



WILDLIFE RESPONSE PROGRAM

Concerned about an injured or stranded marine animal?

CALL FIRST!

If you see a stranded or injured marine animal DO NOT pick it up.

STRANDED MARINE ANIMAL HOTLINE

1-888-774-SEAL (7325)

What can you do?

If you see a marine mammal that you are concerned about, **DO NOT** approach, touch, or feed the animal! Wild animals can be very dangerous when injured. Help to keep all people and domestic animals away. Viewing must not disturb the animal or change its behavior.

Try to gather the following information then call the **ASLC Stranded Marine Animal Hotline** as soon as possible.

- Take a photo on your smartphone of the animal and it's surroundings.
- Does the animal appear skinny, weak, or injured?
- Is the animal alone or are there other wild animals, people or pets in the area?
- How long have you observed this animal?

ASLC Wildlife Response Staff will guide you as to what to do next.

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The Facts....

Disturbance of a marine mammal is prohibited by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Remain at least 100 yards away from any marine mammal. Feeding marine mammals can adversely affect their ability to survive in their natural habitat.

Is the pup abandoned?

- Seals leave their young for periods of time while they forage. If an animal is alone, it does NOT mean it is abandoned. Once a pup is moved, there is little chance its mother can find it again.
- Sea lion pups are usually born on off-shore rookeries. Mothers will leave pups alone for several days while foraging.
- Sea otters are very dependent on their mothers for survival. Mothers leave pups for brief periods to dive and forage. Once removed from the wild or the care of the mother, sea otter pups usually can not be released back to the wild.

In addition to caring for injured and abandoned marine mammals, the ASLC Wildlife Response Program responds to over 100 birds each year due to injury, abandonment or entanglement.

Learn more:

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