

Stranded Seal Pup Report Sheet

Date Time
Reported by Tel. No.
Report dealt with by

LOCATION OF SEAL PUP

Beach/cove Nearest town/village
Exact location of pup on beach (relate to landmarks)
Access to beach

CONDITIONS ON BEACH

Weather conditions & sea/tide state
Public/canine disturbance

OBSERVATION DETAILS

Period of time pup observed
Any other seals observed

APPEARANCE OF SEAL PUP (N.B. observations made by the public are not always accurate)

Coat colour/length
 long and white (*unweaned grey*)
 short & grey/brown/black/white (*weaned grey/any common*)
N.B. to help determine if common seal pup is weaned/unweaned they are born June/July and weaned at 4 - 6 weeks.

Muzzle shape
 dog-like, i.e. long (*grey seal*)
 cat-like, i.e. short (*common seal*)

Approx. length (rough guide)
 3'6" (1.05m) or less (*likely this year's pup*)
 4' (1.2m) or more (*probably older animal*)

CONDITION OF SEAL PUP (N.B. observations made by the public are not always accurate)

Alive Dead (*look for evidence of breathing, response to noises, etc.*)

IF ALIVE

Behaviour
 Active Alert/responsive
 Still/quiet Unresponsive

Breathing
 Obvious Audible (wheezing)
 Coughing Sneezing

Nose
 Dry Watery discharge
 Thick discharge

Mouth/chin
Any blood ? Yes No

Trauma
Type of trauma (*wounds, swellings, nets, etc.*)
Location of trauma:

Body condition
 Thin - bones (ribs/pelvis/hips)± neck visible
 Plump - well rounded, bones not visible

Lying position
 Back/side Stomach
 Head raised Head flat out

Eyes
 Clear Squinting/one closed
 Cloudy Watery discharge
 Thick discharge

Coat
 Wet Dry Oiled

Both flippers used when moving ? (*N.B. may not, if hunching along one side*)
ACTION AND ADVICE - SEE OVER