



# The Sea Cow

Saving Every Animal Changing our World

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### Did you know?

- The average male Grizzly Bear weighs 400-800 pounds.
- Grizzly Bears live on average 15-20+ years in the wild.



Don't forget to enter the contest for your chance to win an MP3 player.

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### Just a Thought

"The dolphins and whales in our ocean are a part of a larger ecosystem that prevents the killing off of other marine life. By destroying these animals and not allowing our future generations to enjoy their beauty, we are causing our own selves damage. ...."

—Actress Hayden Panettiere



In honor of manatee awareness month....

## HuManatee Quilt Auction!

After two years in the making, its finally done!!!! The HuManatee quilt is a collection of designed and signed squares from a variety of celebrities including Tim Allen, John Travolta, Jeremy Sumpter, and Nikki Blonski. Proceeds from the auction sale of this quilt will benefit HSWRI Stranding Team to aid in their efforts to rescue stranded marine mammals. The auction is taking place November 9th thru 19th 2009 on eBay!

Look for it on [www.eBay.com](http://www.eBay.com), item # 270478955785.



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## TALE OF A DOLPHIN



Meet Winter, a dolphin resident of Clearwater Marine Aquarium in Clearwater, Florida.

When Winter was three months old she found herself wrapped up tightly in a crab trap line unable to escape. She was

found and rescued from Mosquito Lagoon and was then transported to CMA to for rehabilitation. Unfortunately, due to the serious injuries from crab trap line Winter lost her entire tail and two vertebrae.

Her story, although it is intriguing, it extremely rare, as most dolphins unfortunately die from being trapped in monofilament and crab trap lines. Winter's

ability to adapt to her new life without a tail has surpassed many expectations. She has now healed from her injuries and adapted to a different swim pattern to accommodate for the absence of a tail. Thanks to scientific advancement Winter now has a prosthetic tail.

For more information about Winter, check out her website.

[www.seewinter.com](http://www.seewinter.com)

# Pet Spotlight: Paris the Chihuahua

**Name:** Paris

**Born:** February 2006

**Favorite pastime:** lying in the sun

**Favorite movie:** Beverly Hills Chihuahua

**Best Feature:** my long legs

**Favorite Sport:** I don't do sports



Paris' Favorite Treat

## Homemade Dog Treats

**1 c. oat flour (makes the biscuits wheat-free)**

**1/2 c. oats**

**1/2 c. water**

**1 egg**

**3 tbsp. olive oil**

First, preheat the oven to 350 degrees and using nonstick spray, spray a baking sheet.

Combine and mix all of the ingredients in a large bowl and stir it looks like dough. Next, you can either roll out the

dough and cut it into bite-sized shapes or you drop it by teaspoonfuls onto the baking sheet.

Finally, bake for about 15 minutes to get a nice, crisp dog biscuit. If your dog prefers a "chewier" treat, then bake the treats in a 300 degree oven for only 10 minutes.

Let them cool before treating your dog to your home-baked love!

\*From [www.dogtreatrecipes.org](http://www.dogtreatrecipes.org)

Paris gives this recipe 4 paws up



\*if you would like to spotlight your pet, please send us info and a photo about your pet to [president\\_kmad@verizon.net](mailto:president_kmad@verizon.net). You could see your pet in the next newsletter.



A vacationing businessman was walking along a beach when he saw a young boy. Along the shore were many starfish that had been washed up by the tide and were sure to die before the tide returned. The boy walked slowly along the shore and occasionally reached down and tossed the beached starfish back into the ocean. The businessman, hoping to

## The Legend of the Starfish

teach the boy a little lesson in common sense, walked up to the boy and said, "I have been watching what you are doing, son. You have a good heart, and I know you mean well, but do you realize how many beaches there are around here and how many starfish are dying on every beach every day. Surely such an industrious and kind hearted boy such as yourself could find something better to do with your

time. Do you really think that what you are doing is going to make a difference?" The boy looked up at the man, and then he looked down at a starfish by his feet. He picked up the starfish, and as he gently tossed it back into the ocean, he said, "It makes a difference to that one".

-Author Unknown



### Monkey

- They have a tail.
- There are over 100 species.
- They do not have opposable thumbs.

## Monkey vs. Ape

Do you know the difference?

They are both mammals, but more specifically primates.



### Ape

- They do not have a tail.
- There are around 13 species.
- They have opposable thumbs.

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*-Kathleen Huddy, GHRI textiles, paper & plastics director*

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- Learn fun facts about animals

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## Dallas World Aquarium

By Stevi

The Dallas World Aquarium is one of the coolest aquariums around. It uniquely displays plants and wildlife from five continents, 14 countries, three oceans, numerous seas and rivers. You start your adventure at the top of a rainforest with mixed species of birds. They fly freely throughout the trees, looking for food, building nest like they would in the wild. As you walk along the ramp you descend further into the rainforest. you'll see a wide range of creatures from Vampire bats, monkeys, rainforest frogs, reptiles and fish. As you exit the rainforest you'll come to our favorite exhibit- the Antillean Manatees! You'll find yourself standing there for hours just watching these magnificent mammals. Plan on being there for feeding time, watching these guys munch on their lettuce is a sight worth seeing. After viewing the manatees make your way to the aquarium portion of The Dallas World aquarium to view a wonderful collection of marine species from around the world. You'll really enjoy exploring The Dallas World Aquarium and the learning is endless.



\*if you know of a cool aquarium, send us your review and you could see it in the next issue of the SEA COW. Don't forget to send us some pictures too.

## Whales!



Whales are large, magnificent, intelligent, aquatic mammals. Unlike fish who breathe using gills, the whale breathes air through blowhole(s) into the lungs. Whales have sleek, streamlined bodies that move easily through the water and are the only mammals, other than our beloved manatees that live their entire lives in the water. Manatees and whales are the only mammals that have adapted to life in the open oceans.

Did you know whales swim by moving their muscular tail, or flukes up and down while fish swim by moving their tails left and right?

### Whales facts:

- Whales have hair (although they have a lot less than land mammals, and have almost none as adults),
- Whales are warm-blooded.

- Whales have a four-chambered heart
- The biggest whale is the blue whale which grows to be about 94 feet long and like the manatee has no predators except man.
- The dwarf sperm whale is the smallest of whales and an adult is only 8.5 feet long.

There are two types of whales; toothed and baleen. Toothed whales use their peg-like teeth to catch food as squid, fish and marine mammals then swallow them whole. Tooth whales only have one blowhole while baleen whales have two. There are about 66 species of toothed whales.

Baleen whales extract small fish and tiny organisms or plankton from the water with a comb-like structure or baleen. The baleen filters the food from the water. Baleen whales are

larger than the tooth whales. There are 10 species of baleen whales.

Complex whale songs can be heard for miles under the water. The humpback's song can last for 30 minutes. Baleen whales sing low-frequency songs while toothed whales emit whistles and clicks that they use for echolocation. The songs are thought to be used in attracting mates, to keep track of offspring, and for the toothed whales it is used to locate prey

There are many species of whales that are in danger of becoming extinct. Baleen whales are listed as endangered or protected species. Most other whale species are doing well and are not endangered.



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**Important Dates:**

October 27th– Make A Difference Day

December 27th – Visit the Zoo Day

**Presidents Pick of the Month**



**Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute**

[www.hswri.org](http://www.hswri.org)

HSWRI is an organization dedicated to the preservation of our oceans.

**Mission of the Month**



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