



# Winterton Seal Hospital

Low Farm, Winterton-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR29 4AW, England  
Telephone: 01493 393947 E-mail: [seal.rescue@virgin.net](mailto:seal.rescue@virgin.net)

## **Newsletter Winter - Spring 2006**

We would like to welcome you to our Spring 2006 newsletter, as usual we have had a busy season, but we are slowly improving the facilities here at the Winterton Hospital, with your help we can do even more for our local seals. We 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.

### **SWIM WITH SEALS – Enjoy a visit to our Rescue Centre**

You cannot swim with seals at the centre but later this Summer.....watch the staff in the pool teaching young seals to swim and catch fish!.....please contact us for more details.

### **SOME OF OUR RESCUED SEALS**

**Lady Hamilton** was rescued via the Internet on the 11th of January 2006. A 6 week old grey seal pup was spotted in the deserted Hamilton docks at Lowerstoft by S.L.P.C.O. (Engineering). They contacted Winterton Hospital Rescue Centre by email with a photo of the seal who was quickly picked up and found to be badly bruised, with minor cuts and very hungry. Age about 6 – 7 weeks old; she weighed 65 lbs, with a temperature of 37.9. Since the 1st of February 2006, she has now been eating 140 herring weekly and is putting on lots of weight.



**Miss Kable** was rescued on 29th of December 2005. Badly wounded on her left flank by someone while she was on the beach, she was spotted and the coastguard were called who then quickly alerted us at Winterton Seal Hospital nearby. The pup was found at our local seal haulout near the seal colony. Miss Kable was near death as she was rushed by a rescue team into the Seal Hospital. With veterinary and nursing care for the first 10 days, she was fed fish soup by tube four times a day. Luckily she survived.

We think that Miss Kable was about 5 – 7 days old when rescued, she weighed 56 lbs and her temperature was 37.6. She still had her baby white coat at the time she was admitted to the hospital. Update: 27th of February 2006 – Miss Kable has her own pool in the hospital. She is swimming and playing with her football (bought from Tesco's) and is catching and eating 24 fish a day.



**Storm**, a grey seal pup, was rescued on the 4th of December 2005 after his long 250 mile journey from the Farne Island to Caister (approximately 180 miles). He must have been washed down in the severe storms and ended up at Caister. Storm was about three weeks old when we found him and is responding to treatment. When Storm arrived, he weighed 35 lbs.

### **HELP – SAVE OUR SEALS**

Volunteers are always required at Winterton Seal Hospital even if you can only spare 2 hours a week. If you are over 18 years of age, from any walk of life, there is a job for you, we don't just need people to care for our seals, there is a huge list of DIY projects waiting to be completed, but be warned, it may change your lifestyle. For further details, please ring us at 01493 393947.

### **SCROBY SANDS 2005**

Over 24 harbour seals were found dead or dying on beaches north of Scroby Sands. Born into deep sea, unable to cope (away from their 100 year old habitat on the sands); the mothers are unable to nurse their young. Many more sick young seals were washed onto the Dutch coast from this area (maybe from Scroby Sands). Scroby Sands near Great Yarmouth is where 38 turbines were built in 2005.

<b><u>COME AND SEE US</u></b>	
 <b>Winterton Seal Hospital</b> <small>VIEW THE SEALS including baby seals &amp; visitors centre Seal Hospital (not a zoo)</small> <small>Somerton Road Winterton-on-Sea, Norfolk 7 miles (B1159) from Gr. Yarmouth Open Sundays &amp; some week days</small> <small>For details: 01493 393947 "All seals returned to wild"</small> <small>Our motto RESCUE-REHABILITATION-RELEASE</small>	<p><b>Admission price is:-</b></p> <p><b>Adult £4.00</b></p> <p><b>Child £2.00</b></p>

## A SELECTION OF PHOTOS TAKEN AT OUR LOCAL HAULOUT IN FEBRUARY 2006



For the security of our colony, we need observers to patrol and check on the seals between November 2006 and February 2007.

## NEW BABY SEAL INCUBATOR UNITS

We have just completed the refurbishment of our baby seal incubator units; these are now available for any rescued prematurely born pups, or seals up to 3 weeks old.



## STRANGE ARRIVALS

On the 26th of August 2005, **Lord Bruce**, a harbour seal pup, with thousands of parasites (blood suckers) arrived at the rescue centre. After our round the clock treatment, Lord Bruce looks like a new pup and has moved to Mablethorpe Seal Trust, minus his blood sucking friends.

**Monty**, a harbour seal pup, was rescued at the end of October 2005 from the Winterton Haulout. He had been reported as being up the beach well away from the water. Monty was about 10 weeks old and weighed 38 lbs. He had poor breathing with suspected lung worm and had a hole in the roof of his mouth about the size of an adult's little finger. His mouth has now completely healed.

Another strange arrival was **Ginger Nuts**, a grey seal pup, who was rescued on 6th of February 2006. Ginger Nuts was found dying on Bacton Beach, at first, because he was in such a bad way, we were not sure what type of seal he was, but after treatment, with his eating improving every day, Ginger Nuts is now turning into a fine grey seal.



**Urgently required dedicated marine students on vacation or pass-year, 6 months live in accommodation/ food free, from May 2006 to September 2007. Experience would be useful but training available. Please contact us now at the address on the bottom of the newsletter or phone on 01493 393947.**

## **Adoption - give a special gift!**

Help us to help them - Adopt a seal as a gift or for yourself!

The money raised by supporters and visitors adopting rescued pups enables more seals to be rescued, rehabilitated, and released back into the wild! A special gift of £30 will bring you a photograph in a folder of your adopted seal, a personalised certificate of adoption, an up to date biography and the latest newsletter. You can choose one of our pups from our homepage [www.saveourseals.co.uk](http://www.saveourseals.co.uk), or come for a visit and meet them for yourself! If you would like to adopt one of our pups, please write to us, with your name and address, and the name of the pup you would like to adopt. All cheques/postal orders should be made payable to "Winterton Seal Hospital".

Our Postal Address is: Winterton Seal Hospital, Low Farm, Winterton-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR29 4AW, England.



**Please help! Don't let our seals die on the beaches!**

**Our Motto: Rescue – Rehabilitation – Release**