

Dear Sea Turtle Recovery Family:

Sea Turtle Recovery (STR) wants your input! Our non-profit rehabilitates threatened and endangered sea turtles back into the wild, and we have often been saddened by the lack of information reaching those that have supported our efforts through adoptions, donations, social media following, festival sign-up, volunteering, etc. Therefore, this letter is to ask if you think a newsletter would be a better way to share our stories versus simply through our website, facebook, and instagram. Your opinion matters!

Attached is our 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter to determine if you feel it is what you have been waiting for to understand our organization, gain information, and stay up to date. If after you read this packet you would like to see more, please cut out the mailing below with your donation of \$20 to help save sea turtles. We will then thank you with a subscription starting this December and continuing throughout 2020! With this offer, you would receive no less than 4 more Newsletters!



(Newsletters will be mailed in December, February, May, and November.) Sea Turtle Recovery wants to inspire and keep individuals aware of our patients, but we also have great concern for our environment and time devoted to nonmedical endeavors. Therefore, we will need at least 50 subscribers with this start up offer to repeat a similar offer in 2021. So, the decisions are yours! In any case, thank you for taking the time to enjoy the enclosed first edition, and thank you for loving sea turtles!

Sincerely,

Sea Turtle Recovery Board of Directors

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**Please make \$20 check payable to: Sea Turtle Recovery**

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PO Box 497  
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Check Yes, I would like to donate \$20 and receive the Newsletter subscription as a thank you gift, or no if you would like to donate without the newsletter gift. \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

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Suggested Name for Newsletter? (Example: STR Gazette, Loggerhead Letters, Sea Turtle Times)

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**Summer News:** In May, Sea Turtle Recovery released six more sea turtles back into the wild. This included a juvenile Green Sea Turtle, 2 Loggerhead Sea Turtles, and 3 Kemp's Ridley sea turtles! STR determines our release site based on where NOAA and U.S. Fish and Wildlife have reported sightings of sea turtles in the area, where the temperature is no less than 68 degrees, and where fishing and beach nourishment projects will not impede a safe/ no stress return to the ocean. It was a warm sun filled day, and the sea turtles all made their way into the ocean off of North Carolina without delay.

**Featured Sea Turtle:** This letter's featured sea turtle is Canyon. Canyon is a juvenile Loggerhead Sea Turtle that stranded after being impinged on the intake grate at a New Jersey Power Plant. Canyon was also found to have severe propeller cuts across his plastron and carapace. STR Veterinarian and staff had to remove dead bone from around the injury and treat the wound topically using raw honey and other medicine. Canyon was also on injectable antibiotics until the injuries fully healed. This Loggerhead was one of our 6 released in May fully recovered. Thanks to adopters, Canyon's medical costs were supported. Thanks to individuals like you, Canyon and all of our sea turtle patients have a second chance at life and can return to the ocean to help their species survive.



**Question From You:** **Why does STR set our sea turtles on the beach to walk in versus other facilities that release them directly in the water?** There is no wrong or right way to release a sea turtle so long as every effort is made to eliminate stress. Sea Turtle Recovery believes that, if the surf is not too rough, setting them on the beach is best. Sea Turtles hatch from eggs and make their way to the ocean when born. Since they have made the same journey at least once before, it is the most natural way to enter the sea! If the surf is severe, Sea Turtle Recovery will still walk them out to enter the water without "wave interference".

**Past Spring/Early Summer Events:** In March of every year, STR hosts our Green Event where the public can enjoy great food, great sea turtle videos, and share experiences with us. This year was no exception to the fun as patrons got to enjoy never before seen Coast Guard video rescuing our 235lb Loggerhead sea turtle, Tammie. The video also shared Tammie's satellite tag movements and all of our photos. We hope everyone left with full bellies and all of the gossip from 2018's rehabilitation adventures! A giving tree was included in the event where individuals got to choose how their donation would be spent.



The top photo shows just some of those amazing gifts/purchases that will help make sure our patients get the best treatment, medicine, and care possible. (Note: A taxable donation letter will be sent at the end of the year for any donation to Sea Turtle Recovery. If you do not receive a letter for tax purposes by February, please reach out to us.)

Next, Sea Turtle Recovery also just had our first 5K Run/Walk to support sea turtles, and we had over 100 participants. Each individual that crossed the finish line was awarded a plush friend and our thanks for helping sea turtles. While our staff, Brandi and Bill, admit that creating a run as non-runners was a new challenge, we hope everyone had a great time. Any suggestions from those that attended is welcomed and appreciated!



Finally, Sea Turtle Recovery's World Sea Turtle Day occurred on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Ticket price included free educational turtle facts and games, the Uptown Getdowns band live in concert, Loggerhead ROV, Coast Guard Auxillary, viewing of a choreographed dance by the All 4 Dance Performing Arts studio kids, and much more. STR hopes that you will consider attending one or all of these annual events in 2020.

