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Penguins to be rescued

PENINSULA residents are being encouraged to rescue hungry and tired penguins washed up on local beaches.

The AWARE wildlife rescue group has put out a distressed penguin alert.

AWARE president Michelle Thomas rescued a penguin at Mornington's Royal Beach recently.

She said the penguins like the rescued one had come out of a 17 day moult

where they stay in their burrows and don't eat.

This leaves the penguins weak and in poor condition, Ms Thomas said.

She said beached penguins should be removed from the beach to protect them from dogs and other animals.

AWARE recommends placing them in a cardboard box with an old towel. Their rescuers can then feed the penguins and give them water.

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Michelle Thomas with the penguin she rescued at Royal beach.

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