



Steps to Report a Stranded Marine Mammal

within Monterey County

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1 Determine if the animal is truly stranded while maintaining a distance of at least 100 feet away from the animal.

- If it is on the shore and unable to return to the water on its own;
- If it appears to be injured or entangled;
- If it is dead

2 Determine the species or type of animal and use the below info to call the respective organization. Provide them with the following info to the best of your knowledge:

- Species or description of the animal.
- Location (GPS coordinates are preferred, and can be obtained using the "Drop Pin" feature on many smartphones). Regional descriptions and landmarks can be useful, too.
- Date and time the animal was last seen.
- Approximate size of the animal.
- Condition of the animal (alive, dead, wounded, entangled, etc.)
- Human interactions (evidence of ship strike, entangled, shooting, etc.)
- Tags or branding on the animal (if applicable).
- Your name and contact info as the person reporting the incident.

Animal

Organization

Phone Number

Pinniped
(seal/sea lion)

Marine Mammal Center

Monterey Bay Office
831-633-6298

Sea otter

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Security Office
831-648-4840

Cetacean
(whale/dolphin)

Marine Mammal
Stranding Network

Office: 562-980-3230
Cell: 562-506-4315

3 If the animal is within City limits, please also call the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department (non-emergency line) at 831-624-6403 and advise the type of animal and its location.

4 Ensure that you and others around you (including dogs) stay at least 100 feet away from the animal, and that you and other bystanders remain as quiet as possible.

Noise can distress the animal and jeopardize its health. It is also vital you keep your distance to prevent the transmission of diseases!

