**A Perfect Birthday Gift**

这个生日礼物，超意外的！

A New York woman just **happened to** be in the right place at the right time to save an injured swan (受伤的天鹅).

The day before her 30th birthday, Ariel Cordova-Rojas **headed out** for some bird watching at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in Queens. She had no idea how her day would go. Suddenly, she noticed a large swan that seemed to be injured. She decided to go closer for a better look.

Ariel works as an animal care manager at Wild Bird Fund, an organization that helps birds and other wildlife in Manhattan. She has lots of training experience in wildlife rescue (救援). So she is **no stranger to** dealing with sick and injured birds.

Thanks to her experience with birds, Ariel knew she had to get the swan to Wild Bird Fund as soon as possible. She wrapped (裹) it in her jacket and walked back to where she left her bicycle. Since Wild Bird Fund was many miles away, she began planning her journey.

Along the way, Ariel got help from some kind strangers who drove her, her bike and the swan to a nearby subway station. At the end of the 23-mile journey, she was happy to hand the swan over to her workmates at Wild Bird Fund for treatment (治疗).

The bird was lucky that Ariel happened to be nearby when it needed help, but Ariel believed rescuing the swan was a perfect way to spend her time. “It was the perfect birthday gift to be in nature and be able to save a life,” she said.