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Rescued Seals on the mend at Sea World

The rescued New Zealand Fur seals which have been recovering at Sea World after becoming stranded on Gold Coast beaches have reached the next stage in their rehabilitation.

The young seal pups have temporarily moved into the re-purposed Polar Bear Shores Cub Kindy, which features shallow pools and rocky areas, where they will spend some time building up their weight and strength before hopefully being released.

Sea World Director of Marine Sciences, Trevor Long said this is a vital step in their ongoing rehabilitations efforts which is a rewarding outcome for the Rescue Team with this weaning season being the busiest on record.

“The welfare and wellbeing of the seals is the team’s highest priority and they have now reached a stage in their rehabilitation where they can go onto the exhibit which features a large pool for swimming and rocks for climbing which will help build up their strength,” he said.

“We are remaining cautiously optimistic that we will be able to release these seals once they return to good health and are working with the relevant government agencies on the best plans for a release.

“We have re-purposed the exhibit so Sea World guests can see the seals in an environment where they can learn about the challenges facing their species and also what they can do if they encounter an injured animal in the wild.

“Sadly some of the seals which were rescued and brought into our care were in a very poor condition on arrival and despite the best efforts of our team did not survive their injuries.”

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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