



NJ CETACEAN STRANDINGS FROM DECEMBER, 2022 THROUGH PRESENT

Marine Mammal Stranding Center© UPDATED: 4/20/2023



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/VESEL STRIKE	PENDING
1/12/2023	BRIGANTINE	HUMPBACK WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY COMPLETED	HEMATOMA BEHIND BLOWHOLE, POSSIBLE HI/VESEL 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 NJAHD 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 NJAHD 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/VESEL STRIKE	PENDING
2/18/2023	HIGHLANDS	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	SENT TO NJAHD 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 NJAHD 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 NJAHD 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 NJAHD 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	SCANT FOOD FOUND IN G.I. TRACT, LIVER PALE IN COLOR	PENDING
2/24/2023	SANDY HOOK	COMMON DOLPHIN	DEPENDENT CALF MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	SENT TO CORNELL FOR NECROPSY	POSSIBLE HEART DEFECT	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 NJAHD 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 NJAHD 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 NJAHD 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 NJAHD 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 NJAHD 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 NJAHD 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 NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS, PLUERAL FIBROTIC PLAQUES	PENDING
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHD 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 NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	NO FOOD IN STOMACH OR INTESTINES	PENDING
4/1/2023	CAPE MAY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	SENT TO NJAHD 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
4/11/2023	RUMSON OCEANIC BRIDGE	UNK. DOLPHIN	ADULT UNK.	FLOATING DEAD	TOO DECOMPOSED, LEFT TO BREAKDOWN NATURALLY	N/A	N/A
4/15/2023	GREAT BAY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT UNK..	FLOATING DEAD	HEAVILY DECOMPOSED AND SCAVENGED, LEFT TO BREAKDOWN NATURALLY	N/A	N/A
4/16/2023	AVALON	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALEE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY PERFORMED BY MMSC ON BEACH	NO FOOD IN G.I. TRACT, LUNGS PALE AND MOTTLED	N/A