

Monthly's Mind **BENDER**



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Photo Find: WHERE'S WADDLE? Keeping up with the adventures of Charleston's newest penguin.

Waddle, the lead penguin of the South Carolina Aquarium's Penguin Planet exhibit, has been busy exploring Charleston since his arrival from San Diego in late February. Where is Waddle now?

Quite the computer-savvy penguin, Waddle has posted photos of his adventures on his Web site, WheresWaddle.com. He is even soliciting suggestions from the community on where he should head next. Keep up with Waddle online at WheresWaddle.com, suggest his next adventure, become friends with him on Facebook or follow him on Twitter. Join in penguin mania by placing a WheresWaddle.com car decal your car! (Available at upcoming South Carolina Aquarium events).

Penguin Planet features a Magellanic penguin habitat and 550 square feet of gallery space. Located on the Aquarium's first floor, guests have the opportunity to see these aquatic flightless birds firsthand through the exhibit's 10-foot-wide window allowing for underwater viewing. Included in general admission, Penguin Planet will delight and educate visitors through its awe-inspiring Magellanic penguins, children's interactive learning games, educational exhibits on climate change effects in South Carolina and of course — daily programs starring the penguins.

Only at the Aquarium for one year, you do not want to miss Penguin Planet.

An accredited institution by the Association of Zoo's and Aquarium's (AZA), the South Carolina Aquarium's Penguin Planet exhibit has approval from the AZA Penguin Taxon advisory group. AZA is the leading accrediting organization for zoos and aquariums and accredits only those institutions that have achieved meticulous standards for animal health, education, wildlife conservation and science. With approximately 2,400 animal exhibitors licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture, only 10% of the institutions are accredited. Admission prices are: Children 1 and younger (free); youths 2-11 (\$10); adults (\$17); seniors 62+ (\$16).

Military, senior, college and group discounts are available. Memberships are available by calling (843) 577-FISH. For more information call (843) 720-1990 or visit www.scaquarium.org. **M**

Clues/Answers: 1) Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin. 2) I earned my stripes the hard way. 3) I'll see you on the flip side. 4) I'll find it if I have to turn over every rock. 5) There's no down side to it.