

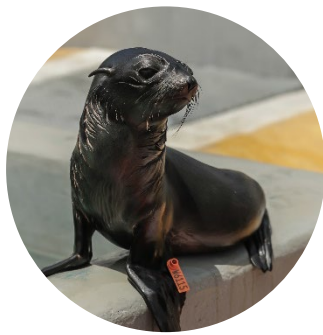


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## Marine Mammal Monday: Superstars!

**1. Matching Game:** Each year, we look back and highlight some of our superstar patients. Learn more about what makes these 2020 superstars so fin-tastic by matching each patient to a short description specific to that species. If you need some help, you can learn more about these marine mammals on our [Pinnipeds page](#).



"Pippin"

I'm known for being playful, social and barking like a dog. You might find me with large groups in the wild, resting on rocks or floating in a "raft."

I may be the smallest California pinniped, but you can tell who I am from a distance due to my unique silver spotted coat.

I used to be known as the "dog that runs in rough water," but now I'm one of the most endangered marine mammals in the world.

You might confuse me with another patient at the Center, but you can only find me breeding on a small island off the Mexican coast.

I may grow up to weigh 1,300 pounds, but males of my species can weigh nearly 4,500 pounds, and sport very large noses.



"Zehr"



"Amonita"



"Loki"



"Leimana"



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**2. *Northern Fur Seal Superstar:*** We may not have included a northern fur seal (NFS) superstar this year, but during the fall months, we rescue many malnourished NFS that are impacted by changing ocean conditions. For example, warming water temperatures drives their prey such as herring, anchovy or squid to move further offshore and into deeper waters making it especially hard for young NFS to get to. We typically rescue 4-month-old pups that have just finished weaning with their mom and have struggled to find food on their own. The lucky ones are rescued by The Center and get a second chance at life. Find a past or present patient on our website ([start your search here](#)), learn a little bit about them, and briefly answer the questions below about your own personal superstar!

a. Your Superstar's name \_\_\_\_\_

b. Why did they need to be rescued?

c. How were they rescued?

d. What did The Marine Mammal Center do to help?

e. What can you do help marine mammals in distress?





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**3. a) Find your own Superstar:** All our superstars are from California and Hawaii, but there are animal superstars all over the world! Take a moment and find an animal that was rescued locally to you and briefly describe their story. (Hint: a good place to start your search is by checking who you would report a marine mammal in need to or if your local zoo or aquarium has any wild ambassadors)

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**3. b) Draw your Superstar:** If you're feeling extra creative, use the space below to draw your superstar, or the same species of animal.

**Take Action:** Your superstar, as well as the ones at The Marine Mammal Center, were saved by people like you who called in when they noticed an animal in distress. If you see a marine mammal on the California coast, you should call our hotline, but, depending on where you live, there may be other options. Take a moment to research a local animal rescue hotline, write it down below and keep it in mind if you ever come across an animal in distress. Thank you!

**The Marine Mammal Center Hotline: (415) 289-7325**

**Your Local Animal Rescue Hotline:** \_\_\_\_\_