



1975 - 2025 - Celebrating 50 years at Gweek



The **Cornish Seal Sanctuary** started in the winter of **1958** when a baby seal, only a few hours old, was washed up on the beach at Trevaunance Cove in St Agnes.

Ken Jones lived with his wife Mary just one hundred yards from the beach, he picked up the pup and took it back to his small garden.

For many years he ran a rescue centre for seals and oiled birds, with just one pool, at St Agnes.

The news of his work with seals spread, and he received more and more calls about injured seals.

Ken realised he needed more room, as the single pool at St Agnes was just not big enough.

Ken had to find a larger site to build a permanent rescue centre and was offered land by the beautiful river Helford in Gweek.

The cost nearly stopped Ken finishing the project, and he had to work hard to complete the Sanctuary ready accommodate both resident and rescued seals.

The **Cornish Seal Sanctuary moved to Gweek in 1975**, and Ken slowly built up the size, and number of pools, so he could care for the increasing number of seals that were being rescued around the Cornish coast.

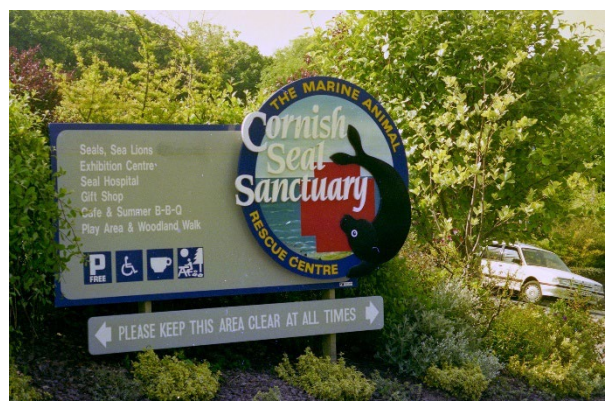
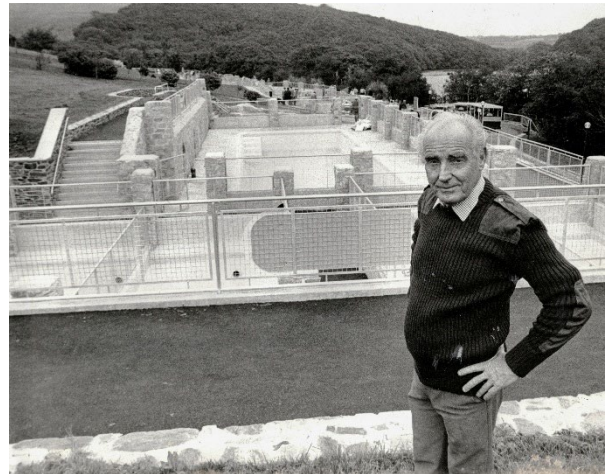
This photo was taken in mid to late 1970s.



Overlooking the Paddocks in late 1970s with the view of the Helford Estuary!



Ken Jones in the early 1980s



There has been many residents seals at the Sanctuary over the years, one of them was Sheba, she was rescued just before Ken moved to Gweek and is now the oldest resident at the Sanctuary.

Sheba has had many adventures over the years, we found some photos taken in the early 1980s which showed that she had given [birth to twins!](#)



In **July 1988 Ken Jones retired**. He sold the Cornish Seal Sanctuary to his friend **Mike Thomas, along with Brian & Dotty Roper**, and a Board of Investors.

Mike had been working at the Cornish Seal Sanctuary as a Consultant for some time before the sale, as Ken continued to live close by and would often pop in to help out.

Photo: Mike Thomas is the one holding the fish.



Great treasured memories of the team at the time! - This amazing photo below was taken in late 1980s.

Front - Ken & Mary Jones with Mary-Ann, Dave, Dotty, Judy, Mike, Don, Sally, Thyella, Malcolm, Courtney and Margaret.



In **1990 Macaroni Penguins** arrived at the Seal Sanctuary, after a year they had their own purpose-built pool, which has now been converted for the resident Common Seals.

[Malcolm](#) feeding the Penguins in what is now known as the pups rehabilitation pool.



The Macaroni Penguins stayed for a few years until they were moved to Edinburgh Zoo.



[Magnus](#), an adult male grey seal, was in **October 1990**, the first seal to be re-homed at the Sanctuary from Edinburgh Zoo.



Ken Jones was contacted by the media to help prevent Magnus from being euthanised, after the death of the seal's partner.



In 2004 Magnus was joined by his daughter Snoopy from Whipsnade Animal Park.

Magnus lived 18 very happy years at the Seal Sanctuary until he passed away in August 2008.

[Snoopy](#) (photo below), who was born at Edinburgh Zoo, had been a resident at Whipsnade for 22 years before moving to the Seal Sanctuary. She passed away in May 2019.



In **November 1990** the Sanctuary rescued a female Harp seal at Harlyn Bay along the north coast of Cornwall.

She was a rare visitor from Scandinavia who ended up in the South West waters.

The Harp seal was rehabilitated at Seal Sanctuary and then released back into the wild in Scotland. Jack helped nurse the pup!



In **October 1991** a [white coat seal pup's ordeal](#) was not helped by well-meaning tourist's during the school half-term holiday in Newquay.

[November 1991](#) - Sanctuary's Newsletter.

[Courtney](#) (photo below) feeding the seals in the convalescent pool, he worked at the Seal Sanctuary from mid 1980s to 1993.



Liberal Democrat Leader Paddy Ashdown (photo below) made a flying visit to the West Country, and visited the Seal Sanctuary in [July 1991](#), to feed the seals and crack jokes.



Looking back over the years...Not only has the Cornish Seal Sanctuary rescued pups, it has also been successful in the rescue, rehabilitation and release of Dolphins.

On **22nd August 1992** a young [male common dolphin](#) was stranded on a beach near Hayle, he was taken to the Seal Sanctuary, where staff had to support him in the water for 17 hours through the night.



Spirit was successfully rehabilitated and released back into the wild a week or so later.



There were [Donkeys](#) in the **Paddocks** for many years between 1980s and mid 2000s.

Some visitors used to love to bring in carrots to feed the donkeys.



[Sarah, the Duchess of York](#), visited the Seal Sanctuary in **February 1992** with her children during the school holidays.

[Jenny](#) gave birth to a seal pup named after Sarah, the Duchess of York. [Duchess](#) had a dramatic arrival at the Seal Sanctuary in **February 1992**, helped by Courtney, an ex-farmer, who loved seals!



Jenny just after she gave birth!



James and Stuart (below) in 1992 treating Duchess.



[Duchess](#) was released into the wild in **March 1993**.



A beautiful Transatlantic love story of how [Pepper met Rocky](#) in **December 1992**.

The Sanctuary had been looking for a partner for Rocky for some time and after one of our American visitors, who had heard about Rocky during one of our feed talks, had contacted New England Aquarium, we found the ideal partner.

Pepper was in an Aquarium in [Cape Cod](#) which had closed down and she was looking for a new home.



With **Pepper** came **Ursa**, her granddaughter, who was 6 months old.

Ursa stayed at the Seal Sanctuary for a few years in the convalescent pool, she was very mischievous, a real show off and would wind all the grey seals up by doing dolphin impressions over them in the pool.

[Ursa](#) (photo below) was moved to Chessington and then in February 2007 to Mundomar Marine in Benidorm.



[Click here](#) to read the Seal Sanctuary's newsletter for [November 1992](#).

[Gladys](#) used to come up the Helford estuary most days hoping to get a fish or two.



Before the hospital was updated, visitors could walk right up to the rescued seal pups in their pens.

Who remembers bottle feeding the rescued whitecoat seal pups when they visited the Seal Sanctuary's hospital.



Some children were lucky enough to bottle feed the pups up **until 1994**.



In **January 1993** following the [Oil Tanker Braer](#) running [aground](#) in the Shetlands Islands, Hillswick Seal Sanctuary put a call out for those experienced in wildlife rehabilitation in Europe to come and help with the contaminated wildlife. [James Barnett](#), the Sanctuary's vet, along with other staff helped with the seals in the Shetlands.

The Cornish Seal Sanctuary's Newsletters for [Spring 1993](#) and [Summer 1993](#).

Malcolm, Phil, James and James help with a seal release in 1993.



A rescued seal pup named [Kevin](#) from the **1992/93** season. He was returned to the wild in April 1993.



In **1993** the Sanctuary was sold to Vardon, who later became Merlin Entertainments, for £1.8m. Ken Jones expressed a desire to purchase the Sanctuary back, but said he was not given enough notice.

In [1993 an extension](#) was added to the old hospital facility, it now had four pool pens and three isolation units, as well as a laboratory and food preparation area.

In **October 1993** actress **Jenny Agutter** officially opened the extended seal rescue hospital.



There was also an improved viewing area where visitors could see some of the rescued seal pups, without the pups being disturbed.



In **November 1995**, Robyn, a [rare hooded seal](#) was discovered on a Cornish beach which was more than 2000 miles away from its Arctic homeland. This seal was rehabilitated at the Seal Sanctuary in Gweek then taken to Shetland via Aberdeen for released back into the wild in May 1996.

In **1997 Purbeck** the baby seal should be splashing around in the Arctic - but a wrong turn found him 2,000 miles away in Dorset.

First stop was Poole harbour where Purbeck was rescued barely alive after fisherman spotted him lying on a pontoon. He completed his rehabilitation and released back into the wild near Aberdeen in Scotland.



In **1998 Ken Jones** and actress **Jenny Agutter** joined the Seal Sanctuary in [celebrating](#) 40 years of rescues.



Former zoo-keeper [Johnny Morris](#), star of the long running [BBC Children's Animal Magic show](#), came to mark the official opening of a further new part of the seal hospital in 1998.

In **1999** the Sanctuary had four Fur Seal visitors. They were [Cape Fur Seals](#), three from Coombe Martin Wildlife Park in North Devon (Andy, Mandy, and Princess), and as one of the adult females turned out to be pregnant, one was born at the Seal Sanctuary (Chaff).



These were visiting on a temporary basis at the Seal Sanctuary, whilst their pool was being refurbished.

In **November 2001**, [Cleo](#), a wayward [Artic Seal](#), got a 3,200 miles lift home via the Cornish Seal Sanctuary.

Ray was a firm favourite with the visitors over the years.

He was rescued by the Seal Sanctuary back in **2001** at just a few weeks old.

He was such a character from the moment he entered the hospital.



Looking back through his hospital records there are comments like there's something different about Ray and there certainly was!

He had a behaviour that indicated possible brain damage, but did not an aggressive bone in his body.

Visual impairment and an under active thyroid meant he would require life-long medication to keep him healthy.

From that moment on, Ray became part of the Seal Sanctuary family.

Sadly Ray passed away in 2024.



In **2001** a [new seal enclosure](#) was built next to the café.



The photos below show Carus, Patagonian Sea Lion, during his move to the [new enclosure](#).



This enclosure was home to the much loved Carus (photo below) and [Serendipity](#).



[Serendipity](#) (photo below) was born in 1981 and was moved to her permanent home at the Seal Sanctuary in **1989**. She passed away in 2006 and Carus passed away in 2008.



In July 2002 actress Jenny Agutter attended the [official opening of the Sanctuary's Otters enclosure](#).

Photo below: Judy Williams with Jenny Agutter



Over the years, six **Asian Short Clawed Otters** needed a home at the Seal Sanctuary including [Thai & Bamboo](#), [Starsky](#) & [Hutch](#) and [Apricot](#) & [Harris](#). The Otters were residents from **2002 to 2020**.



On **28th July 2004** Seal Bay was officially opened by local MP for Falmouth and Camborne, Candy Atherton and Ken Jones.

Some of the [Seal Sanctuary staff from past and present](#) were at the [Seal Bay](#) opening to welcome [Flipper](#) and [Yulelogs](#) to their new home.

Photo below: Candy Atherton, Judy Williams and Ken Jones



The Cornish Seal Sanctuary's **Newsletter** for [2004](#).

In **2005/06** listeners to popular Cornish radio station Pirate FM Radio 102.2 & 102.8 voted the Sanctuary the "Cornwall's Best Tourist Attraction".

Pirate FM breakfast radio show presenter, Bob McCreadie presented the award to Dr Glenn Boyle, Sanctuary's Curator.

When the results were announced, it was revealed that the Cornish Seal Sanctuary had won by a landslide, in spite of stiff competition from Flambards and the National Maritime Museum.

Photo below: Bob McCreadie (left) and Dr Glenn Boyle (right)



In **2006** a kind hearted lady, Rhona Scott from Swansea in Wales, pictured below with the Attraction Manager, Michelle Drew, spent around 100 hours creating a rug hook art picture of a seal using all recycled materials - shirts, sweaters and other bits of clothing, backed with denim.

She and her husband Ken visited on 9th July 2006 to donate the fruit of her labours to the Seal Sanctuary.



Rhona said "as the Seal Sanctuary was founded by an ex-miner from Tonypanyd (Ken Jones), a gift from Swansea was a happy coincidence to keep a Welsh connection going".

The Cornish Seal Sanctuary's **Newsletter** for [2006](#).

[Chaff](#) (photo below), a **South African Cape Fur Seal**, came back with his new mate Mika in 2006, sadly Mika passed away in 2008, but Andy, Chaff's dad, then came back to keep him company.

Chaff had a lovable and placid character, he was also very smart and could always figure out new ways of getting extra fish from the animal care team to feed his large appetite!



As you can see from this photo below of [Mika](#), she had a big personality for such a small seal. She would like to show off to the animal care team and visitors by doing her impression of a shark, in the hope of receiving extra fish.



In **July 2008** [Andy](#) joins his son, Chaff, at the Seal Sanctuary.



[Andy](#) (photo below) was an impressive size at over 200kg and he loved to eat sprats, pilchards and mackerel.

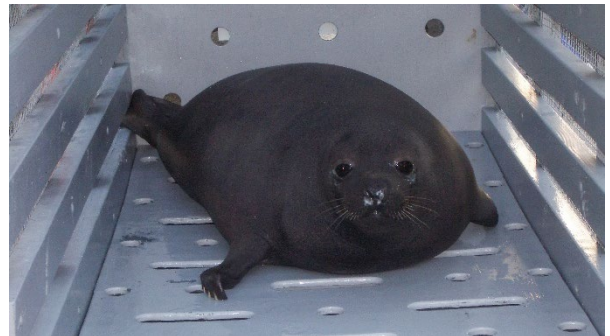
In 2013 he had surgery for a prolapse and although the procedure went well, he fell ill again and passed away.



This is one of our favourite photos from February 2006.



In **April 2007** the Sanctuary gave a temporary home to [Sahara](#), a hooded seal, who had washed up off the coast of Morocco in September 2006.



The hooded seal was found in a very poor condition lost and malnourished, and after months of rehabilitation in Tenerife, he was then moved to Gweek for the final stage of rehab before being released back into the wild. However, things did not go to plan and he was re-rescued and became a [resident](#).

He was only 4 years old but had probably travelled more miles on more modes of transport than any seal we'll ever known.

Sahara passed away in April 2010.



20th March 2008 saw the official opening of the combined **Seal Rescue Centre** and underwater viewing observatory.

Photo below: The Mayor of Helston with Sarah Vine (Sanctuary's Manager)



Opened by the Mayor and Mayoress of Helston - this proved an instant hit with adults and children. The [rescued pups](#) and residents were very obliging, performing in front of the viewing windows on a daily basis.

Seal pup **April** was only 2-3 days old when she was found on a beach in Padstow on 22nd **April 2008** - not looking too well, she must have been separated from her mum.

She completed her rehabilitation and was released back into the wild at Porthtowan beach on 12th February 2009.

It is unusual for a "whitecoat" to be born this time of the year, as they are normally born in the autumn and winter months.

[April](#) in the nursery pool in September 2008.



In **2010** the new **Penguin enclosure** was opened giving the six Humboldt Penguins a specially designed home.

Pirate FM 102.2 & 102.8 Radio's girlband "Eden" (photo below) carried out the official opening of the Penguin Sanctuary on 1st April 2010, the girls also performed their single "Steal The Night".



Over the years, the Penguin family would increase as the Sanctuary offered a home to other Penguins in need.



2010 [Babyface](#), thought to be the eldest adult male common seal in the world, joined the Sanctuary on 17th September 2010, after spending 26 years at Colchester Zoo in Essex.



Babyface was originally rescued by the Mablethorpe Seal Sanctuary in Lincolnshire.

Whilst at Colchester Zoo, Babyface sired many pups, but was thought unable to breed, so joined two female common seal in their pool.

In 2013 [Luna](#) gave birth to [Bo](#) (photo below), a common seal, this was first pup to be born at the Sanctuary in over 15 years.

He was a big surprise to the Team.



It was an even bigger surprise when his little brother, [Buddy](#), was born the following year in **2014** as mum, Sija, was on contraception!

[Sija](#) and [Luna](#) were moved to [Weymouth](#) SEA LIFE Centre in 2016 leaving an all-male common seal pool at Gweek.

[Both boys](#) lived with their dad and [Jarvis](#) (a rescued common seal pup from 2016) in the common seal pool.



Babyface was oldest Common Seal in the world at 44 years old when he passed away on the 17th of December 2022 after being at the Seal Sanctuary for 11 years.

In **April 2012** the National Seal Sanctuary marked its name-change back to the Cornish Seal Sanctuary with a **commemorative time capsule** burial.



The event was supported with the help of Boskenwyn primary schools students, who helped mark the changeover with their own memories of their previous visits to the Sanctuary, and notes about how they imagined the Sanctuary to look in fifty years' time.

Ideas ranging from a facility which looks after dolphins and fish, to conservation concerns were included in the capsule.

The children got the chance to create a piece of history which is exactly what we are honouring; the Sanctuary's dedication to marine rescue which spans over fifty years!



In **2014** the Seal Sanctuary had a celebrity helping with the seal release, the BBC One Show's Mike Dilger came and helped release Rover, Ayla and Jupiter on 2nd June 2014.

Mike is seen here with some of the Seal Sanctuary's Staff.

Photo below: Wayne, Mike, Tamara, Jess, Kate and Dan.



Nick Clegg, the Deputy Prime Minister, paid a flying visit to the Seal Sanctuary on **5th March 2015** to meet staff and animals and to announce a £5 million boost to attract visitors to the south west.

Photo below: Dan Jarvis with Nick Clegg



On **3rd of September 2016** a **Ringed Seal** was initially rescued in Plymouth harbour by the British Divers Marine Life Rescue team after the National Marine Aquarium were alerted by a member of the public.

The seal was transferred to the Sanctuary in Gweek for care, treatments and rehabilitation. The Ringed Seal was named **Muddy**.

In **Summer 2017**, the Seal Sanctuary carried out a refurbishment to improve and upgrade the seal rescue hospital.

The process took three months and the team were delighted to launch the hospital and be able to showcase the improvements.



In **March 2018** the Seal Sanctuary announced it was under new ownership. It was now part of a charity.

The UK's fastest growing wildlife charity, the SEALIFE Trust is supported by the global network of SEA LIFE.

Photo below: Andy Bool, Head of the SEA LIFE Trust, and Tamara Cooper, Sanctuary's Curator – March 2018



As part of the Seal Sanctuary's **celebrations**, on **13th July 2018**, a commemorative blue plaque was unveiled dedicated to the Seal Sanctuary founders, **Ken and Mary Jones**.

The Seal Sanctuary were joined by lots of special people that were an inherent part of

the Sanctuary's humble beginnings and history, including Linda and Paul Bennett, Ken and Mary's daughter and son-in-law.



Photo below: Linda Bennett, Ken and Mary's daughter.



First ever baby **Humboldt Penguin** hatched at the Seal Sanctuary was on **27th May 2018** to parents Lola and Gilbert.

Photo below of Squidge - 30th June 2018.



In **September 2018**, the Animal Care Team had the great delight to announce the very exciting news...Squidge was a Boy!



The Cornish Seal Sanctuary celebrated with a host of VIPs on the evening of **1st September 2018** including Ken Jones's daughter [Linda and her husband Paul](#).

[Jana Sirova](#), the Sanctuary's Manager, introduced the guest speakers starting with [Paul and Linda](#) who reminisce about the problems Ken had creating the Sanctuary at Gweek and how it went on to become the largest Seal Sanctuary in the country.



[Mike Thomas](#) talked about his time as Manager including the story of [Pepper and Rocky](#).

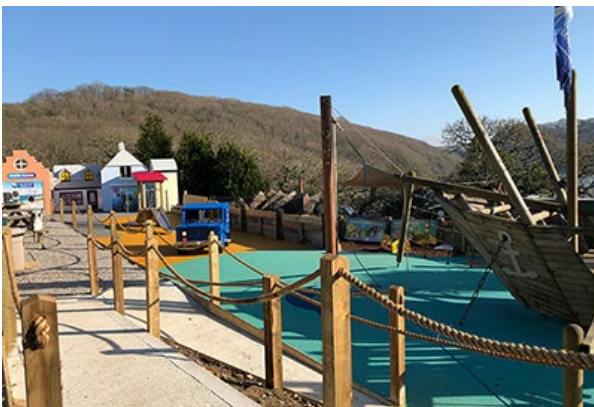


At the "1958-2018" 60th Anniversary Celebrations, marking six decades of seal rescue and rehabilitation, there were some [familiar faces](#) from the past with Barry, Joyce, James, Mary-Ann, Ann, Mike, Phyllis, Malcolm and Margaret reminiscing about Ken Jones !



On **18th February 2019** the Seal Sanctuary officially launched a brand new play area.

The "[Discovery Cove Playground](#)" mixed education with fun, allowing children to learn whilst playing.



In **November 2020** Simon Reeve visited the Seal Sanctuary whilst filming his adventure television series "BBC2 Cornwall with Simon Reeve".

Photo below: [Simon with Megan](#) (animal care team supervisor) meeting Banana in the convalescence pool.



In **2021** the Seal Sanctuary's old Otter enclosure was repurposed and updated to create a new "[Beaver Nursery](#)".

The first pair, two sisters from Scotland, Barbara and Twiggy, spent their first few months [settling in](#), with the team keeping a close eye on their behaviour and eating habits before being moved into the wild woodland enclosure

Since 2021, the Seal Sanctuary has had 10 beavers in the new four-acre habitat, which is full of all the natural resources that the beavers need, including several variations of tree species and a stream that runs through the area, adjoining the Helford River.

When the beavers have proved themselves able to survive in the wild, they are moved to other habitats around the country.



In **June 2021** Patrons of the SEALIFE Trust charity, [John Bishop](#) and his wife **Melanie Bishop**, visited the Seal Sanctuary to understand more about the work animal care team does - especially around the rescue, rehabilitation and release of seal pups.



John Bishop was involved in the Great Whale Rescue which was broadcast in 2020 on ITV detailing the journey of beluga whales Little White and Little Grey over their 6,000 epic journey from Shanghai to Iceland, accompanied by John.

We mustn't forget, two of the Seal Sanctuary's longest-serving residents in the paddocks, ponies [Tuppence and Bracken](#).

[Tuppence](#) and [Bracken](#) arrived with their own [rescue stories](#) in the early 1990s and had called the Sanctuary's paddocks their home for almost 30 years. We sadly said goodbye to them in April 2022.



In **May 2022** the Cornish Seal Sanctuary officially launched a [new £1.3million fundraising campaign](#), as part of a major redevelopment project at the charity's site in Gweek.

The campaign, dubbed "[Fund Our Future](#)", was all about raising vital funds to futureproof the Seal Sanctuary and provide world-class facilities for seal conservation for the next generation.



In **January 2024** the Seal Sanctuary's little waddle of [penguins](#) were **moved** to Five Sisters Zoo in West Calder in Scotland.

This was part of the Seal Sanctuary's progression to extend the conservation efforts here in Cornwall.

Ivy, Gilbert, Lola, Piran, Pine, Yoni, Waddles had spent 14 years at the Seal Sanctuary with Squidge a late arrival.



After the Humboldt Penguins were moved, work started on their old enclosure, by February 2024, the conversion of the enclosure had finished and **Puffin Island** was ready.

The ten Puffins coming to the Sanctuary, were rescued birds who were rehabilitated by the SEA LIFE Trust Beluga Whale Sanctuary in Vestmannaeyjar, Iceland, Due to injuries and long-term conditions meant that the Puffins wouldn't survive in the wild.

The Puffins moved from Iceland to Cornwall in April 2024.



[Cliff](#) (photo below) was rescued from a beach in Douglas, Isle of Man on 29th of October 2022 and rehabilitated at Curraghs Wildlife Park in the Isle of Man.

He joined the Sanctuary's colony of ten rescued puffins to live out his years alongside his friends in December 2024.



Rescues, rehabilitation and release of injured seal pups

In 2025 The Cornish Seal Sanctuary celebrates 50 years of rescuing seals at Gweek.

Each year, from September to March, the Cornish Seal Sanctuary rescues, rehabilitates, and releases up to 70 sick and injured seal pups from the beautiful Cornish coastline.

The dedicated expert teams work tirelessly in all weather conditions, responding to reports of vulnerable seal pups in need.



Looking back over the past 50 years of some of the highlights at Gweek – this has been put together by volunteers/supporters of the Cornish Seal Sanctuary.



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Here is a list of videos from 1970 to 2025 so far on Youtube

1970s

[Ken Jones - 1970s](#)

1980s

[Courtney cleaning the pool in April 1989 -can you work out which one Carus is?](#)

[Ken Jones feeding in September 1989](#)

[Taking a walk down memory lane with some of the residents from the 1980's of Gladys, Spitfire or Scooby](#)

1990s

[Macaroni Penguins being moved in early 1990s](#)

[Courtney feeding on 30th December 1991](#)

[Courtney feeding Carus - 26th January 1992](#)

[The successful rehabilitation and release of a common dolphin, Spirit - August 1992](#)

[Spirit, the Dolphin, - August 1992](#)

[Kevin, a rescued seal pup, in 1992/93 season](#)

[Malcolm feeding in 1993](#)

[Carus at feeding time in 1999](#)

[Tamar feeding Carus in 1999](#)

2000s

[Carus sunbathing in May 2000](#)

[Tamar feeding Carus in July 2002](#)

[Carus and Dipsy swimming underwater in the Sea Lion Cove and Tamara feeding Carus in June 2003](#)

[A rescued seal pup in the hospital in December 2006](#)

[Carus in September 2007](#)

[Clare feeding Carus on 30th December 2007v](#)

[The Seal Rescue Centre was officially opened - 20th March 2008](#)

[Music video of the Seal Rescue Centre Opening – 20th March 2008](#)

[Rebecca Sparkles's presentation at the Junior SEA LIFE Conference 2008 re: controversial Canadian seal cull – July 2008](#)

[Some of the Residents and Rescued pups in 2009](#)

2010

[Starsky, the Asian Short-Clawed Otter, juggling a Stone - 2010](#)

[Penguin Sanctuary officially opened on 1st April 2010 – Part 1](#)

[Penguin Sanctuary officially opened on 1st April 2010 – Part 2](#)

[Spring and Summer 2010 at the Cornish Seal Sanctuary](#)

[Winter 2010 at the Cornish Seal Sanctuary](#)

2013

[A noisy seal pup in the nursery pool in April 2013](#)

[A noisy seal pup in the convalescence pool in April 2013](#)

[Fishy Ice Block time at the Cornish Seal Sanctuary - April 2013](#)

[A cold sunny day at the Sanctuary in April 2013](#)

[Biffy Clyro, a rescued seal pup 27th April 2013](#)

[Common seal - Sija's pup a few days after he was born - 7th July 2013](#)

[Sija's pup on a rock filmed on 29th July 2013](#)

[Sija's pup playing with water - 29th July 2013](#)

[Sija's pup playing in the water whilst the adults are being fed - 29th July 2013](#)

[Sija's pup on 29th July 2013](#)

[Armstrong, a rescued seal pup, being checked over by Tamara and Dan on 31st December 2013](#)

[Christmas Fayre 2013](#)

2014

[Rescued seal pups in the main hospital - 22nd February 2014](#)

[Sunny and André, the Californian Sea Lions, - 28th May 2014](#)

[Seal Release - 28th May 2014](#)

[Betty Boop, a rescued seal pup, being moved into nursery pool 3 on 25th October 2014](#)

[Wonder Woman, Stardust, Quicksilver and Mickie, rescued seal pups in the main hospital on 25th October 2014](#)

[Iron Man, rescued seal pup, in the main hospital on 31st December 2014](#)

[Advert to promote the new name of the National Seal Sanctuary to "The Cornish Seal Sanctuary" - March 2012](#)

[André trains with Dan on 31st December 2014](#)

2015

[Rescued Seal Pup, Kerplunk, October 2015](#)

[Pumpkin December 2015](#)

2016

[Babyface doing his training - Summer 2016](#)

[Humboldt Penguins - Summer 2016](#)

[Apricot and Harris, the Asian Short-Clawed Otters - Summer 2016](#)

[Babyface and his sons, Common Seals, - Summer 2016](#)

[André and Sunny, Resident Sea Lions, - Summer 2016](#)

[Resident Grey Seals Convalescent Pool - Summer 2016](#)

[Residents resting at the end of a busy day - Summer 2016](#)

[Muddy, a female Ringed Seal – 26th September 2016](#)

[Muddy, a female Ringed Seal - 2nd October 2016](#)

2017

[Apricot and Harris, Asian Short-Clawed Otters, enjoying the sun - June 2017](#)

[Fortune, rescued seal pup, being moved to the outside nursery pools on 28th December 2017](#)

2018

[Osborne, a rescued seal pup, arriving at the Seal Sanctuary's hospital on 24th February 2018](#)

[The Cornish Seal Sanctuary - 24th February 2018](#)

[Ray chills by side of the convalescent pool - 2018](#)

[Singer, a rescued seal pup, playing with a water fountain - 28th April 2018](#)

[Willow playing with her enrichment toy - 2018](#)

[Celebrating 60 years of The Cornish Seal Sanctuary - 2018](#)

[Celebrating 60 years at the Cornish Seal Sanctuary - Seal Feed with Ken Jones - April 1989](#)

[Celebrating 60 years of The Cornish Seal Sanctuary - Rescues](#)

[House Martins Chicks on 1st September 2018](#)

[Squidge exploring 1st September 2018](#)

[Badger enjoys the enrichment games - September 2018](#)

[Goonies, rescued seal pup, arriving at hospital on 24th November 2018](#)

[It's Christmas Time 2018](#)

[Brian May, rescued seal pup, in the seal hospital on 23rd November 2018](#)

[Seal pups released on 31st December 2018 at Porthtowan](#)

[Jingle Bells - Christmas 2018](#)

[Seal pups released on 28th December 2018 at Porthtowan beach](#)

2019

[Seal pup on the beach with plastic rubbish](#)

[Seal pups released on 19th March 2019 at Porthtowan beach](#)

[Mowgli, a male grey seal pup, in the hospital - 11th October 2019](#)

[Ray chillin' by side of the pool - 2019](#)

[Happy 18th Birthday Ray Autumn 2019](#)

[Elsa, a female grey seal pup, in the hospital on 11th October 2019](#)

[Noddy, a Common seal pup, in the hospital on 11th October 2019](#)

[Arwen, a male grey seal pup, in the hospital on 11th October 2019](#)

[Hungry Caterpillar, a seal pup in the hospital on 11th October 2019](#)

[Little Miss Sunshine, a female whitecoat seal pup, arriving at the hospital on 11th October 2019](#)

[Pong, a white coat seal pup, in the hospital on 11th October 2019](#)

[Bananarama in the convalescent pool on 22nd November 2019](#)

[Smegol, a rescued seal pup, in the hospital on 22nd November 2019](#)

[Pablo, a rescued seal pup, in the hospital on 22nd November 2019](#)

[Mr Darcy, a rescued seal pup, in the hospital on 22nd November 2019](#)

[Milo, a rescued seal pup, in the rehabilitation pool on 22nd November 2019](#)

[Katniss, a rescued seal pup, in the hospital on 22nd November 2019](#)

[Jorge, a rescued seal pup, in the hospital on 22nd November 2019](#)

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