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MUFFIN THE TURTLE GETS A BREAK

Turtle rehabilitation at UnderWater World is a “piece of cake” this month, after a generous donation from Muffin Break Sunshine Plaza.

The one thousand dollar donation supports UnderWater World’s Turtle Conservation and Rehabilitation Program, which assists the hundreds of turtles that the aquarium rescues, rehabilitates and releases each year.

The UnderWater World staff were so impressed with Muffin Break’s commitment to the cause that they named one of their recovering turtles after the company.

‘Charlie Muffin’, a large 30 year old green sea turtle admitted after being hit by a boat, is now one of the feature star turtles in UnderWater World’s popular Behind the Scenes tour.

General Manager Julie Cullen says donations like Muffin Break’s help provide much needed support for injured turtles which undergo extensive treatment and rehabilitation before they are hopefully released back in to the wild.

“The one thousand dollars will go towards medication, surgical equipment, procedures and veterinary visits, which are all essential for a turtle’s recovery,” she adds.

Muffin was found at Canipa Passage off Russell Island with a large wound caused by a boat propeller which split her shell and caused deep tissue wounds and was brought to UnderWater World for treatment.

The wound in Muffin’s shell is healing successfully and she is expected to make a full recovery in the upcoming months, with plans for release early next year.

If you see a turtle that is sick, injured or in distress like Muffin, please do not attempt to move it, instead contact the Marine Stranding Hotline on 1300 130 372 and notify them of the turtle stranding location.

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