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Tasmanian devils reintroduced into mainland Australia – 8th October, 2020

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The Tasmanian devil is back on Australia's mainland after 3,000 years. Conservation groups released 26 of the devils in a nature reserve. The devil is the size of a small dog. It eats large birds and rubbish. It became endangered after an Australian wild dog nearly killed them all. It is not dangerous to humans.

The Tasmanian devils have to find their own food. A conservation group said: "They are free....We've got some basic means of keeping an eye on them, but...now it's over to the devils to do what they do." It said: "This release of devils will be the first of many. We are talking about...a true landmark in history."

Level 1

The Tasmanian devil has not lived on Australia's mainland for 3,000 years, but it is back. Conservation groups released a group of 26 of the devils in a nature reserve north of Sydney. The Tasmanian devil is the size of a small dog. It eats large birds and household waste. It became endangered after an Australian wild dog wiped them out on the mainland. It gets its name from its high-pitched sound and the fierce way it fights for food. It is not a danger to humans.

A conservation group helped to release the Tasmanian devils. They have to find their own food. The group's president said: "They are free....We've got some basic means of keeping an eye on them, but essentially, now it's over to the devils to do what they do." He was hopeful about the future of the devils. He said: "This release of devils will be the first of many. We are talking about something monumental, a true landmark in history."

Level 2

The Tasmanian devil has not lived on the Australian mainland in over 3,000 years, but it is back. Conservation groups on Australia's east coast released a group of 26 of the devils. They put them in a large nature reserve north of Sydney. The Tasmanian devil is the size of a small dog. It eats large birds and household waste. It has been endangered for decades after an Australian wild dog wiped them out on the mainland. The devil gets its name from its high-pitched sound and the fierce way it fights for food. It has a scary-sounding name, but experts say it is not a danger to humans.

A conservation group worked on the project to release the Tasmanian devils. They are on a nature reserve to help their chances of survival. They have to find their own food and survive by themselves. The group's president told National Geographic: "They are free....We've got some basic means of keeping an eye on them, but essentially, now it's over to the devils to do what they do." He was hopeful about the future of the devils. He said: "This release of devils will be the first of many. We are talking about something monumental, a true landmark in history."

Level 3

An animal that has not lived on the Australian mainland in over 3,000 years is back. The creature is the Tasmanian devil. Conservation groups in the state of New South Wales on Australia's east coast released a group of 26 of the mammals. They put them in a large nature reserve north of the city of Sydney. The Tasmanian devil is the size of a small dog. It feeds on large birds and household waste. It has been an endangered species for decades after dingoes (an Australian wild dog) wiped them out on mainland Australia. The devil gets its name from its high-pitched squeal and the fierce way it fights for food. Despite its scary-sounding name, experts say it is not a danger to humans.

The conservation group Aussie Ark worked with other animal protection groups on the project to release the Tasmanian devils. The animals are on a nature reserve to help keep their chances of survival high. They have been left to find their own food and survive by themselves. Tim Faulkner, president of Aussie Ark, told National Geographic: "They are free. They're out there. We've got some basic means of keeping an eye on them, but essentially, now it's over to the devils to do what they do." He was hopeful about the future of the devils, saying: "This release of devils will be the first of many. We are talking about something monumental, a true landmark in history."