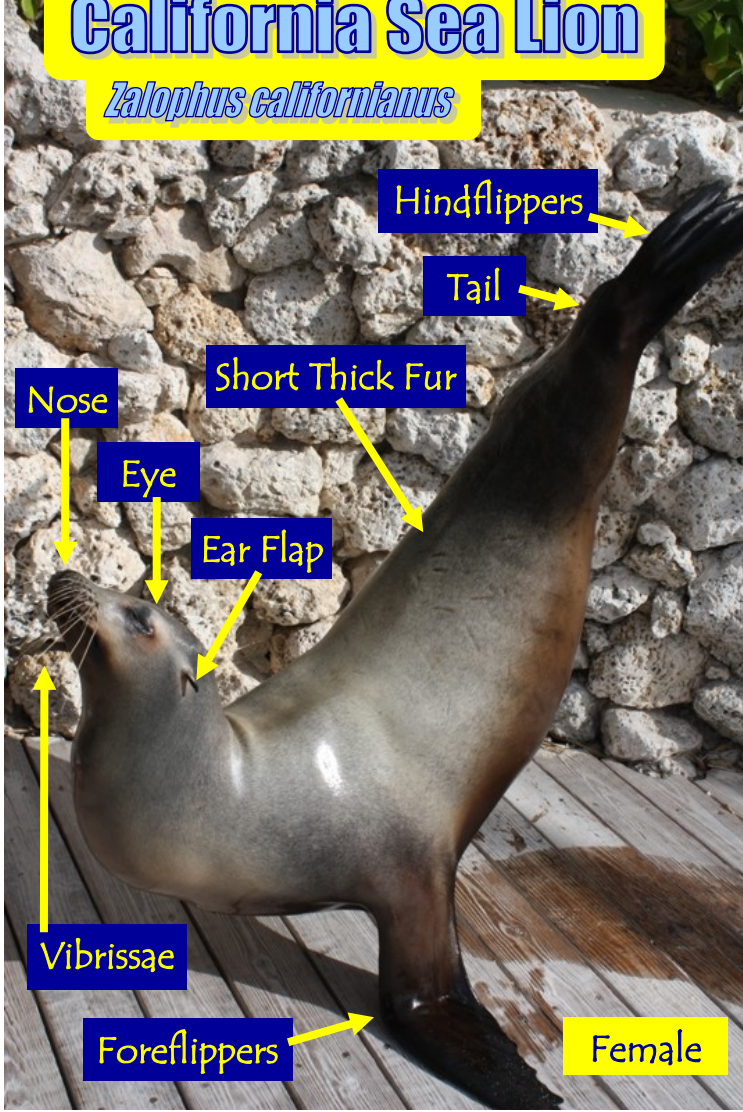


Sea Dog Facts!

California Sea Lion

Zalophus californianus



Fast Facts:

- Swim up to 15 mph
- Dive up to 900 feet
- Dive up to 10 minutes
- Can slow heartbeat while diving from 90 to 20 beats per minute !



What do sea lions use their teeth for?



Sea lions mainly use their teeth to catch fish, squid or crustaceans AND for defense.

How can you help sea lions?



Like us, sea lions benefit from a clean, healthy ocean. Practice the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!

What traits do we share as mammals with sea lions?



- Nurse their young
- Warm-blooded
- Breathe air
- Live birth
- Hair

Where do sea lions live most of the time?



They spend most of their time in the water but come ashore to sleep, rest, breed & molt.



How do you tell the males from females?

Adult male sea lions can be recognized by the sagittal crest, the high forehead. Males can be 2-4 times bigger than females!



What color is a sea lion's fur?

When sea lions are wet, they are dark brown. When dry, females are sandy blond and males are a chocolate brown.

Learn more about sea lion natural history!