

The Phocine Distemper Virus (PDV) is sweeping through the seal population of the North Sea area – to date it has killed over 1000 seals & shows no signs of slowing. PDV attacks the seal's brain causing disorientation & convulsions; & also the lungs leading to pneumonia. Later, it attacks the immune system leaving them susceptible to secondary infections. The last outbreak killed over 18,000 animals - including seals from sandbanks off Margate & the Goodwin Sands.

Caution

Please Keep Clear of Stranded Seals

This deadly virus may be passed to dogs

**If you find a stranded seal on the seashore,
please report it:**

If alive: RSPCA - 0870 555 5999

**If dead: Foreshore/Thanet District Council:
01843 577529 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)
01843 577000 (Out of hours)**

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