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Marine wildlife veterinarians to discuss unique experiences during annual Norris Lecture on Thursday, November 7

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SANTA CRUZ, CA--A panel of three marine wildlife veterinarians from across the Monterey Bay area will discuss challenges, successes, and fascinating experiences during the annual Ken Norris Memorial Lecture at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center on Thursday, November 7, from 7 to 8:30 PM. This event titled, "**Doctor Ocean**" — **A Lively Discussion with Three Marine Wildlife Veterinarians**, is free and open to the public. Santa Cruz Mayor Hilary Bryant will moderate this unique conversation. Seating is limited; doors open at 6:30 PM.

Who performs surgery on sea otters? Who studies diseases that affect marine life? Who takes care of dolphins when they are stranded? Do fish even get sick?

Dr. Dave Casper of UC Santa Cruz, Dr. Melissa Miller of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Dr. Mike Murray of the Monterey Bay Aquarium will come together for this open exchange regarding their lives and careers with ocean animals. They spend their days nursing aquarium animals, saving stranded marine mammals, and researching unusual diseases. Don't miss this rare opportunity to engage with these three intriguing people who help us understand our ocean and the amazing animals who call it home.

Sponsored by Jo Lynne and Fred Jones, and Aptos-Creekside Pet Hospital

For more information about this event, please call the Seymour Center at (831) 459-3800.

Overlooking the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the Seymour Center is a "living classroom" featuring aquariums, exhibits, touch tanks, whale skeletons, full-scale elephant seal models, the Ocean Discovery Shop, and unsurpassed ocean vistas. The aquariums and exhibits feature the everyday tools of ocean exploration and focus on research conducted by scientists locally and around the world. Interactive stations provide hands-on learning experiences, and docents lead tours and bring marine science to life. The Seymour Center is located at the end of Delaware Avenue in Santa Cruz.

WHAT:

Ken Norris Memorial Lecture at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center: **“Doctor Ocean”
— A Lively Discussion with Three Marine Wildlife Veterinarians**

FEATURING:

Speakers

Dave Casper, Director of Veterinary Services, UCSC

Mike Murray, Veterinarian, Monterey Bay Aquarium

Melissa Miller, Veterinary Pathologist, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Moderator

Hilary Bryant, Santa Cruz Mayor

WHEN:

Thursday, November 7

7 to 8:30 PM

WHERE:

Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Lab

End of Delaware Avenue

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

ADMISSION:

Free. Seating is limited; doors open at 6:30 PM.

INFORMATION:

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