

**CONNECTICUT REALTORS® HELP
CALIFORNIA SEA LIONS
FIND A NEW HOME IN CONNECTICUT**

EAST HARTFORD, CT, NOVEMBER 23, 2015 - The association responsible for helping hundreds of thousands of people find homes in Connecticut is now doing the same for a pair of fuzzy, flippered newcomers. Connecticut REALTORS® is proud to announce a new sponsorship program with the Mystic Aquarium.

Connecticut REALTORS® is proud to support the Mystic Aquarium and its mission to care for and protect the ocean planet through conservation, education and research. And, more specifically, a recent effort to find a new home for two California sea lions.

In 2015, there was a record number of California sea lion pups stranded along the west coast. After rescue and rehabilitation, many of the pups were deemed non-releasable by the federal government. At Mystic Aquarium, two of these previously distressed animals – now named Clara and Ripley – will receive top-notch care in their new Mystic home with enrichment training, physical exercise, mental challenges, regular medical veterinarian exams, social acclimation, play time and more.

Through its [Animal Rescue Program](#), Mystic Aquarium has been part of national rescue efforts to help ocean animals in need. Whether rescued locally, regionally or nationally (in collaboration with colleagues), transportation, treatment and ongoing care is a costly endeavor. The Aquarium relies heavily on volunteers and donations to help in its conservation efforts. Connecticut REALTORS® recognized an ideal partnership that allows its membership to give back to the community and the planet.

“Mystic Aquarium is a leader in the conservation, preservation, education and research of marine life,” said association president Sandy Maier Schede, “Connecticut REALTORS® is thrilled to support such a worthwhile program as it has helped find a home for two California sea lions.”

Photos, video and other regularly refreshed information about this partnership can be found within the social media content from the Connecticut REALTORS® and Mystic Aquarium.

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