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Pets.tv Episode #1317

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General Synopsis for Episode #1317

In this episode of <u>Pets.tv</u>, Walruses, Seals and Sea Lions, young viewers learn about these 'pinnipeds' at the **Pacific Marine Mammal Center** in Laguna Beach, CA. The center is a rescue, rehabilitation, and release facility for animals that are in distress. Informative facts are shared about these animals so that the viewers will have a better understanding of the care, feeding and rehabilitation process to get these animals back into the ocean. The PMMC depends on many volunteers to feed the walruses, seals and sea lions 3X's a day, clean the decks of the 8 pools and help release them back into the ocean. One of the volunteers at the center shared that the goal is to keep the pinnipeds wild, rehabilitate them and get them back to the ocean as soon as possible. Young viewers will hear from volunteers how gratifying and rewarding it is to working with these animals.

Observation and Conclusion

Episode #1317 exposes young viewers to diverse animals and potential volunteering opportunities for those who may be thinking about working with mammals for a career. This episode of Pets.tv delivers an educational and informational message that supports current social, intellectual, and emotional aspects of children ages 13 and up. Attributes and advice emphasized by guests instill a grounded balance of priorities, commitment, and perseverance children can apply to their lives.

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