



DOLPHIN AID NEWS 03/2006

AUCTIONS AND EVENTS

Many branches of "penny markt", a big grocery chain based throughout Germany raised money for dolphin aid through activities in the course of store openings, summer parties and other events for their clients. The employees of various "penny markt" in Nordrhein-Westfalen dedicated themselves to a worthy cause. The clients, very much interested in the goals and tasks of dolphin aid, contributed resulting in an astonishing amount of 15.000.00 Euro. During a special event in the month of may the dolphin-line-dancers from Leverkusen once again raised money for a special-needs-child. Timo Meier age 10 is their third supported child. Everything the dancers made through their performance, salary and donations, was completely donated to dolphin aid for one special-needs-child in particular. Not only did they perform their line-dancing they also had an information desk. A DVD was showing the progress their own son Ricky made during dolphin therapy. Furthermore they showed pictures of their second supported child Anna and distributed information about dolphin aid as well as our dolphin aid NEWS. Since the foundation of their dance club they already raised 4.793.00 Euro for a total of three children. Every Sunday each club member enjoys dancing to the tunes of country and western music. With their passion they also would like to contribute to enable dolphin therapy to special needs children. Please find more information about the club under www.online-dance.de/Ricky

Barbara Becker, dolphin aid ambassadress supports dolphin aid through her involvement with the recycling program of German Hardcopy (GEHA). In a personal note she is asking to recycle cartridges, cellphones etc. Not only is recycling good for our environment it also helps dolphin aid, since Euro 2,-- for each recycled cellphone and Euro 1,-- for each recycled cartridge are going to dolphin aid.

Not too long ago a special event took place in Miami, Florida. The consul-general of Germany countess Eva Alexandra Kendeffy and the head of the Bavarian chancellery, minister of state Eberhard Sinner invited to a common event. Mrs. Kirsten Kuhnert president of dolphin aid participated in this event during such Mr. Sinner assured Mrs. Kuhnert that he will engage himself in the projects of dolphin aid. Bavaria is the county of Germany supporting special-needs-people the most.

WEB COACH

www.cdtc.an

This web page of the therapy center in Curacao informs in German as well as English, Dutch or Spanish. The web page presents all areas of dolphin therapy, the entire team of CDTC as well as all dolphins and the facilities. Furthermore you find application forms and a number of accommodations on the island.

INTERVIEW WITH HOWARD CARPENDALE

In an interview with our dolphin aid ambassador Mr.Howard Carpendale, a famous european entertainer, he foremost expresses his desire to promote dolphin aid and dolphin therapy.



MEMBERSHIP AT DOLPHIN AID

Dolphin aid is a support organization and as such is in need of their members. The public system no longer provides for everything that people are in need of. The difference between dolphin aid and other organization is that many organizations follow fewer goals and mainly support their paying members. Dolphin aid does not make a difference between members and non-members.. Nobody has to be a member of our organization to receive help. Dolphin aid is a network of honorary helpers and supporters. Each of them is supporting according to their possibilities. E.g. through their involvement in the parental board or board or else through financial contributions through their membership fees. In return they receive for instance our dolphin aid NEWS. To be a member with dolphin aid means to actively engage in the well being of "our" children and help to make their live a better one. The membership fee amounts to not even 9.00 Euro per month.

OUR THERAPY CHILDREN

93 children traveled to our various therapy centers in Florida, Curacao, Israel or Benidorm in the months of July to September alone.

RECOMMENDED LITERATURE

Kirsten Kuhnert: "Dolphin therapy - Proof Of A Miracle". This specialized literature is answering over 218 pages questions such as: How does it work? What role are the dolphins playing? Does it help everyone? Mrs.Kuhnert's co-writers, experts in their specific fields have already conducted studies in the field of dolphin therapy and are showing in various chapters different aspects of this form of therapy. On one hand the basic study of the effectiveness of therapy and resulting findings are shown - on the other hand there are specific answers to questions such as the communication between dolphin and child. Furthermore the writer is telling about her fight for the recognition of this rehabilitation method.

ANIMAL SUPPORTED THERAPIES - DOLPHIN THERAPY

Thanks to the activities of dolphin aid, dolphin therapy is well known since 1995. Dolphin therapy involves work. Work that foremost has to be done by therapists and patients in order to be successful. It is the daily fight for better quality of live and better health. Dolphin therapy is a form of therapy for people in which dolphins play an important role. There are different approaches each of them leading to different courses of therapy. Dolphin aid works with centers using the behavioral approach as well as an approach based on experiences. Together with the medical board and experienced therapists dolphin aid developed a combination of these two methods.

1. The behavioral approach

The father of this approach is Dr.David Nathanson. He was the first one to realize that dolphins not only capture the attention of special-needs-children but also increase their motivation to absolve therapeutic exercises. The contact with the dolphin is their reward for the good participation with the exercises of conventional forms of therapy. Experts in the fields of



psychology, ergo therapy, physiotherapy and therapeutic pedagogy are the main players. The therapy takes place at the therapy docks directly on the water. After each fulfilled task the children are allowed in the water. Many research projects, initiated and supported by dolphin aid, show that dolphin therapy helps.

2.The approach based on experience

This approach is used at Dolphin Reef in Eilat. Dolphins are free to decide whether they would like to participate in the therapy session or rather swim into the open sea. It can happen that a little patient has to deal with the disappointment of not seeing a single dolphin for the whole day. However, this is part of the therapy. The main player is the dolphin himself. Furthermore no conventional forms of therapy are being integrated. The dolphin trainer mainly works as a mediator between dolphin and child. The end of each session is followed by a conversation during such the child, if it is able to, tells about its experiences and thus has to open up. With this method children are making good progress as well.

3.The dolphin aid therapy

This form of therapy, a combination of previous experiences with dolphin therapy, scientific research and the know-how of our medical board, is currently being used in Curacao at CDTC. On one hand the behavioral approach is being used, on the other hand, however, the dolphin has space for individual behavior. The dolphin is used as a reward and can furthermore impress with its special ways. Among the hundreds of providers worldwide there are according to our knowledge only five directions of therapy fulfilling all conditions that guarantee that the dolphin, the patient and the family are happy. In order to create a worldwide basis dolphin aid created certification guidelines.

NEWS from dolphin aid America

With many, many thanks to the generosity and thoughtfulness of Mr. and Mrs. G. Brinkwirth and their friends in Palm Beach County, Florida, young Bobby Crespo enjoyed two weeks "with the dolphins" at Dolphin Human Therapy in Key Largo last September. Bobby, six years old, with the malady of Autism, interacted very quickly with dolphin Spunky and his mammal friends not to mention the sharing of fun time with the other children.

As a special dispensation, fourteen years old Ashley Thompson of Tavernier, Florida received a short term session in early October. Ashley, with developmental problems and without speech, was nevertheless all smiles during the entire time! Both Bobby and Ashley made remarkable strides.

Dolphin's Night - the annual gala of dolphin aid Germany was held on October 21 in



Dusseldorf. A most wonderful evening was enjoyed by all in attendance. Next year, we hope that dolphin aid America will, with sufficient funding, be able to host such an elegant evening at the Palms South Beach Hotel.

Taking place in the local park on Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne will be "Philanthropy Week". In conjunction with the Key Biscayne Chamber of Commerce, on Friday, the 17th November, from 4.00p.m. until 6.30 p.m. not for profit organizations will be allowed the privilege of discussing their foundations, distribute their informative materials and generally have a good fun time. Dolphin aid will be there and will also participate in the annual NASCAR race held the very same weekend at the Miami Homestead Racetrack.

President, Kirsten Kuhnert and the entire Team at Dolphin aid America, Inc., wish to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations this past month. THANK YOU for helping us to continue the cause --- HELPING THE SPECIAL-NEEDS CHILDREN.

MRS. STEFANIE BUSSO, FRITZ AND FRANZ, THE POTAMKIN FOUNDATION