

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Educational Background

M.S. Candidate Marine Biology – Currently

University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth • Biology Department • Dartmouth, MA

B.S. Biological Sciences – May 2007

University of Massachusetts at Amherst • College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics • Amherst, MA

Professional Experience

Volunteer – August 2008 – Currently

The Marine Mammal Center, Monterey Bay Operations • Moss Landing, CA 95039

Pinniped and cetacean rescue and rehabilitation.

Reference: Sue Andrews – (831) 633-6298

Field Director – Coastal Dolphin Project – May 2006 - Currently

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Led all aspects of data collection processing and analyses for a long-term project on the social ecology of Pacific Coastal Bottlenose Dolphins in Monterey Bay California. Was also responsible for driving and maintaining the research vessel and performing Photo-Identification of dorsal fins.

Reference: Dr. Daniela Maldini – (978) 885-0550

Research Assistant – Sea Otter Project – June 2007 - Currently

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Led teams of volunteers in the field to collect data on Southern Sea Otters in Monterey Bay California. Completed data entry and data analysis.

Reference: Dr. Daniela Maldini – (978) 885-0550

Intern – May 2006 - May 2007

University of Massachusetts at Amherst • Amherst, MA 01003

Responsible for the maintenance of a Bottlenose Dolphin Photo-Identification Catalogue for California waters containing data from 1989 to present.

Reference: Dr. Daniela Maldini – (978) 885-0550

Skills and Certifications

Nauv Open Water Diver • 2006

Publications, work in progress, reports, conference abstracts

Conference Abstracts

Maldini, D, M. P. Cotter & A. Ponzio. 2008. On the prevalence and severity of epidermal diseases in coastal bottlenose dolphins in Monterey Bay, California. American Cetacean Society Conference, Monterey, CA.

Work in Progress

Maldini, D., P. Nilsson, and M. Cotter. *In Progress*. California Coastal Bottlenose Dolphins: Ecology and Natural History.

Memberships and Professional Organizations

Organization

American Cetacean Society
Society for Marine Mammalogy

Member Since

2008
2007

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST