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Seal Rescue

SEA LIFE has long-standing rescue and rehabilitation programmes for grey and common seals. Dedicated animal care teams annually rescue, care for and return to the wild orphaned, sickly or injured seals. SEA LIFE has seal rescue centres in Gweek, Oban, Hunstanton and Scarborough in the UK and Blankenberge in Belgium. Collectively these five operations successfully rescue and rehabilitate more than 150 grey and common seal pups per year. Oban tends to care mainly for common seals, the smaller of the two native species and the more inclined to venture into lochs and other inland waterways. Meanwhile the Sanctuary down in Gweek has grown steadily. It is one of the busiest...if not the busiest seal rescue facility in Europe. Every seal release is the culmination of months of hard work by SEA LIFE and Sanctuary care workers whose toils frequently go way beyond any contractual obligations. The youngest rescued pups often need bottle feeding at four-hour intervals round the clock, but there is always someone willing to turn out at midnight or four in the morning to help get them fed!