

Icy's Message

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"Hi. I'm Icy, a Yellow-Eyed Penguin. Why I'm talking to you is because you humans are throwing rubbish in the sea. So when I or my fellow penguins try to catch fish for our young, we get tangled up in your rubbish. I've lost many friends because of you. I remember when we lost Bob. He got some string caught round his neck. Anyway, what I'm trying to say is you need to be aware that we are living things too you know. New Zealand used to be an extraordinary place for us birds and other native animals but you humans came along and wrecked our lives.

Once Sara - my friend - was killed just like that. She was at a beach in her box and BAM! A dog knocked off the lid and killed her. She was with her eggs so they were eaten too. So cats, dogs and other dangerous animals need to be kept under control. Before you let your dog off at a beach make sure that there is no endangered animals around. So please be careful about what you do.

Now over to my good friend Zoe. She's a ranger for the Yellow-Eyed Penguin Trust."

"Hi. I'm Zoe. You don't just need to be aware of Yellow-Eyed penguins. You also need to be aware of other animals.

"I suppose we all need to be careful."

"That's right Icy."

"Thanks Zoe. So that's all from us. Why don't we finish with some ways to help save animals?"

1. Keep our waters clean.
2. Stop your animals from killing us.
3. Be careful of what you do with your rubbish.
4. Instead of using cars and motor bikes all the time, try scooters, bikes or walk.
5. We all need to be kind to wildlife.