

Big baby walrus coming to NYC aquarium

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In this Sept. 2012 photo provided by the Alaska SeaLife Center, the baby walrus Mitik is seen at the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward, Alaska. The 234-pound male, rescued from the ocean off Alaska in July, is on his way to the New York Aquarium in Brooklyn. The Coney Island aquarium is only one of a few institutions in the country that exhibit walruses. (AP Photo/Alaska SeaLife

Center, Sybille Castro)

(AP)—A 234-pound baby walrus is coming to the Wildlife Conservation Society's New York Aquarium in Brooklyn.

The 15-week [mammal](#) was rescued from the ocean off Alaska in July. The aquarium is set to welcome the [walrus](#), named Mitik, on Thursday.

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Mitik sits in a small pool at the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward, Alaska. The 234-pound male, rescued from the ocean off Alaska in July, is on his way to the New York Aquarium in Brooklyn. The Coney Island aquarium is only one of a few institutions in the country that exhibit walrus. (AP Photo/Alaska SeaLife Center)

Mitik was found by a hunting vessel several miles offshore. Initially, he suffered from bladder problems and was unable to take a bottle. The Alaska Sea Life Center says he's now putting on a pound a day.

He will spend the first month in quarantine at the aquarium's medical facility. He will join the exhibit next spring.

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