



Winterton Seal Hospital

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Newsletter 2010

For Winterton Seal Hospital to continue we need more volunteers to help run the whole set up of rescue, rehabilitation and release, hospital treatment can be day and night, 7 days a week. Volunteers are needed from help with Admin to fish prep, maintenance and cleaning – all this is an impossible task for just one or two people.

There is opposition from the council (Great Yarmouth) and other authorities (whose only concern in UK seems to be the non survival of harbour/common seal pups (in 2010 over 50% of this year's pups did not survive). Also many adult seals were killed from the Wash and North Areas, and there is serious pollution in the eastern sea board of UK. There was a large increase in the number of last winter's grey seal pups on our beaches who did not survive, over 20% were found dead/dying on the beach which we could have helped, but we did not have enough volunteers, although we did manage to rescue, rehabilitate and release injured pups found further north with the help of local people and the coastguard.

Failure of the wardens, people to control their dogs and crowds of sightseers on the beach, will mean that the hospital will be busy with baby seals born on the adjoining Winterton Ness beach within the next few months, these urgently need your help. We need you to volunteer your time, especially for Christmas, those with some experience can help with the pups, but there are also patrols and even just cleaning, we can offer free accommodation for up to 6 weeks while you volunteer, including the Christmas period.

We urgently need the help of a local veterinary practice, to check those pups with bad injuries and also to dispense medication.

There are other ways To help Save A Seal besides donations, if are local, or on holiday:-

- 1) Barn sales / car boot sales – Free to have a table or donate to one on Sunday, any day of the week you are welcome to drop off donated goods.
- 2) During holiday's half term – Beach walks including Christmas (or swim!). Run marine centre's tombola every Sunday.
- 3) You may like to run a carousel here at Easter or Summer in the car park. Some accommodation available or tent on lawn.
- 4) Also ask for details of investment by our seal helper solicitor.
- 5) Call or send our newsletters and appeal to your choice of local companies and even schools.
- 6) Photocards and Christmas cards to sell.
- 7) Also sell rescue t-shirts and jumpers.
- 8) Buy small seal toys for £5 including postage & packing.

"Penny's or Pound's" will help to save a young seal from the mercy of "man" on our beaches. "Please do not let them die on our beaches" – Help us now!

Harry Nickerson
Centre Manager – November 2010

A few seal releases in 2010



Caylie (*photo above*) was not keen to leave the beach as this was the first time she had seen the sea since a very young pup. Harry, the centre's manager, decided that extreme measures were needed, so he started to walk into the sea hoping that Caylie would follow, it worked and she followed Harry into the water (10ft high swells) and locked on to another seal further out to sea. Caylie soon realised then how strong she was, bursting and riding swell after swell. She came back to the edge of the beach for one more look and then turned with burst of speed and swam out to well over ½ mile within minutes. Job done!



"Not a Funeral" but the release of Jackie (weighing 78lbs) and Lockie (70lbs) in August 2010 at Somerton Holmes

Latest seal rescue



Sunny, a harbour (common) seal pup, was rescued on 26th September 2010. He had been monitored by two members of the public throughout the day but it became obvious that he needed to be rescued.

Sunny was found to have dog bites to his lip and chest and lung worm when he arrived at our hospital. Sunny is now eating 15-20 herring each day and is diving and swimming in one of the outside rehabilitation pools.

Please note our new telephone numbers: 07717 104 604 or 07585 164 014

Make a Donation

My Name and Address: _____

I would like to make a donation of:- £5 £10 £15 £20 Other £ ____.

Please make all cheques or postal orders payable to "Winterton Seal Hospital".

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