



Penny Wants a Hug

A Zoo Adventure with
a very special child

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Kelly the Kangaroo had a really big secret to tell

One of our animals is a little bit sad and would feel so much better if you gave her a cuddle. Her name is Penny. Will you go on an adventure to find Penny and give her a great big hug?




Craig the Crocodile didn't really need a cuddle but he was certainly in the mood for some company



Well, don't you look delicious!

Come in here and join me for lunch.



No way!
I am not going in there!
You're far too cranky and snappy.



**“I love cuddles so much,”
said Kenny Koala
“that I can’t wait to climb
into my tall gum tree and
dream about all the hugs the
children give me. However,
it’s Penny who really, really
needs a cuddle.**

**If you give Penny a big
squeezy hug you might
become her best friend in
the whole, wide world.”**

Surely Zippo the Hippo knew who wanted a super-doooper squeezy cuddle?

I'm afraid I won't be giving out cuddles today because I'm far too muddy.





“I am sure that Penny would love to give you a hug,” said Mrs Hungry-Guts.
“But I don’t think she eats grass and she’s certainly not in my paddock.”

I think you should look for her over that way.”



"Great timing!" said pretty Peta Peacock. "We're just digging for some tasty grubs to eat. Would you like a bowl of wriggly, jiggly worms or a bowl of slippery, slimy slugs?"

"No thanks ... far too busy! My friends Kelly Kangaroo, Kenny Koala and Mrs Hungry-Guts said that Penny needs a great big, squeezey cuddle."



The monkeys were asked a very polite question

Have any of you fine gentlemen seen an animal named Penny?

A voice from the monkey enclosure said

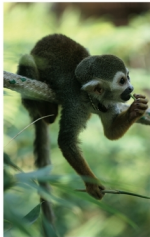
Not up here... maybe the Penny dropped?

Then all the monkeys laughed so hard they fell out of their trees.

Another monkey chimed in

Hey little human, if you can't see her at this location, you could always try one of our other branches!

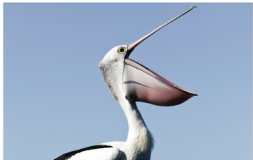
And once again, the monkeys roared with laughter.



Forget about those silly monkeys.

If you really want to find Penny, I suggest chatting to the cuddliest animals at the zoo. If anyone knows the finer points of a good snuggle – it'll be them.

was the advice from
**Professor Pat
Pelican.**



When a kid-on-a-mission enters the zoo's petting area, of course the animals are going to have something to say.



Here's an idea: give us cuddles. give us pats ... but most of all - give us food! If any of us find Penny we'll certainly let you know.

For a self-proclaimed thinker Einstein the Ring Tailed Lemur certainly wasn't very bright.

Hmmm. let me think.
Animal who needs a cuddle...
First name, Penny...
Nope. can't help you.



**Penny's story
had spread
all across the
zoo.**

**All the kids
yelled at
once:**



**Penny,
where are
you?**

One of the smallest animals at the zoo the biggest story to tell.

Penny? Yes I know Penny.
Just yesterday she was saying that
her greatest wish is to receive lovely
big cuddles from all the boys and girls.

She'll be so happy
when you find her.



Listen, little human; if you'll just move out of my sunshine I'll be a much happier goanna.



When it came to animals that loved nothing more than a good squeezey cuddle, maybe hanging around with cranky goannas wasn't such a great idea.



Now, I'm not one to talk...

exclaimed Quick Draw Macaw,

...but I heard that Penny has been wanting cuddles since her sister,

Gindy bought a winning Lotto ticket when she was on her way to visit Gus Galah; you know, that cute little parrot from the other side of the aviary.

My goodness you're a gossiper! Excuse me, my search for Penny has to continue without you!



Smelly Hamish the Highland Bull had something to say

Bring it on!

But if you want to give me a hug you'd better not get in the way of my big sharp horns.



Oh, Hamish! I can't give you a cuddle until you have a bath, wash your hair and brush your teeth. POOOOOOOH-EY!!!

"I'd love to stop
for a cuddle" said
Eddie Emu.

"but I've just heard
that Peta Peacock has
a great big bowl of
wriggly jiggly worms
and slippery slimy
slugs.

Oh. yum. yum
bubble gum!!"



**The next animal
was a big,
chubby,
roly-poly
wombat.**

**No, my name is Fatty Boom-
Bah the Wombat and I'm too
sleepy for hugs today.
Goodnight little human.**

**Excuse me, are you Penny the Wombat?
Because if your name is Penny then I'm
going to give you my biggest, squeeziest
cuddle of the day.**



Silly Sausage the Ostrich was happy to give a big clue

If you follow the direction of
my beak then I'm sure you'll
find Penny waiting to give you a
huge squeezzy cuddle.



The kangaroos
hopped over to
check on
progress
and were so
happy there
had been an
exciting
adventure.

"You're very close to Penny, she's just over there."
said Gary the Grey Kangaroo. "And if you're not going
to eat that lovely, green grass, would you mind if I
had some?"



Finally Penny was found....
and what a huge
surprise!

**Penny was a
great big
python!**

When Penny saw who had
come to give her a hug,
she prepared herself for

**the biggest,
squeezeiest
cuddle of all time.**



It's so wonderful that you're my
friend. I love you and all the other
nice girls and boys.



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