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Sea World Team Rescues New Zealand Fur Seals

The Sea World team is currently caring for two juvenile New Zealand Fur Seals which were rescued after becoming stranded over the weekend.

The seals, which were found at Mermaid Beach and North Stradbroke Island, are residing in Sea World's specialised veterinary centre.

Sea World Director of Marine Sciences, Trevor Long said the welfare and wellbeing of the seals is the team's highest priority.

"The seals are currently under the care of our veterinary and animal care staff and although their condition is poor, the team is hopeful for a full recovery," Mr Long said.

"Both seals are significantly underweight and have suffered from cookie cutter shark wounds but they are on antibiotics, fluids and a nutritional program.

"It is not uncommon for these younger seals to be found this far north at this time of year as they have just been weaned from their mothers and their inexperience coupled with extreme weather conditions can result in getting caught in currents and floating north.

"Sea World will work and liaise with Qld Environment and Heritage for the best outcome for these animals' future."

Sea World has a long history of working with and rescuing marine animals with the highly trained marine sciences team on call 24 hours every day, 365 days per year should a marine animal need rescuing.

For more information about the Sea World Research & Rescue Foundation please visit http://seaworld.com.au/research-and-rescue or call 13 33 86

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