

Flu in flight

Avian influenza is no joke. Among domestic fowl that have been moved indoors because of the current flap over the H5N8 virus, spare a thought for the penguins. They are not designed for indoor life. At Edinburgh Zoo, the penguins have been banned from making their regular appearance for visitors, and to take their minds off things have been given early Christmas presents, the choice of which can never be an easy matter at the best of times. At London Zoo the penguins have long been banned from the pool designed by Berthold Lubetkin. It won prizes but was useless for penguins. Instead they had colonised the roomier Penguin Beach. Now all eyes are on the sky for incoming peril on wild wings.



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