

## Orphaned Kodiak Bruin Living the Good Life in Sweden

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Kodiak's Larry Van Daele says goodbye to Taquka, an orphaned Kodiak brown bear, now living at a wildlife park in Gronklitt, Sweden. Photos Anders Bjorklund

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A young Kodiak brown bear that was orphaned here a year and a half ago has a new home in Sweden. Bear expert Larry Van Daele, the former Fish and Game wildlife biologist for Kodiak, says Taquka took up residence in a five acre enclosure at the Orsa Bear Park, that has been landscaped to resemble Kodiak Island. He says Taquka (to-COKE-ah) hasn't exactly been exiled and has several acres with trout streams and two Swedish lady bears joining him.