photo op: behind the scenes at the penguin exhibit. Meet PR staff at the West Entrance on Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55<sup>th</sup> & N. 56<sup>th</sup> Sts. Park in the Penguin or Otter Lots.

**VISUALS:** Flash is permitted, but not flood lights

**INFO:** Before new chicks reach fledging age and go outdoors on exhibit, they are removed from the nest so keepers can condition the birds to approach them for hand feeding and other animal care activities. Chicks also are given round-the-clock access to a shallow pool where they can swim in a more controlled and less crowded environment. The new chick will join the colony of penguins in the outdoor exhibit sometime in early summer.

People do not usually think of penguins as a desert species. Unlike their ice and snow-dwelling Antarctic cousins, Humboldt penguins inhabit hot, dry coastlines in Peru and Chile. They live on rocky mainland shores, especially



near cliffs, or on coastal islands. Humboldt penguins have a body made to swim. Using their strong wings, they “fly” underwater, usually just below the surface, at speeds of up to 20 miles per hour. They steer with their feet and tail.

It is estimated that only 12,000 Humboldt penguins survive in the wild. Woodland Park Zoo is committed to conserving Humboldt penguins by supporting the [Humboldt Penguin Conservation Center](#) at Punta San Juan, Peru, breeding the birds through the [Species Survival Plan](#) and encouraging visitors to choose sustainable seafood options.

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