



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**UnderWater World celebrates April the Australian Sea Lion's third birthday!**

Today one of UnderWater World's favourite seals April celebrated her third birthday in true UnderWater World style, her birthday festivities putting a smile on all her guest's faces.

At lunch time today April was presented with a surprise birthday cake in front of her friends at her home in Seal Cove – The perfect gift for an Australian Sea Lion who loves to have fun and get her whiskers wet!

As the energetic young Sea Lion cut her fishy cake, she couldn't help but touch the bottom as she ate it up – tentacles and all!

This meant she had to kiss the nearest boy, but luckily for April it happened to be her long time trainer Mark Ryan, UnderWater World's Marine Mammal Trainer.

“April is one of our favourite seals, I'd be happy to have a kiss from her any day!” jokes Mark.

“She's a star performer in the aquarium's popular seal shows and in her short year at UnderWater World she has proven she's highly intelligent, picking up new behaviours instantly.”

After she recovers from her birthday celebrations April will begin her training for her major role in the brand new seal show scheduled for release later this year.

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