

Baker D

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All photos courtesy Deborah Gabris

Rehabilitation

Baker D. at The Center in September 2004. The cetacean was approximately six foot long, and weighed about 200 pounds. He was so injured he needed help floating and eating. Here, volunteers and staff help him regain his strength and appetite and help him float in his specially made sling.





tags will help biologists keep track of Baker D's travel and diving patterns and it'll alert them should he strand again.

A lot of effort was put into minimizing the stress to Baker D., minimizing discomfort, maximizing the use of state-of-the-art equipment and experts, and maximizing the information gained so that we can continue to improve our work.





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Release

Baker D. is well enough to go back to his ocean home. The Marine Mammal Center, along with Long Marine Lab in Santa Cruz, helped him complete his rehabilitation. Here, Dr. Martin Haulena (pictured here in green jacket) and Brett Long of Long Marine Lab (pictured here wearing a black hat) put Baker D. into the water off the Monterey Bay coast near Moss landing, on November 17. Baker D. joined a pod of about 20 to 30 other bottlenose dolphins.

On November 18 marine biologists received Baker D's first satellite signals and placed him 30km west of the Davenport area, just north of Monterey Bay.





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