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Poundland accused of 'pointless' plastic waste with 'gift of nothing'!

While some people view 'the gift of nothing' as an amusing gift, others say it sums up everything that is wrong with our world.

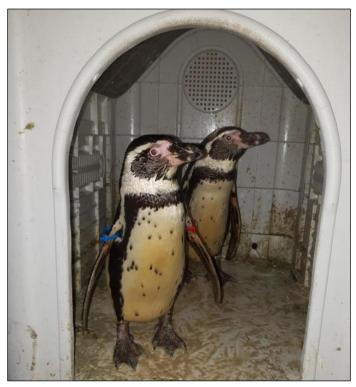
Sian Sutherland, co-founder of anti-Plastic campaign group A Plastic Planet said, "How can Poundland possibly think this is OK? This product is designed to go straight into the bin but will last for 500 years. It is a symbol of everything that is wrong with our view of the world. We are treating our beautiful planet like it is disposable when it is all we have."

Poundland defended the product as "a bit of fun" but did not clarify whether it could be recycled. "Our customers love it as do loads of others online. They all know it's a bit of fun and we understand that's still allowed in moderation." What do you think?



Pictured: The gift of nothing taken from PlasticPollutes twitter page.

Police return stolen penguins to their home at the zoo!



Pictured: Photo of the rescued Humboldt penguins taken from the Notts Police twitter page.

A pair of missing penguins, stolen from a zoo in November, have been rescued by police and quickly returned to the zoo they were taken from. Police found the two Humboldt penguins in a small village just outside Nottingham following a tip off.

The Humboldt penguin is a South American penguin that breeds in coastal Chile and Peru, they can reach 70cm in height and up to 5.9 kg of weight.

Sergeant Andrew Browning, who worked alongside PC Paul Toon to find the penguins, said it was an "unusual one".

He added: "My first thought was this is one for the books, and one to tell the grandkids, because there's no way we thought we would go down there and actually find two penguins."

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Stripes that protect zebras from horseflies may do the same for humans!



Pictured: A typical Zebra.

For years we have known that the black and white stripes on a zebra's body were a vital deterrent to horseflies. Scientists believe that the striped pattern reflects light making it harder for insects to see them!

But now scientists think that the stripes may also protect humans from the blood-sucking insects. Many of the indigenous tribes in Africa, Australia and Papua New Guinea who paint stripes on their bodies also live in places where horseflies are widespread.

The stripes are for decoration, emotional expression or as markers of identity or group affiliation but maybe they also know something about repelling insects that the rest of the world did not.

Kite Surfer gets "leap of his life"!

Professional kite surfer Olly Bridge gets the "leap of his life" in a 200m jump.

The 21-year-old former European kite champion from Exmouth launched into the air from a tidal pool over a sand spit at Dawlish in Devon.

Strong winds sent him soaring safely over the sand, in a jump which he thinks is the first of its kind.

Olly Bridge, who has previously won the titles of Men's European Champion, under 21's World Champion and under 18 World Champion said he was "stoked".



Pictured: Typical Kite surfers.





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