

# Lord of the ring, no more

One lucky Jabiru owes her life to the persistence of a voluntary pelican-and-seabird rescue group and the keen eye of our staff. For over six weeks, Dunlop the Jabiru had a rubber ring stuck around her beak, and was unable to open her mouth to eat. How the bird made it so long without food is a mystery.

At 8pm on Sunday 19 August, in miserable weather conditions, the team finally managed to snare Dunlop at the port. After being cleared of any serious injuries, Dunlop was released into the wild, in order to have a better chance of recovering.

Thank you to everyone at the Visitors Centre who kept a watchful eye out for Dunlop, and to those who helped out with the rescue. This case highlights the need to dispose of waste properly, and to protect our environmental surroundings.

The group plans to get the ring framed to remember all the effort it took to capture and release the bird.



The offending rubber ring.



Dunlop wearing the rubber ring down at the Visitors Centre lake.



Rescued at last by Hammy Forrest, Many Coenraad and Natalie Forrest.