



NJ CETACEAN STRANDINGS FROM DECEMBER, 2022 THROUGH PRESENT

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DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	AGE/SEX	DISPOSITION	NOTES	PRELIMINARY RESULTS	FINAL RESULTS
12/5/2022	IDEAL BEACH	SPERM WHALE	DEPENDENT CALF FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	NECROPSY COMPLETED	FAT CLOT AROUND THE HEART, FLUID IN LUNGS	PENDING
12/10/2022	STRATHMERE	HUMPBACK WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	DECOMPOSED - PARTIAL NECROPSY	LEVEL A DATA AND SAMPLES COLLECTED	PENDING
12/23/2022	ATLANTIC CITY	HUMPBACK WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	DECOMPOSED - PARTIAL NECROPSY	LEVEL A DATA AND SAMPLES COLLECTED	PENDING
12/28/2022	SANDY HOOK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	HEAVILY DECOMPOSED, BURIED	N/A	N/A
1/7/2023	ATLANTIC CITY	HUMPBACK WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY COMPLETED	ENTANGLEMENT SCARS, HEMATOMA BEHIND BLOWHOLE, POSSIBLE HI/VESSEL STRIKE	PENDING
1/12/2023	BRIGANTINE	HUMPBACK WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY COMPLETED	HEMATOMA BEHIND BLOWHOLE, POSSIBLE HI/VESSEL STRIKE	PENDING
1/18/2023	BRIGANTINE	HUMPBACK WHALE	UNK. UNK.	FLOATING DEAD, 45MI OFFSHORE	CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A
1/23/2023	LONG BEACH TWP	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	PNEUMONIA, SUSPECTED BACTERIAL INFECTION	PENDING
1/28/2023	BRIGANTINE	HUMPBACK WHALE	UNK. UNK.	FLOATING DEAD, 12MI OFFSHORE	CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A
1/29/2023	IBSP	HARBOR PORPOISE	ADULT UNK.	STRANDED DEAD	HEAVILY SCAVENGED AND DECOMPOSED, BURIED	N/A	N/A
2/8/2023	SEASIDE HEIGHTS	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PARASITIC GRANULOMAS IN LUNGS PARASITIC CYSTS IN ABDOMINAL CAVITY PARASITIC MIGRATION TRACTS IN BRAIN	PENDING
2/13/2023	MOORES BEACH	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT UNK.	STRANDED DEAD	TOO DECOMPOSED, LEFT TO BREAKDOWN NATURALLY	N/A	N/A
2/14/2023	MANASQUAN	HUMPBACK WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY COMPLETED	BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA INJURIES, SUSPECTED HI/VESSEL STRIKE	PENDING
2/18/2023	HIGHLANDS	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	PARASITIC GRANULOMAS IN LUNGS PARASITIC CYSTS IN ABDOMINAL CAVITY GI TRACT EMPTY	PENDING
2/18/2023	HIGHLANDS	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	PARASITIC GRANULOMAS IN LUNGS PARASITIC CYSTS IN ABDOMINAL CAVITY GI TRACT EMPTY	PENDING
2/18/2023	HIGHLANDS	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	PARASITIC GRANULOMAS IN LUNGS PARASITIC CYSTS IN ABDOMINAL CAVITY GI TRACT EMPTY	PENDING
2/20/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	UNK. DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	FLOATING DEAD IN BAY	CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A
2/22/2023	HARTHORNE WOODS PARK	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING
2/24/2023	SANDY HOOK	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO CORNELL FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING
2/24/2023	SANDY HOOK	COMMON DOLPHIN	DEPENDENT CALF MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	SENT TO CORNELL FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING

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2/27/2023	AVALON	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY PERFORMED BY MMSC ON BEACH	PNEUMONIA AND NECROSIS OF THE LUNGS	PENDING
3/2/2023	SEASIDE PARK	HUMPBACK WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY COMPLETED	BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA INJURIES, FRACTURED SKULL, ENTANGLEMENT SCARS, PROP. WOUNDS, SUSPECTED HI/VESSEL STRIKE	PENDING
3/7/2023	SANDY HOOK	UNK. DOLPHIN	ADULT UNK.	FLOATING DEAD UNDER DOCK	TOO DECOMPOSED, LEFT TO BREAKDOWN NATURALLY	N/A	N/A
3/15/2023	SANDY HOOK BAY	COMMON DOLPHIN	DEPENDENT CALF FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING
3/15/2023	SANDY HOOK BAY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	DISPOSED OF BY PARK STAFF DUE TO LACK OF FREEZER SPACE	LEVEL A DATA COLLECTED	N/A
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	JUVENILE MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVAL	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS, HEMORRHAGE LEFT LUNG	PENDING
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	UNILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS	PENDING
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION	PENDING
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	PARASITES IN ABDOMINAL CAVITY	PENDING
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	JUVENILE MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, HYPER-INFLATED LOBULES, STOMACH PARASITES, TWO POX LESIONS	PENDING
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS, PLEURAL FIBROTIC PLAQUES	PENDING
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS	PENDING
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVAL	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS, HEMORRHAGE PANCREAS	PENDING
3/22/2023	LONG BEACH ISLAND	HUMPBACK WHALE	SUB-ADULT UNK.	FLOATING DEAD, 70MI OFFSHORE	CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A
3/24/2023	OCEAN CITY	PYGMY SPERM WHALE	UNK. UNK.	STRANDED DEAD	TOO DECOMPOSED, BURIED ON SCENE	N/A	N/A
3/28/2023	ORTLEY	HARBOR PORPOISE	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	NO FOOD IN STOMACH OR INTESTINES	PENDING
4/1/2023	CAPE MAY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	SENT TO NJAHDL FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING
4/2/2023	SEA BRIGHT	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	FLOATING DEAD	TOO DECOMPOSED, LEFT TO BREAKDOWN NATURALLY	N/A	N/A