



INFORMATION



The Procedure

Dear friends of dolphin aid, dear patients and families,

When you have thoroughly studied this Information material and decided that you wish to make it possible to participate in a dolphin assisted therapy, may we ask you to complete the attached form „*dolphin aid application form for support*“, and to return it to us via email or mail, specifying which therapy center you have chosen.

After receiving the application we will send you a registration form for your dolphin aid therapy program. This should be filled out in English please, and sent with all the appropriate documentations, doctors notes etc., to your dolphin aid office.

The center of your choice will then offer you an appointment for your consideration.

Should you require assistance, feel free to contact us.

If necessary, dolphin aid will help you in every possible way with the arrangements for accommodation, flights etc., as well as financial support.

Should you have any further questions do not hesitate to give us a call or send us an email.

Always there for you,
Most sincerely,

Your dolphin aid team



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THERAPY



SHORT PORTRAIT ABOUT DOLPHIN AID E.V.



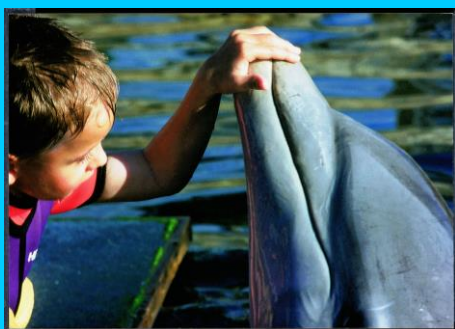
The path of dolphin aid is inseparably intertwined with the fate of Tim; the son of dolphin aid founder Kirsten Kuhnert almost drowned in an unsecured pool. Emergency doctors gave him back his physical life. This life, however, was surrounded by a wall: for 16 months Tim was in a coma. Helpless doctors, a desperate family. Their last hope? Dolphin therapy in Florida. Indeed the dolphins were able to break down the wall. Tim's awakening marks the birth hour of dolphin aid.

dolphin aid helps

Since its founding in 1995 by Kirsten Kuhnert, dolphin aid has supported and advised thousands of families. Since then, dolphin aid has enabled provable and significant progress in the development of countless special-needs kids who been sometimes even given up on by recognized medicine.



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Why Dolphin Therapy?

The physical progress that can be reached through dolphin therapy for the special-needs patients is often the beginning of their physical rehabilitation. For the parents, these steps not only mean hope for a more independent life of their special-needs-children, but also the certainty that their children, through dolphin therapy in most cases, even reach the ability for therapy in the sense of classic, medical therapies.



The Spectrum of Competence

General help and support of the needs of special-needs-people

Integration of special-needs-people in society

The completion and support of dolphin assisted therapy, priority: children

Rehabilitation of sick and special-needs-people, priority: children

Help for abused children and adults

Emergency programs

The financial support of socially weak families

Care for families at the locations of therapy

Completion of all traveling arrangements for the patients and their party

Therapeutic escort and support

Negotiations with therapy centers, hotels and airlines etc. about special conditions in favor of the respective patients and their company

Generating of donations and sponsors

Preparation of sponsoring concepts dolphin aid therapy

Acquisition of permanent donors

Creation of support networks

Partnership and cooperation with other organizations

Administration of donations

Media and public relation work

dolphin aid's own NEWSLETTER

The support of alternative methods of special needs children and adult patients



The Spectrum of Competence

The support of rehabilitation arrangements for preparation and follow-up of dolphin assisted therapy

Support of research and science

Recognition of dolphin aid therapy through the health system

Recognition of dolphin aid therapy as benefit of the statutory health insurances

Development of new help- and healing devices (e.g. waterproofed-EEG)

Completion of scientific congresses

Advice in medical questions

Legal advice

Family counseling

Support of scientific theses with the topic concerning dolphin aid therapy

Creation of treatment concepts

Creation of certification guidelines for dolphin aid therapy

Certification of dolphin assisted therapy centers

Development of training protocol for therapists of dolphin aid therapy

Creation of examination criteria for certification of a dolphin aid therapist

Supervision and controlling in compliance with dolphin aid certification guide lines

dolphin aid: Trust in Competence



THE THERAPY CENTERS

The following paragraphs will allow you an insight into dolphin therapy centers cooperating with dolphin aid:

Curacao Dolphin Therapy & Research Center

www.curacaodolphintherapy.com

In 2004, dolphin aid and the dolphin therapy center on Curacao formed a trustful and powerful partnership. The goal of this cooperation was to create a therapy center performing dolphin aid therapy and to increase the amount of therapy possibilities on the highest possible level.

This therapy, developed especially by dolphin aid, is in accordance with the most recent scientific results and will focus on the possibility of natural and free interaction between dolphin and patient in the natural environment of the dolphins.

dolphin aid therapy is designed to accelerate the development of the patient, to improve the quality of life, and to induce the steps toward a positive rehabilitation and future.

In doing this, dolphin aid has used its entire expertise. Based on the articles of certification and the concept of dolphin aid therapy, dolphin aid is mainly responsible for the supervision, while the members of the medical board of dolphin aid, in cooperation with founder Kirsten Kuhnert, supervise the team of CDTC.

The basic guidelines of certification also include the respectful interaction between mankind, environment, and nature.

Therefore, the therapy is in accordance with the utmost respect to the dolphins and honors the protection of humans and dolphin alike.

For dolphin aid, proper keeping and respectful interaction with dolphins are the basic requirements for the success of dolphin aid therapy. Not only does the Curacao Dolphin Therapy & Research Center deserve credit for the extraordinary husbandry of dolphins in a natural bay, but also for the outstanding water quality. In this respect, dolphin aid considers the conditions of therapy for both man and animal ideal.



Island Dolphin Care, Key Largo, Florida

<http://www.islanddolphincare.org>

Dolphin-Assisted Recreational Program under the direction of Deena Hoagland.

Following successful work in the "classroom" and on the "platform" in the dolphin basin the children are rewarded with a swim with the dolphins. Deena Hoagland considers herself to be specialized in the field of autistic children, those with behavior problems, as well as those who have been abused and maltreated. The minimal requirement here is that the child is three years old, can control the head and is free of any seizures. The meeting and swimming with dolphins is also possible.

Dolphin Reef, Eilat, Israel

<http://www.dolphinreef.co.il>

The dolphins live in the open sea and work in the daytime in a large netted-off-area. The program is carried out by trained specialists and includes psychological support. As a result of the accumulated experience, a preference is given to children with Down syndrome, autistic children and mentally handicapped children. The minimum requirement is that the child is seven years old.



DIAGNOSES TREATED

dolphin-assisted therapy is useful for a wide range of special-needs and psychological conditions.

The following list includes, but is not limited to, numerous diseases/medical and psychological diagnoses that dolphin aid therapy treats:

A:

Angelmann – Syndrome
Apraxia
Asperger-Syndrome
Ataxia
Autism

B:

Brain paralysis
Brain trauma
Burn-out

C:

Cephalgie
Chronic fatigue

D:

Depression
(except endogenous depression)
Developmental disorders
Down-Syndrome
Duchennes Muscular Dystrophy
Dyspraxia
Dystonia

E:

Elective/ selective Mutism

F:

Fragile X-Syndrome

G:

Genetic disorders

I:

ICP, Pediatric Cerebral Paralysis

M:

Muscular atrophy
Muscular Dystrophy

N:

Neurotic Disorders
Neuro motor function disorders

P:

Pediatric Neuroses
(Phobia, Enuresis, Asthenia)
Post comatose condition
Post Traumatic
Stress Disorder (PTSD)
Psychological and complex
trauma

Q:

Quadriplegia

R:

Retarded speech development
Retarded mental development
and other illnesses
Rett - Syndrome



S:

Speech disorders
Spinabifida

T:

Tetraparesis

Please feel free to contact us at any time to verify other treatment options.



HOW IT WORKS

Dolphin-assisted therapy is a rehabilitation method, which gives special-needs patients, children and adults, together with the dolphins, a new direction towards success.

The American psychologist Dr. David E. Nathanson, president of Dolphin Human Therapy, developed this extraordinary kind of therapy more than 30 years ago. He conducted his first study about Dolphin Human Therapy already in 1978.

The therapy focuses on the encounter of children with dolphins. Accompanied by their certified therapists the children work on a swimming dock according to a schedule with at least one dolphin who is able, to realize the patients's deficiency. In this way, the patients lose their shyness towards the beautiful animals and with their help reestablish the contact to their surroundings. These positive impulses lead to an amazing progress in the patient's development, which has endless positive consequences.

Dolphin-assisted therapy does not claim to cure diseases. Nevertheless, research has shown that, by working with dolphins, patients with special needs are able to learn up to four times faster and more intensively, when exploring their surroundings. In order to achieve positive treatment, dolphin assisted therapy should be carried out for not less than two weeks.

Another positive aspect is that the whole family can be integrated into the therapy. This can lead to basic progress in the future, even after the therapy has been completed. The siblings of the patients also enjoy the company of the dolphins, while being immersed in a fun marine discovery program during the therapy of their brother or sister.



ANIMAL PROTECTION

One of the profound reasons for the success of dolphin aid therapy is the natural surroundings given to the animals. Therefore, animal protection is a high priority for dolphin aid; for only healthy and happy dolphins "work" out of their own free will with the children to help them get better.



APPLICATION



OVERVIEW OF EXPECTED COSTS

(Based on a 4-member family and a two-week therapy slot)

Flight Costs

depending on airport of departure

Hotel Costs

for **Florida** (without subsistence costs)

e.g. for a two bedroom apartment

(US\$ ca. 177,00 x 14 days + TAX)

ca. US\$ 2.478,00

for **Curacao** (without subsistence costs)

e.g. *Dolphin Suites Hotel Curacao*

(based on special dolphin aid conditions)

Suite for max. 5 persons/each night

(US\$ 190,00 x 14 days + 7% TAX)

ca. US\$ 2.846,00

Alternative: **Studio** for max. 3 persons/night

(US\$ 145,00 x 14 days + 7% TAX)

ca. US\$ 2.172,00

The costs for Eilat/Israel have to be inquired individually.

Rental Car Costs

(Depends on size and insurance)

Varies from US\$ 650 up to US\$ 1.050,00

Therapy Costs

Curacao Dolphin Therapy & Research Center
(for a two-week session)

US\$ 7.350,00

Island Dolphin Care US\$ 2.200,00 per week

US\$ 4.400,00

Dolphin Reef/Eilat Israel US\$ 135,00 per day

US\$ 1.890,00

**We will gladly provide you with a complete offer
including all of your individual needs and desires**



dolphin aid APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT

Dear Parents,

We kindly ask you, to fill out the following

„dolphin aid Application Form for Support“ (in English please)

Please send it together with all appropriate documentations and doctor's notes (up to date, if possible) to:

dolphin aid e.V.
Angermunder Str. 9
D-40489 Duesseldorf

Fax: +49 203 – 74 81 063
e-mail: info@dolphin-aid.net

or

dolphin aid America Inc.
100 N. Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 2100
Miami, Florida 33132

Fax: +1 305 365 96 54
e-mail: dolphinaid@aol.com

We are pleased that we can accompany and support you on your path to realizing a dolphin-assisted therapy for your family member. Thank you very much for your confidence and trust in us.

With warm regards and our best wishes,

Your team of dolphin aid



dolphin aid Application for Support

Application Form for Dolphin-Assisted Therapy in a dolphin aid-Certified Therapy Facility

Date of Registration: _____

Personal information of the patient

Last Name: _____ First name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: ☐ **male** ☐ **female**

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Country: _____

Phone (during the day): _____ Phone (in the evening): _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Insurance company: _____

Which languages does your child speak/understand? _____

Is the child living at home? If so with whom does he/she live? (Include names and if any: age of siblings):

If not, where and with whom does he/she live? _____

Medical information (to be filled out by the parents/the attendant)

Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Diagnosis and relevant medical information: _____

At what age did the disability occur? What is the cause of the disability?



Relevant medical history (hospitalizations, surgeries, examinations. When and why?)

Medication (active ingredient, brand, dosage, since when, effects, possible side-effects):

Are there any reactions to the medication in terms of over-sensitivity or paradoxical?

Which doctors are involved in your child's treatment? (Name, specialty, hospital/practice, address, phone number, kind of treatment/guidance) – Please enclose all relevant medical reports.

Which therapists are involved in your child's treatment? (Name, specialty, hospital/practice, address, phone number, kind of treatment/guidance) - Please enclose all relevant medical reports.

Which previous therapies has your child received? What was the period and what were the effects? _____

Questions about Dolphin Assisted Therapy

Has your child previously had a dolphin-assisted therapy treatment? If yes, when and where?

What were the results of the previous dolphin-assisted therapy sessions? (Please provide report if possible):



Does your child like being in water (swimming pool, the sea) or is it afraid?

How would you describe your child's swimming abilities? Does it have swimming certificates?

Does your child have experience with water therapy? If yes, how did this evolve and what was the effect?

How do you think your child will react to swimming with the therapist and a dolphin in seawater that is 3 meters deep (without his/her parents present)?

What are your expectations of the effect of the Dolphin Assisted Therapy on your child?

Do you have any other remarks or questions that may be relevant to the question of whether dolphin assisted therapy is a good option for your child?

How can we help you?

In order to improve our information, we would like to know how you became acquainted with dolphin aid e.V.

☐ **newspaper** ☐ **TV/Radio** ☐ **advertisement** ☐ **friends** ☐ **Physician/therapist/hospital**

When have you heard the first time from dolphin aid? _____

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

Data Protection: dolphin aid commits to treating all information strictly confidentially (especially personal data). during organization of the dolphin-assisted therapy, it might become necessary to pass your data onto others (e.g. the doctor in attendance).



Travel-Support - Request for help

You would like to realize a dolphin therapy for your child.

Please note: After confirmation of the therapy date, you should take care of the reservation of accommodation and flight.

dolphin aid is a non-for-profit foundation. Our support possibilities for our families are very expansive. If you would like, dolphin aid will support you with all the organizational needs concerning the realization of a dolphin-assisted therapy for your child.

Based on different cooperations over the past years, dolphin aid could negotiate special conditions for e.g. accommodations.

If you need our support in terms of your travel planning, please fill in the following form and send it back to:

dolphin aid e.V., Angermunder Str. 9, D-40489 Duesseldorf
Fax: + 49 203 – 74 81 063

dolphin aid America Inc., 100 N. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2100,
Miami, Florida 33132
Fax: +1 305 365 96 54



Travel-Support - Request for Help

FAX : +49 203 – 74 81 063

or

+1 305 365 9654

Please provide us with a travel offer based on the following information.

Therapy-Appointment:

Our therapy session is scheduled from/until: _____

at

☐ Curacao Dolphin Therapy & Research Center

☐ Island Dolphin Care/Florida

We will need your support for:

Flight: Yes ☐ No ☐ Airport of Departure: _____

Accommodation: Yes ☐ No ☐ , I would like to stay at: _____

The following persons would like to travel:

1. _____	(Patient)	Date of Birth: _____
2. _____		Date of Birth: _____
3. _____		Date of Birth: _____
4. _____		Date of Birth: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Date

Signature



ABOUT DOLPHIN AID



Facts

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Homepage:	www.dolphinaid.org

Donations

please make your check payable and sent it to:

dolphin aid America Inc.
100 N. Biscayne Boulevard
Suite 2100
Miami, Florida 33132

Date of Foundation:	March 1999 as a 501 © (3) I.R.C. non profit organization
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Vice President:	Christa H. Green
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Excecutive Director:	Stefanie Busso



The Organization

Patron:	His Royal Highness Prince Leopold of Bavaria
Honorary Member dolphin aid America:	Eva Countess Kendeffy
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Application for Membership

I wish to become a supportive member of dolphin aid e.V. or dolphin aid America Inc.

Mr. ☐

Mrs. ☐

Last Name

First name

Street

City, Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail

☐ I hereby authorize the automatic debiting of my bank account, details below (also for a german bank account):

Account Nr.: _____ Bank: _____

Bank Code: _____

OR

☐ I hereby credit your account with my membership fee (for one year in advance)

OR

☐ Please find a check attached

The annual fee is at least € 100,00 or \$ 100,00

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please sent this form back to: dolphin aid e.V., Angermunder Str. 9, D-40489 Duesseldorf,
Fax: +49 203 - 74 81 063 or
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