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SEALIFE RESPONSE + REHAB + RESEARCH

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342 RESPONSE CALLS ANSWERED

Zaratan - an endangered loggerhead sea turtle - was one of many marine animals who received emergency response services thanks to your support. When she washed ashore in Oregon after becoming hypothermic in our cold Pacific Northwest waters, our team drove overnight to bring her to safety.

During her time in care, Zaratan regained her mobility and appetite, recovered from pneumonia, and ultimately she returned to warmer waters off the coast of Southern California.

As rising water temperatures are forcing endangered animals like Zaratan to shift their habitats, your support allows us to serve as boots-on-the-ground responders to the climate crisis.



Image: Veterinarian Michelle keeps Zaratan's head above water during a feeding attempt early on in care

61 REHABILITATION PATIENTS ADMITTED

Griffin, our first patient of the harbor seal pupping season, was diagnosed with megaesophagus - a condition historically considered a death sentence for seals. But thanks to a groundbreaking new treatment, Griffin defied the odds.

After 152 days at the Rescue Center, Griffin returned to the ocean after overcoming a condition that once would have made it impossible for him to recover and swim free again.

Fueled by your compassion, SR3 was the first in the region to successfully treat this previously fatal disorder in harbor seals. A total of three patients with megaesophagus were treated this year and released back to the wild!

“Each seal pup was incredibly special... It was such a rewarding experience to be part of their journey and see the progress they made.” - SR3 Volunteer



Images: (background) Griffin's return to the ocean, a satellite tracker glued to his back, (insert) staff and volunteers celebrate Griffin's release

10 RESEARCH PROJECTS ADVANCED

For the endangered Southern Resident killer whales (SRKWs), our researchers collected critical health data in ten months out of the year, triggering urgent protections for 16 vulnerable whales essential to the population's survival.

With your support of the research driving these emergency measures over the past four years, together we played a key role in securing a new law that will help safeguard all SRKWs in Washington waters by requiring boats to give them extra space starting in January 2025.



Image: J pod Southern Resident killer whales in July 2024. Image obtained using an octocopter drone that was flown non-invasively >100ft above the whales under NMFS research permit 22306 and DFO Research License MML-50.

Through research projects on a wide range of whale and dolphin populations around the world, together we advanced global ocean conservation by shedding light on the effects of climate change and other human-caused threats.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Image: Animal care staff KC (left) teaches past intern and volunteer Sam (right) how to feed a harbor seal progressing through fish school

8,810 HOURS
contributed by
volunteers

\$295,047
VALUE
of time donated

9,751
PEOPLE
educated on
ocean health

17.6 POUNDS
average weight of
rehabilitated pups at
intake



14,000+ MEALS
delivered to patients



49.4 POUNDS
average weight of
rehabilitated pups at
release



Image: Basilisk the harbor seal eats lunch in the large pool

Cover image: Tinkerbelle the harbor seal pup rests on the beach as she returns to the ocean

Images taken under NOAA Permit #24359 and USFWS #0009803-0



FINANCIALS

Your generosity made it possible to save all of the animals pictured in this report - and created a ripple of benefits for many others who are still depending on us.

Thank you!

