



The Marine
Mammal Center

News Release

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GIANTS FANS CAN TREAT SEAL PATIENTS TO A FISH DINNER BY TEXTING DURING THE 8TH ANNUAL MARINE MAMMAL DAY FOR THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER

Marine Mammal Day is designed to raise public awareness about marine mammals and ocean health

(SAUSALITO, Calif. – June 15, 2010) – The eighth annual Marine Mammal Day event hosted by the San Francisco Giants and The Marine Mammal Center will take place on Wednesday, June 16, at AT&T Park. The event encourages fans to learn about the Center's work in rescuing and treating hundreds of seals, sea lions and other marine mammals each year. This year fans can help offset the enormous costs the Center has faced in treating one of the highest number of patient admits in the Center's history.

This year has been extra busy for staff and volunteers who, so far, have admitted over **600** seals, sea lions and other marine mammals. **That's more than last year by this same time!** The influx of starving animals means the Center will go through well over 60,000 pounds of fish in the process of helping seal and sea lion patients build the strength and weight needed to be released healthy back to the wild.

Starting on Marine Mammal Day through June 30th, Giants fans and the Center's supporters can text the word **FISH**, a space, and a **dollar amount to 27138** to make a donation to support the Center's Dollar-A-Pound challenge and treat a patient to a fish dinner. One dollar buys one pound of fish and ten dollars buys one meal for one pup. All text participants and/or donations made on Marine Mammal Day are entered into a drawing for fantastic prizes donated by the Giants including team autographed baseballs, bats and tickets to games this season. Fans can also bring their ticket stubs to The Marine Mammal Center gift stores at Pier 39 or in the Marin Headlands to receive 10% off their purchase.

The SF Giant's mascot, Lou Seal, as well as the Center's own Frannie the Fur Seal will cheer the Giants on as they play the Baltimore Orioles during the afternoon game. Fans can visit special exhibit tables throughout the ballpark to learn more about the Center's work, become a volunteer and support its hospital for seals and sea lions.

Tickets are available through June 16 at:

http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com/sf/ticketing/group_special_events.jsp#mammal

A portion of the ticket sales for this game will be donated by the San Francisco Giants to the Center when tickets are purchased through the online link above.

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About The Marine Mammal Center:

The Marine Mammal Center is a nonprofit veterinary hospital, research and educational center dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of ill and injured marine mammals - primarily elephant seals, harbor seals and California sea lions - and to the study of their health. Since 1975, the Center has been headquartered in the Marin Headlands, within the Golden Gate National Parks and has rescued and treated more than 15,000 marine mammals. The Center's newly rebuilt headquarters in Sausalito gives visitors the unique opportunity to learn about marine mammals through viewing areas and educational exhibits. The hospital is open to the public daily 10 A.M.-5 P.M. except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. For more information and to sign up for the Center's eNewsletter, go to: www.marinemammalcenter.org

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