

Answer Key: Seal-ebrating 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."

"Zehr"

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

"Amonita"

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.

"Loki"

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.

"Leimana"

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.

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2. Northern Fur Seal Superstar: We may not have listed a northern fur seal superstar, 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 Mordanne

b. Why did they need to be rescued?

Mordanne was starving, weak and was found very far from his home near a busy highway.

c. How were they rescued?

Mordanne was picked up by The Marine Mammal Center and brought to our Sausalito hospital.

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

The Center tube fed Mordanne a nutritious formula until he regained his strength, then let him dive to catch his own fish before release.

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

I will reduce my carbon footprint so that the ocean will stay healthy and pups won't struggle to find food, and I'll call the Marine Mammal Center if I ever see an animal in need.

