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Gratitude in the Fast Lane: Theodore Robins Ford and Rainbow® Sandals Foundation Gift New Rescue Vehicles to Pacific Marine Mammal Center

Laguna Beach, CA — In a generous display of commitment to wildlife rehabilitation and conservation, two prominent organizations have donated two brand-new vehicles for marine mammal rescue operations at the Pacific Marine Mammal Center, PMMC. The gifts from Theodore Robins Ford and Rainbow® Sandals Foundation underscores their dedication to protecting marine life and the environment.



Sammy the Sea Lion with the Ford F250 donated by Theodore Robins Ford.

Theodore Robins Ford, a substantial supporter of PMMC and the center's wildlife preservation, has donated a 2024 Ford F250 to bolster the sea lion and other marine mammal rescue efforts. Their commitment to ocean stewardship aligns seamlessly with PMMC's mission.

Rainbow® Sandals Foundation, also a longtime benefactor who is known as a leading advocate for marine conservation, has generously given a 2024 Ford F150. A state-of-the-art vehicle that will be instrumental in aiding the rescue and rehabilitation of seals and sea lions along the Southern California Coast.

These vehicles are equipped with the latest technology to ensure the safety and well-being of these magnificent creatures.

The vehicles are designed for maximum efficiency and safety, outfitted with specialized equipment to transport and care for injured or stranded pinnipeds. This significant contribution will not only enhance the response capabilities of our rescue teams but also aid in their vital mission to protect and rehabilitate these marine animals.



Glenn Gray, PMMC CEO and Jay Longley, founder of Rainbow® Sandals with 2024 Ford F150 donated by Rainbow® Sandals Foundation.

Our community and its residents will greatly benefit from the increased resources that these organizations have generously provided. The vehicles will enable more rapid response times, improved medical care, and efficient transportation of the animals in need, ultimately leading to better chances of recovery and successful reintroduction into their natural habitat.

"We are immensely grateful for the generosity shown by both Theodore Robins Ford and Rainbow® Sandals Foundation," said Glenn Gray, CEO of PMMC. "Their contributions will have a profound impact on our sea lion rescue efforts, and it demonstrates the power of collaboration when it comes to protecting our marine ecosystem."

Mr. Gray continued, "With these new vehicles, we will be able to expand our reach and respond even more effectively to animal distress calls. This marks a significant step forward in our collective goal of preserving our precious marine life."

The dedication of these two organizations to marine animal rescue is a testament to the potential for positive change when like-minded groups work together. This collaborative effort not only strengthens the ongoing conservation efforts but also inspires others to join the cause and help protect the rich biodiversity of our coastal regions.

About the PMMC

The Pacific Marine Mammal Center rescues, rehabilitates and releases marine mammals and inspires ocean stewardship through research, education, and collaboration. The only center in Orange County, California, licensed to rescue, rehabilitate, and release marine mammals that strand on local beaches. PMMC is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. Tax-ID #: 95-3680896

For more information about this partnership and the ongoing sea lion animal rescue efforts, please visit our website www.pacificmmc.org, follow us on social media: @pacificmmc.org or contact Kathleen Biermeier, 949-228-4033 or kbiermeier@pacificmmc.org.