Bored Kansas City Zoo penguins took an adorable field trip to their local art museum

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The pandemic lockdown is hard for us all, but the abundance of "wild animals in unexpected places!" videos that it's led to never really gets old.

The latest example comes compliments of the <u>Kansas City Zoo</u>, which brought three of their Humboldt penguins – Bubbles (5), Maggie (7), and Berkley (8) – to the nearby <u>Nelson-Atkins</u> <u>Museum of Art</u>. Both venues are located in Kansas City, Missouri.

You can see the three aquatic birds admiring all the art as they waddle around the empty museum. According to the museum's executive director, Julián Zugazagoitia, they were more taken with Caravaggio than they were with Monet,

(Claude Monet was a French painter and one of the key figures in the French impressionist movement. Michelangelo Merisi de Caravaggio was an Italian painter who was a formative artist during the Baroque period.)

"Humboldt penguins in human care can live well into their thirties. In the wild, Humboldt penguins are facing habitat loss and suffering from overfishing which depletes their food sources," a Kansas City Zoo spokesperson told Mashable. "Unfortunately, our penguins can't speak for themselves, but we think they found the experience at the museum very enriching!"

If you'd like more looks at penguins scoping out an art museum – and really, who doesn't? – keep on scrolling for a delightful set of photos that The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art generously shared.



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