



Winterton Seal Hospital



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Newsletter for 2008

We would like to welcome you to our 2008 newsletter, as usual; we have had a busy year, but have continued to improve our facilities with your help here at the Winterton Seal Hospital, so now we can do even more for our local seals. We still need money and volunteers to provide a permanent rescue centre with modern treatment facilities to care for the increasing number of injured and sick seals that are appearing on our shores.

New refurbished Hospital for 2008



Robbie, a rescued grey seal pup



Seal Rescue

During Summer 2008 we received over 100 calls for help for beached baby harbour (common) seals, down 50% on other years, pups found to be thin and starved, exhausted, many after being pushed back into the sea by the public.

Thanks to H.M. Coastguard and R.N.L.I. Lifeguards who helped to pin point and guard casualties until seal rescue team arrived...and attention dog owners and walkers, please leave seals alone.

LATE NEWS

2nd November first two baby (grey seals) of the season born at Winterton Ness Seal Haul-Out

Baby Bobby, May 17th, a 999 early call from H.M. Coastguard to seal centre, heard a crying call from end of pier or jetty thought to be a seal in trouble, after searching all areas by rescue team they found nothing. Six hours later and 5 miles away two beach walkers saw a small hand or flipper come out of the sea, near the shore edge they quickly called our Sea Rescue centre using their mobile, Harry, our Centre Manager, found Bobby (now named) just alive, prematurely born with cord still attached and exhausted. Quickly he was taken into the hospital, put under a warm lamp, fed by tube, medicated milk, weighed only 17lbs continued milk for 5 weeks (crying every day for milk or mum). Weight now 38lbs.



Late, Late news...Two weeks old grey seal baby was washed up by rough sea from Farne Isle, over 200 miles away, weighing only 24 lbs, thin and exhausted. He was found by a holiday maker curled up at the foot of a high cliff at Cromer on 24th November 2008. Mike, one of our seal rescuers, picked up the baby seal now named Dougie, brought to Winterton Seal Hospital, and given medication and fed with special milk (*which has the texture of a milkshake and is the closest we can get to its mother's milk*) by tube immediately, fell asleep for 24 hours.

Our Open Day

We would like to thank all our visitors who supported and visited us during the rain on Sunday 26th October 2008.

The open day helped us to raise much needed funds for our rescue centre.

Here is a selection of photos taken during the Open Day. If you would like to come along to one of our Open Days; please keep eye on our website www.saveourseals.co.uk/news.



For Sale

20cms white fluffy baby seal toy for £5.95 including postage and packaging.

“DO NOT PUSH BACK”

Just a reminder to beach walkers and holiday makers that during the summer months of July, August and September, it is the harbour (common) seals pupping season, if you find a beached pup, please do not push it back into the sea Call the seal hospital.

Sponsor a Seal Pup

A Christmas present, give the gift of life, adopt one of the patients in care every £ helps hospital purchase fish, medicine. Just £35, a great alternative gift, also for birthdays, weddings, etc. please look on our website, or email for more details.

New sponsorship pack £35

Website: www.saveourseals.co.uk
Email: seals@saveourseals.co.uk

Volunteer opportunities

Hands on work for ex Veterinary Nurses or retired Care Workers. There are many ways to help including animal care, seal rescue crew, open days, events retail and marketing opportunities including D.I.Y.

*******Warning this may change your lifestyle******

Here is another Seal Pup rescued this year



Bunny, a harbour (common) seal, was rescued on Easter Sunday (23rd March 2008) at 8am by Cathrine, one of our volunteers, and Harry, our Manager, from Waxham beach, with very low temperature of 7 degrees. We received an urgent 999 call from the coast guard who found the seal pup frozen on the beach in snow and storm lashed gale only just alive, he was rushed to the



hospital here at Winterton where he was put under a heat lamp. After medication and a feed, he slept for 48 hours.

The photo right shows Bunny's arrival at our hospital rescue centre.

After a complete full rehabilitation; Jim and Bunny, rescued seal pups, were released back into the wild on 12th October 2008.

Our Motto is to Rescue, Rehabilitate and Release