

Loveland Living Planet Aquarium Celebrates the Arrival of New Gentoo Penguin Chicks

DRAPER, UTAH — The secret is out! Loveland Living Planet Aquarium is delighted to announce the recent arrival of new gentoo penguin chicks. These adorable babies mark another “egg”citing chapter for the Aquarium, and follows an eventful season of *Love on Thin Ice*, the Aquarium’s reality-style social media series, featuring our 22 gentoo penguins and all the drama that occurs during penguin breeding season.

The first chick hatched on June 12 to experienced parents Nash and Sampson. The second chick arrived just days later, on June 16, to parents Georgia and Runner. The chicks are under the attentive care of their parents, along with the Aquarium’s expert Husbandry team. Gender identification will be determined through testing once the chicks are older. But, the Aquarium team remains on chick watch, as there is a possibility of even more babies this breeding season.

Penguin chicks are notoriously fragile in their early months, with survival rates in the wild ranging between 30–50% in their first year. Both chicks are thriving, and the Aquarium is delighted to see them reaching important growth milestones.

“These milestones are not only heartwarming for guests but are also important indicators of the success of our breeding and conservation efforts,” said Ari Fustukjian, Vice President of Zoological Operations. “We are so excited that our visitors get the rare chance to witness these precious moments up close.”

Guests are encouraged to visit soon, as gentoo penguin chicks mature quickly and will soon resemble the rest of the colony. And, for the latest updates, new episodes of *Love On Thin Ice*, and adorable chick footage, follow Loveland Living Planet Aquarium on all major social media platforms.

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