



The Marine
Mammal Center

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PLAY BALL WITH THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER AND SF GIANTS MAY 31

(SAUSALITO, Calif. – May 28, 2008) – Join The Marine Mammal Center, SF Giants mascot Lou Seal, and Chevron for the **6th Annual Marine Mammal Day**, Saturday, May 31, 2008. The Giants will take on the San Diego Padres at 1:00 p.m. and The Marine Mammal Center will be there to cheer the Giants on while raising money to continue the Center's mission of rehabilitating, treating, and releasing ill and orphaned seals, sea lions, otters, dolphins, and other marine mammals. Thanks to the Giants and Chevron, The Marine Mammal Center can educate fans at the ballpark about marine mammals and their ocean environment. The Giants' mascot "Lou Seal," along with the Center's mascot, "Franny the Fur Seal," will be on hand to entertain the crowd and provide photo opportunities. **Fans who make a donation of \$20 or more at the game will receive a limited edition T-shirt and a collectable pin!**

Marine Mammal Day is a great opportunity for fans to learn more about the important work staff and over 800 volunteers do daily at The Marine Mammal Center. Informative displays and marine mammal educators will be stationed throughout the ballpark to answer the public's questions, and fans can become volunteers and members that day. The Center's widely recognized "**Whale Bus**" will be parked outside on the plaza chalked full of handouts and activities. Look for Lou Seal and Franny on the Diamondvision as they randomly pick fans to receive special Giants and Chevron gifts.

During the game, fans can also visit the new *Make Your Own Lou Seal* store and purchase a special veterinary kit to benefit the Center. Build-A-Bear Workshop® will donate \$1 to The Marine Mammal Center for each kit sold. All proceeds from Marine Mammal Day will go directly to the Center.

Gates open at 11:05 a.m. and the game begins at 1 p.m. For more information, please visit www.marinemammalcenter.org. Tickets for the game are available by calling 877-473-4849 or online at http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com/ticketing/singlegame.jsp?c_id=sf

About The Marine Mammal Center:

Headquartered in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in Sausalito, California, 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. Patients that become healthy again are released back to the ocean. Since 1975, the Center has rescued and treated more than 13,000 marine mammals and has accumulated a body of knowledge about marine mammal and ocean health from its patients. By educating the public about marine mammals, the Center hopes to foster ocean stewardship and conservation. For more information, visit www.marinemammalcenter.org

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