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GIANT SALAMANDERS FOUND IN NEWCASTLE

A crew from the Newcastle Public Works department got quite a surprise a few weeks ago, when they discovered two Pacific Giant Salamanders. The species is rare to begin with, but they are usually very elusive and come out only at night to avoid predators. Even more interesting, they actually bark when threatened making a noise similar to a dog.

The crew allowed the salamanders to go on about their business, and has even come up with a new way to make sure these creatures are protected. During the month of October, the City of Newcastle will work with a volunteer group to install storm drain markers across the City with the message "No Dumping, Drains to River". The markers will have two different logos, one with a salmon and the other with the giant salamander.