

VOLUNTEER MILESTONES

by Emily Wing

Several of our longtime volunteers have achieved some major milestones in recent months and we want to take this opportunity to congratulate them!

A very special congratulations, thank you and good luck to **Julie and Mike Tanaka!** They recently gave birth to their second child Molly, and then moved their family to Colorado. Julie started as a Saturday morning animal care volunteer in 1995. Some people have pre-nuptial agreements, but when Julie and Mike got married, she convinced him that he had to get his hands dirty as well! We are so appreciative of their years of dedication, not only in animal care, but also as webmasters, designers, and all around computer gurus. Even though they are only a phone call away, we will miss seeing them and Max and Molly on a regular basis.



We would also like to congratulate **Katherine Laag**, a Saturday morning animal care volunteer since March of 2000, and her husband Robert, on the birth of their first child, Hannah Kiyoko, born February 26, 2007.

There must be something in the water, because we also have to congratulate **Gio Chiarella**, another Saturday morning animal care volunteer, and his wife Marlena, on the birth of their first child, Lola Josephine on May 16, 2007.

It seems that we have our next generation of volunteers ready and waiting!

Congratulations to Friday animal care volunteer **Mary Blasius**, for being awarded her Masters Degree in Marine Biology from California State University, Long Beach.

We would also like to thank Thursday afternoon volunteer **Leslie Potts** for her many hours of dedicated service. We wish you well in your move to San Francisco!

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT - LINDSEY VAN SCHOICK

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Lindsey Van Schoick first came to us as an Animal Care Volunteer in November 1999. We have seen her grow as both a person and a volunteer. "I love the idea of helping out sick and injured animals." This is what Lindsey wrote on her volunteer application almost eight years ago and since then that is exactly what she has done.



We are all tremendously appreciative of Lindsey's many years of hard work and dedication in support of our marine mammal patients. Lindsey has put in countless hours as the Team Leader on Fridays and is always willing to go the extra mile, volunteering at special events or stuffing and addressing envelopes.

Other volunteers look up to Lindsey as a leader. She sets the tone all day with her level headed manner, handling every situation calmly and capably. This is definitely critical because, as the Friday crew will tell you, they have dubbed their day "Freaky Friday" as it seems the strangest rescue calls and most wacky situations always seem to happen on that day!

Lindsey's kind and caring demeanor makes her a wonderful caretaker of the animals as well as a pleasure to work with. Thank you so much Lindsey for all of your hard work and dedication! We appreciate you!



Thanks for your help Rachael!

We recently hosted Rachael Holland, a student from the University of New England and a volunteer at the their Animal Rehabilitation Center. Rachael primarily works with harbor seals, harp seals, grey seals and sea turtles on the East Coast and was here volunteering this summer to gain experience with other species.

