

Emaciated sea lion rescued on San Francisco boulevard

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An emaciated young sea lion that was probably looking for food was rescued along a major boulevard in San Francisco, more than 1,000 feet from the ocean is seen in a cage at the the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, California on Wednesday, Feb 11, 2015. Hundreds of sick and starving sea lion pups and yearlings are turning up on California beaches. What's separating the animals, who should be nursing, from their mothers remains unclear. (AP Photo/National Park Service)

Officials say that an emaciated sea lion yearling that was probably looking for food was rescued along a major San Francisco boulevard, more than 1,000 feet from the ocean.

The San Francisco Chronicle report the young male pinniped had dragged himself uphill, through shrubbery and over the busy road before being discovered Wednesday by two [motorists](#).

A park ranger driving through the area stopped to help and took the animal to the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, where the ranger named him "Persevero," which means to persevere in Latin.

Officials say the [sea lion](#) weighs 28 pounds instead of a normal 80 pounds.

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