

## Fun Facts About Baby King Penguins!

King penguin chicks are brown and fluffy, but adults are black, white, and orange!

Chicks huddle together in large groups to stay warm.

A baby king penguin takes over a year to grow up, which is longer than most penguin species!



## All About Baby King Penguins!

A Fun & Educational Guide for Kids



# The Life Cycle of a Baby King Penguin

## 1: Egg Stage (Before Hatching)

- Penguin parents take turns keeping the egg warm.
- They balance the egg on their feet and cover it with a flap of skin called a broodpouch to protect it from the cold.
- The egg hatches after about 54 days!



## 2: Chick Stage (Newborn – 10 Months Old)

- When a chick hatches, it is weak, small, and hungry!
- It stays warm under its parent's feathers.
- Parents feed it regurgitated food (partially digested fish and squid).
- At around 1 month old, chicks huddle together in groups called crèches to stay safe while parents go hunting.



## 3: Juvenile Stage (10–13 Months Old)

- Chicks start growing adult feathers that keep them waterproof.
- They practice swimming in shallow water.
- Parents slowly stop feeding them so they learn to hunt on their own.



## 4: Adult Stage (After 1 Year)

- By 13 months old, they look like grown-up king penguins!
- They leave their colony to find food and will return as adults to raise their own chicks.



## What is a Baby King Penguin Called?

A baby king penguin is called a chick! When it hatches, it's covered in soft brown fluffy feathers that help keep it warm.

## Where Do King Penguins Live?

- King penguins live in cold, windy islands near Antarctica.
  - Unlike emperor penguins, they don't live on ice! Instead, they nest on rocky beaches.

## What Do Baby King Penguins Eat?

- Their parents bring them fish, squid, and krill.
- They eat by pecking at their parent's beak to get food.

