

Mel and Sheeba



Mel and Sheeba, the Dinklaker Reformed Zoo's new penguins, each consumed nearly 18 pounds of fish and biscuits a day during their first week in captivity, yet neither added so much as an ounce to its weight. Worried zoo officials added Jello shooters and arthropod-kebobs to their diet, but to no avail. As a last resort, they engaged a famous birdologist, whose name, were it mentioned, you'd recognize in an instant. She determined that Mel and Sheeba were made entirely of vegetable matter and required an altogether different feeding regimen. Sure enough, after the penguin curator repotted their flippers in a humus-rich topsoil and began watering both birds twice a day, they grew by leaps and bounds – and also roots and tendrils – much to the delight of zoo visitors.