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Flamingo Goes to Siberian Banya

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Two wayward flamingos got a taste of Russian hospitality after they landed in rural Siberia last Friday, Itar-Tass reported Monday.

The battered, freezing flamingos were recovered from a lake in the Tomsk region, and hunter Ivan Metla put the more injured bird in his banya — presumably to simulate what he believed to be its natural habitat — and fed it broth and compound feed, Komsomolskaya Pravda reported.

The other bird was saved from attacking ravens by local farmer Ivan Dyachkov, who nurtured it back to health on fish and carrots, local web site News.vtomske.ru reported.

Daytime temperatures in the area stood at minus 11 degrees Celsius on Friday, according to online forecaster Gismeteo.ru.

Flamingos migrate over Siberia, but they rarely land. Those that do face certain death from the cold and attacks by local birds.

The two recovered birds have been turned over to zoo in Seversk, effectively commuting

a death sentence to life in prison.

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