

Seals vs. Humans



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Fahrenheit gets the other side of the story

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Lately, the San Diego news media has been covering all aspects of the all-important seal issue of the Children's Cove in La Jolla, from the seal lovers who want humans to stay away to La Jolla locals who want to take back the beach.

One group whose comments have, sadly, been missing from the debate are from the seals themselves. That is, until now. Fahrenheit recently asked nationally renowned animal communicator Brigitte Noel to talk with the seals and get their take on the whole Children's Cove issue.

Noel, a Mission Hills-based animal communicator, says she knew little about the current seal-human skirmish before taking on the assignment but has telepathically communicated with wild animals before. Noel has been talking with animals for ages and has even written a book on the topic, LoveLink: Heart To Heart Communication With Animals.

She does it by meditating on the creatures and writing what comes to her brain during the experience. She says what she wrote down is straight from the seals' mouth-if they could speak.

Noel spent 40 minutes mentally commiserating with the La Jolla seals and says they tend to speak with a group voice.

Noel believes she was able to get the basic concept of their message to humans in four words: Go some place else.

According to Noel, the seals have planted themselves at Children's Cove for peaceful reasons.

"We are very tired now," the seals say. "Stormy weather is tiring for us. It causes the currents to pull at us and it scatters the fish. We do not like it when the fish are scattered. Scattered fish creates turbulence in the rhythm. Turbulence."

The seal message continues: "Please tell your people that we are peace-loving creatures; we mean no harm and we know how to live peacefully in large communities. We would really like to teach you how to share. We share. We share. We share the ocean, we share the space above the ocean. Why can't people share? People always want to take over. That is a fact."



Thanks to Noel's animal attraction with the seals, we were able to pin down the seals of the top issues facing their life in the Cove.

When asked how they feel about the Children's Cove, the seals are pretty territorial, saying, "This beach is ours. It is safe. It is protected and it allows us our much-needed "sleep." We can't be swimming all the time and we need space to congregate together. To come together in sleep. When we go out, we separate. When we come back, we unite again with our kind."

However, while they are territorial, they admit to being willing to share: "It is time people learn to share. It is time. We are angry and frustrated by the encroachment to our shore. There is not more quiet left."

Still upon further questioning, the seals spirits get angrier: "We are not must museum pieces, you know, to be enjoyed at will. This is a place of growth for us. A place for our babies too. We must, at this point in time, be recognized at all levels of our being. Not just as an attraction in the water

where people are tolerant of us. We are part of the scenery, we are part of the world."

Sure, they may say they're part of the world, but what do they add to it, what do the seals actually contribute to the area? They say it is all about their "feminine balance."

Noel elaborates by explaining that every time people come to the Cove, "they get seal energy. They get to share in a very special, special manner." As a result, she says, they are a bridge that allows humans to connect with their own feminine side.

However, the seals peace-loving mood quickly ends when Noel asks, "What message do you have for people wanting to use the beach?"

"GO SOME PLACE ELSE!" they shout. "YOU OWN EVERYTHING, DON'T YOU? "GO SOME PLACE ELSE!."

Noel figures the seals feel they have no other options but his beach and they are fed up with the human egos. A fact proven by their response to the last question: Why did the humans get attacked when they swam up on the beach?

"Totally distrustful of their intention. Totally," say the seals. " Very deceptive. Very."

Noel says the seals find the city's reaction to their presence confusing. On one hand, people seem to like them, but on the other, they get cranky over the amount of seal poop.

She says the seals want folks to realize you can't have the benefits of their presence without the inconveniences and point out that the seagulls don't seem to mind.

So far, the seals have yet to hire a big city attorneys like Chargers lawyer Mark Fabiani to speak on their behalf but Noel says they figure that humans should be able to build another breakwater elsewhere and create another Children's Cove

somewhere else.

Meanwhile, don't expect things to change. These seals seem to be in it for the long haul and are willing to do their sit-in for as long as it takes.

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