

Be an Aquarium Animal Caretaker

As a member of the Seattle Aquarium's animal care team, you have a lot of different jobs. To start, choose one of the animals in Caring Cove to take care of today.

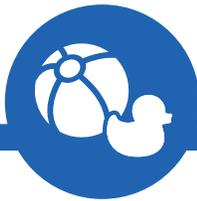
What is this animal's name?

You may use any tools in Caring Cove to care for this animal!

Animal Care Daily Tasks:

- Clean work areas and animal habitats
- Collect water samples from animal habitats
Please collect pretend water only!
- Prepare food and feed animals
- Provide enrichment for animals: opportunities to play, learn, eat, and rest
- Teach animals a behavior such as being on a scale or brushing their teeth
- Give animals a health check-up

When you are finished caring for this animal, please put them in the habitat pool and help clean up the tools you used in Caring Cove!



Giant Pacific octopus

Meet Ripple, the octopus.

Hello, my name is **Ripple**. I am growing very quickly. When I was born, I was the size of a grain of rice. I am much larger now!



The more I eat, the more I grow.
Can you **prepare a meal** for me so I can get big and strong?



Giant Pacific octopus

Become an aquarist.

An aquarist at an aquarium or zoo helps care for the animals and their habitats. Today, as an aquarist, you can help care for Ripple by creating an enrichment activity and making a meal for him.



Ripple loves learning new things:

What enrichment toys do you think Ripple might like to play with?

What enrichment toy might help Ripple learn a new skill (such as opening an object or solving a puzzle)?

How does Ripple explore his enrichment toy?



Ripple eats every day:

Does Ripple have a favorite kind of food?

How does Ripple find his food?

When you are finished caring for Ripple, please put him back in the animal area and help clean up the tools you used in Caring Cove.



Be sure to visit the giant Pacific octopus living in our octopus habitat and say hello!



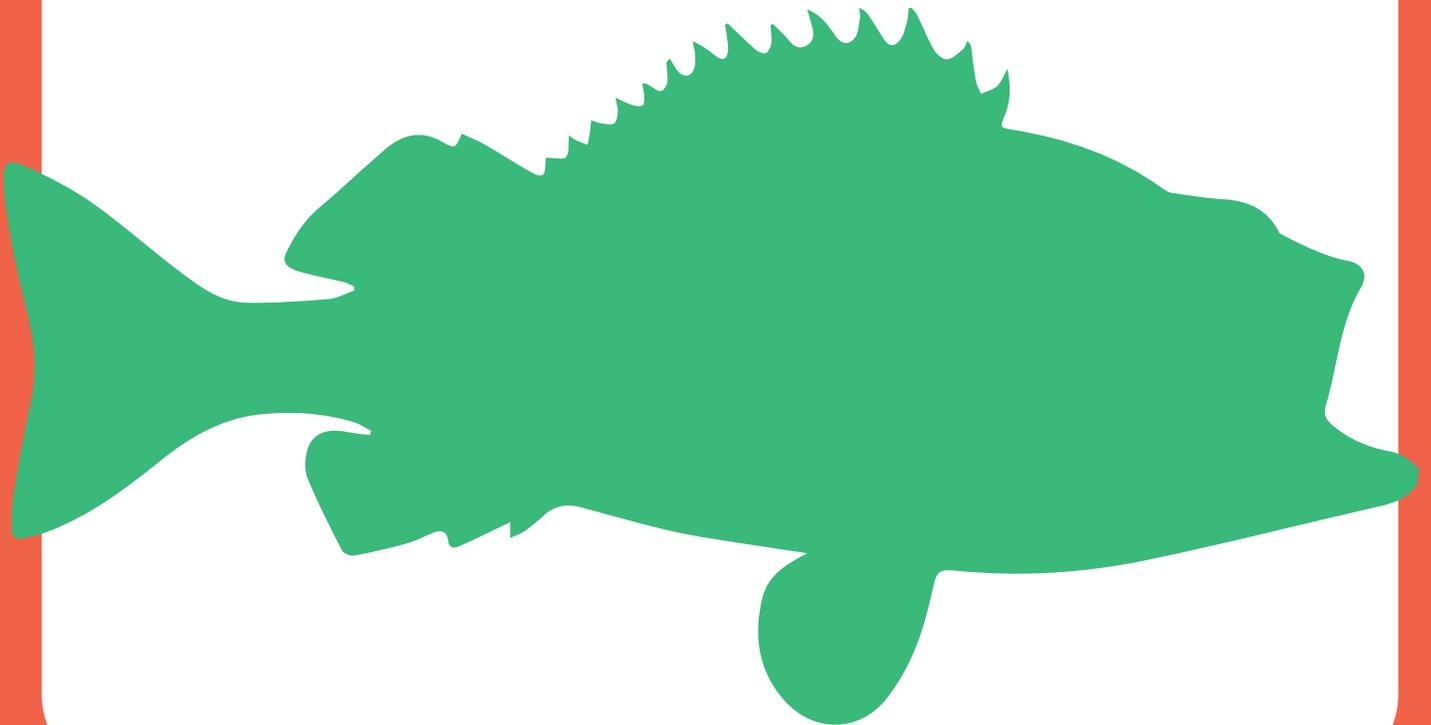
Rockfish

Meet Shale, the rockfish

Hello, my name is **Shale**. I live in cold, ocean water. I like to float next to the rocky reef and kelp forest.



My favorite foods are fish, shrimp, and squid. Can you **prepare a meal** for me today?



Rockfish

Care for a rockfish.

As an aquarist, you can help to care for rockfish by preparing their food and cleaning their home. Today, you will be taking care of Shale.

Shale was born in 2007. He loves to eat small fish, shrimp, squid and clams. Rockfish often rest in one place to save energy, so they do not need to eat every day. Is your rockfish hungry today?



Do what an aquarist does — prepare food for Shale:

Choose a variety of food items.

When offering food, watch to see if Shale ate his meal.



Do what an aquarist does — clean Shale's home:

Use the underwater vacuum to clean Shale's habitat.

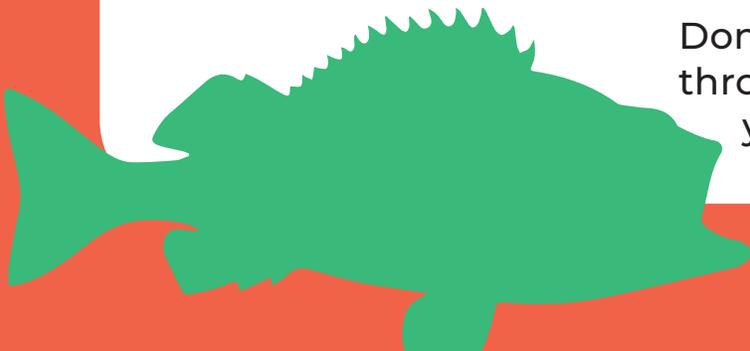
Clean the windows.

Add a place for Shale to rest or hide.

Thank you for taking care of our rockfish today! When you are finished caring for Shale, please put him back in the animal area and help clean up the tools you used in Caring Cove.



Don't forget to look for rockfish throughout the Aquarium during your visit today!



Sea Otter

Hello, my name is Swish!

I am a sea otter. I live in the cold **Pacific Ocean**. I am looking for something fun to play with. I have sharp teeth and claws.



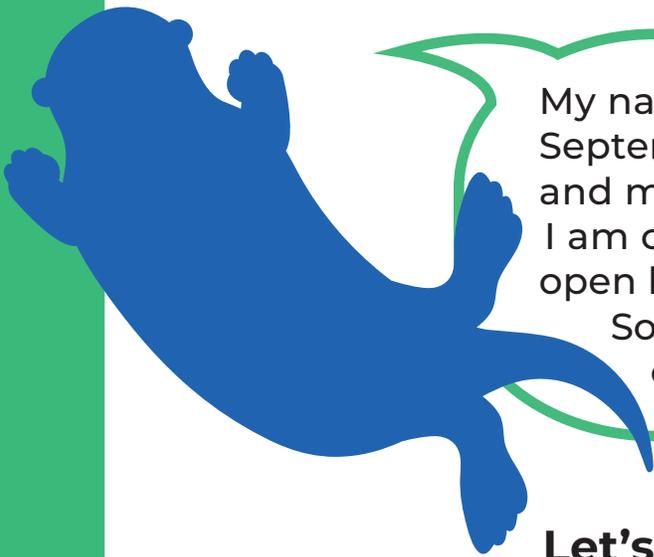
I love to **solve puzzles**. Can you help me find something at the **enrichment station**? Thank you for playing with me today!



Sea Otter

Become a sea otter biologist.

An aquarium biologist helps care for animals and their habitat. Sea otters receive care every day. Today, you will be caring for Swish.



My name is Swish! I was born on September 17, 2016. I love to splash, swim and move things around with my paws. I am curious to taste different foods, open hard shells and even solve puzzles! Sometimes I carry my favorite things on my tummy!

Let's help Swish have fun at the Seattle Aquarium!



Do you think Swish has a favorite type of enrichment?

What kind of enrichment do you think is sturdy enough for their teeth and claws?

What items can you use to create a puzzle for Swish to solve?

Thank you for playing with Swish! When you are finished caring for Swish, please put them back in the animal area and help clean up the tools you used in Caring Cove.

Be sure to visit our sea otter friends at the Aquarium as you explore today!



Sea Star

Meet a sea star.

Hello! My name is **Aster**. I live in cold tide pools. My favorite foods are mussels and clams.



I would like to **meet a new friend**. Teach a friend how to touch sea stars like me **gently** with one finger!



Sea Star

Be a sea star interpreter.

An *interpreter* at an aquarium or zoo helps people learn about animals and habitats. As an interpreter, you take care of animals by helping people understand them better!

Choose a sea star from the Caring Cove to take care of today. Sea stars live in salt water. Bring her to an area where she would like to live.

First, let's get to know your sea star. Her name is Aster. She was born in 2013. Aster loves to eat clams and fish. She often hides under algae or seagrass.



Do what an interpreter does — help someone learn about Aster:

Teach a friend how to touch Aster gently, with one finger.



Touching gently helps Aster stay safe while we explore.

Aster likes cold water. Ask your friend: Do you think this water is cold enough?

Help a friend find Aster.

Is Aster in the habitat pool or the tidepools?

Is she hiding or out in the open?

Give Aster two choices of food. What will she pick today?

Thank you for being an interpreter and helping someone learn about sea stars today!

When you are finished caring for Aster, please put her back in the habitat pool and help clean up the tools you used in Caring Cove.



Sea Turtle

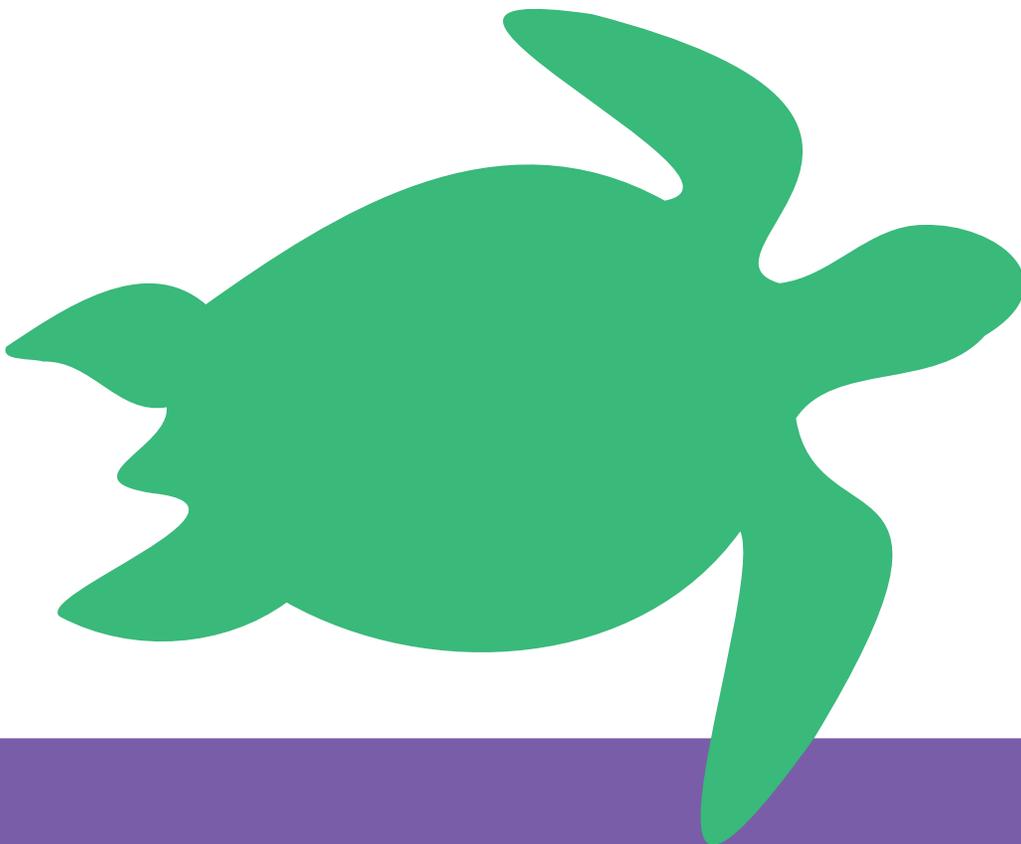
Meet the sea turtle.

Hello! I am a sea turtle. Would you like to **give me a name**? I like to swim in warm ocean water. My favorite foods are algae and squid.



I am not feeling well today.

Can you help me feel better by giving me a **checkup**?



Sea Turtle

Become a veterinarian.

A *veterinarian* is a doctor who takes care of animals. Today, we have a sea turtle who needs help. This sea turtle was recently found on a beach in Washington state. Sea turtles do not live in Washington because our water is too cold for them. This turtle came from California but got lost.

Right now, the turtle is not feeling well. They might be cold, hungry or sick. You can use any tools in Caring Cove to help this turtle feel better!

First, let's get to know this turtle. They just arrived at the Aquarium, so we don't know much about them yet.

What would you name this sea turtle?

How old do you think this turtle is?

Do what a veterinarian does — help the turtle get healthy again:

Is the water warm enough for the turtle?

What tool could help you check the water temperature?

How could you help the turtle warm up?

What kind of food will you offer the turtle?

Try offering a few different kinds of food.

Which one will the turtle choose?

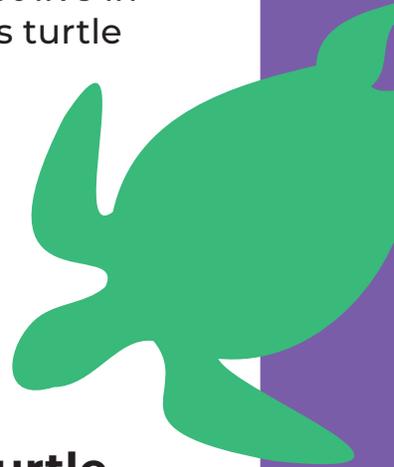
Can you tell if the turtle is healthy or sick?

What tools can help you check the outside and inside of their body?

If they are sick or hurt, how can you help them feel better?

Where can the turtle rest or practice swimming to get strong again?

Thank you for being a veterinarian today and helping this sea turtle feel better! When you are finished caring for this turtle, please help clean up the tools you used in Caring Cove.

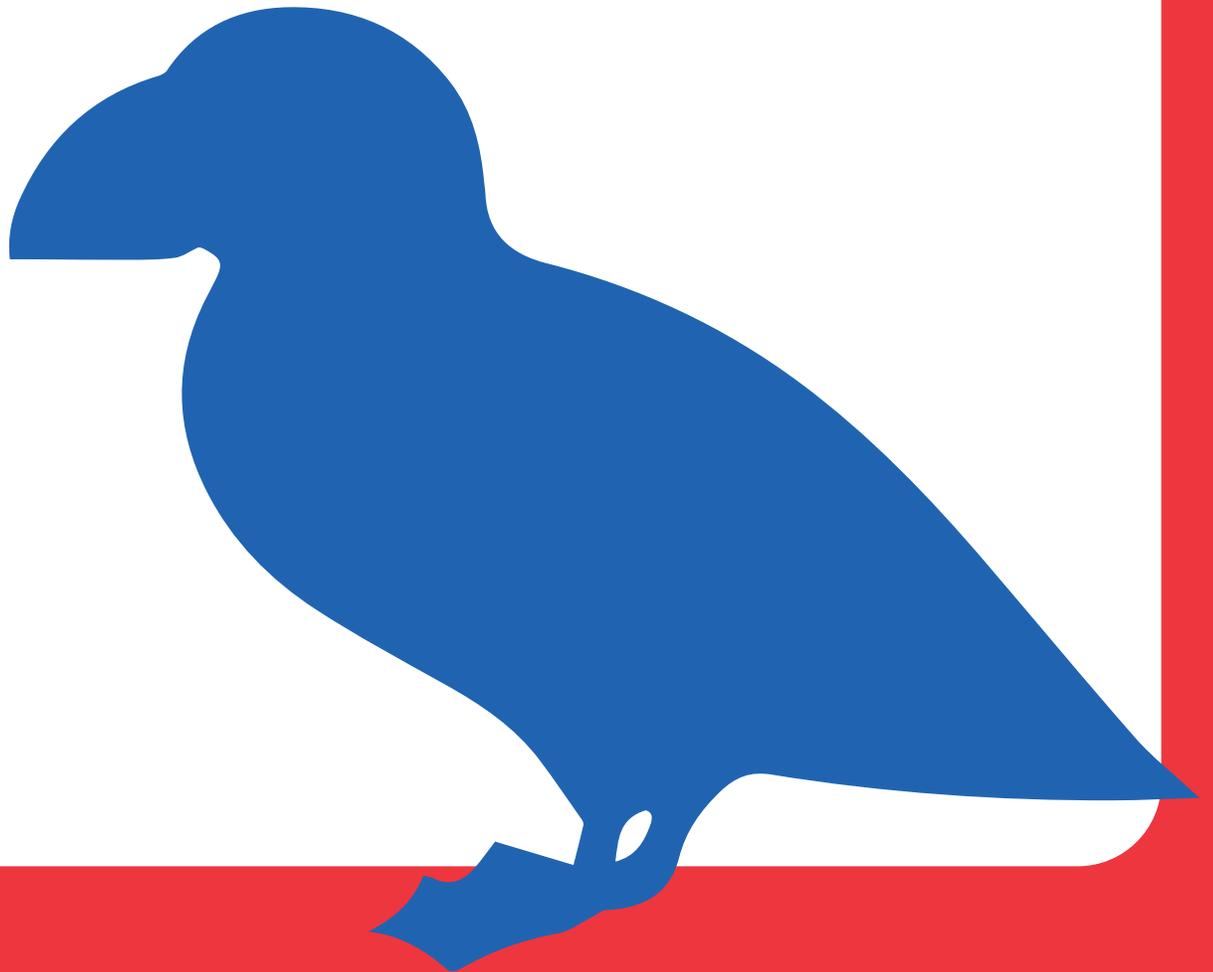


Tufted Puffin

Hello, my name is **Kelp!** I am a tufted puffin.
I live on rocky cliffs near the shore.



Today is my **checkup**. You are my vet. What tools will you use to **check my health**? Thank you for caring for me!



Tufted Puffin

Become a veterinarian.

Veterinarians are animal doctors. At the Aquarium, tufted puffins get a checkup from the veterinarian once a year!

Today your tufted puffin Kelp is ready for a doctor's visit. You will need to examine a few things to make sure Kelp is healthy.

Bring Kelp to the exam area:



Use the scale to see how much Kelp weighs today.

Find a tool that will help you listen to Kelp's heartbeat.

What tools will you use to check Kelp's feathers?

What tools will you use to take a sample of Kelp's blood?

Time to look inside. How do Kelp's bones look?

Thank you for caring for Kelp today!

When you are finished caring for this tufted puffin, please return her to the animal area and help clean up the tools you used in Caring Cove. And make sure to visit Kelp's friends at our Birds & Shores habitat!

