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Manatee® Club

# Adopt-A-Manatee® Program

## BLUE SPRING MANATEES

**BRUTUS** is one of Blue Spring's largest manatees. He weighs in at almost 1,800 pounds and has been a regular since 1970.

**DANA** was born in 1988. She stayed close to her mother and was a "homebody" for two years. Now she is very outgoing and playful.

**DEEP DENT** is a medium-sized male who first showed up at Blue Spring in 1979. He has a deep, "dent-like" propeller wound on his tail.

**DOC** has returned to Blue Spring every winter since 1976. He is nearly ten feet in length and is one of the few manatees frequently spotted at Blue Spring in the summer.

**ELAINE** was born at Blue Spring in 1985. She is playful and has been known to get into her fair share of mischief!

**FLASH** is a large male manatee first identified in 1977. He is shy and will take off in a "flash" when disturbed.

**FLOYD** was born in the summer of 1978 and has spent every winter at Blue Spring State Park. He is a "ham" and is often seen in films and magazines.

**GEORGIA** was rescued as an orphan in 1991. She was released at Blue Spring in 1997 and has visited there ever since – much to the delight (and sometimes aggravation!) of park visitors and staff.

**HOWIE** is a large male and has been known to winter at the park since 1971. One time he tipped over the research canoe – with the researchers in it!

**LENNY** was born in 1978 and continues to winter at Blue Spring each year. He prefers rest to all other activities.

**LILY** is one of the few adult females to regularly winter at the park. She has returned each year since 1974 and is the mother of several calves.

**LUCILLE** was born in 1980. She had her first calf at an early age and, in 1993, she became a grandmother.

**MARGARITO** is the son of Lily. She brought him to Blue Spring on November 24, 1984, and he has returned every winter since that time. He can be identified by a number of scars from boat hits and a missing right flipper.

**MERLIN** has been wintering at the spring since 1970, when attendance records first began. His nickname is "Tail-End Charlie," as he often arrives late each year. An adult male, Merlin is over 10 feet in length.

**NICK** was first identified in 1977. His unusual behavior, such as traveling north when all the other manatees are heading south, has earned him the nickname "Crazy Nick."

**PADDY DOYLE** was named after the famous "fighting Irishman." He bears the distinction of being one of the feistiest manatees in the Blue Spring area.

**PHILIP** was born in the summer of 1982. As a youngster, Philip was one of the most playful manatees at Blue Spring. He also seems to love canoes and follows the research canoe everywhere.

**PHYLLIS** is thought to have been born in 1985. In 1991, she gave birth to twins – a rare event for manatees. She is now the mother of several calves.

**ROBIN** was born on April 15, 1980. He is one of the few manatees who has a recorded birth date because his mother was being monitored by researchers when he was born.

**TROY** is a medium-sized male and is easily recognized by a distinctive small hole in his tail. First noted in 1978, Troy is a "regular" at Blue Spring and is known for his playful personality.

**WHISKERS** was born to Dana in 1996, and he is an exceptionally curious manatee. Whiskers started "hanging out with the guys" and venturing away from his mother at a very young age.

## HOMOSASSA SPRINGS MANATEES

**ARIEL** was just two weeks old when she was rescued with her mom, Amanda. She is a regular at the manatee education programs and often lifts her head out of the water to "smile" at the visitors.

**BETSY** was named after a Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park Ranger. She is very friendly and curious and is quick to investigate anything new.

**LORELEI** was born on May 3, 1975, and she is the first manatee born and raised in captivity. She is a physical fitness type and swims laps from one end of the spring to the other!

**ROSIE** has been in captivity since 1968. She is described as the "matriarch" of the springs by park staff and is known to be very gentle. She often looks after the younger manatees.

## EAST COAST MANATEES

**CHESSIE** was first sighted in the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland in July of 1994. This rare manatee sighting created quite a stir. By October of that year, after it was determined that he was not going to head south on his own, Chessie was rescued and flown back to Florida so he wouldn't die from cold stress.

**ILYA** was known to researchers for 15 years before he decided to travel outside Florida. And travel he did! In the summer of 2009, he went all the way to Cape Cod, Massachusetts before being rescued from chilly waters near New Jersey in October 2009 so he wouldn't die from cold stress.

## TAMPA BAY MANATEES

**ELSIE** is easily identified because her tail was badly mutilated from an encounter with a boat propeller. Despite her past injuries, Elsie is a traveler and visits the Fort Myers and Tampa areas.

**FLICKER** is an adult female first documented in the winter of 1983 at the Fort Myers power plant. Her name comes from her many small propeller scars that resemble flickering flames.

**GINGER** spends summers in the Marco Island area. She has two known calves. One of them was born in 1996 and is named Ale!

**JEMP** was rescued in July 1995, after being exposed to red tide. Jemp is known to frequent the Sarasota and Lemon Bay areas, but he also travels in a wide range along Florida's west coast.

**VECTOR** is a traveling manatee who likes to go solo. He has been tracked as far north as the Suwannee River and as far south as the Peace River.

## ALABAMA MANATEES

**BAMA** made history in September 2009 when she became the first manatee ever captured and tagged in Alabama waters by Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Manatee Sighting Network. Now a local attraction in Mobile Bay in the spring and summer, Bama has migrated from Alabama to Crystal River, Florida each winter.

**ZEWIE** was always sighted in Crystal River, Florida until he was seen in Alabama's Mobile-Tenesaw Delta in June of 2009. A gregarious and inquisitive individual, Zewie became the fourth manatee captured and tagged by Dauphin Island Sea Lab.