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## **Surfing Seal**



Surfers in San Diego received a surprise when they were joined by a seal pup!
Typically, seals steer clear of humans, but not this baby seal! It was abnormally friendly and appeared unafraid as it proceeded to move from surfboard to surfboard, catching the waves. SeaWorld was notified and sent an expert crew out to check on the animal. Releasing a statement, SeaWorld officials reported, There was no need to intervene as the pup

also appeared to be old enough to care for itself.' It hasn't been a one-time experience either as the over-friendly seal pup has continued to return. Local surfers have named the seal 'Sammy' after a children's book depicting an adventurous seal. For many, Sammy's presence has incited a sense of awe, excitement and beauty. Surfer, Jenny Kim, who was joined by Sammy on her surfboard, described it as, 'A moment of pure happiness for me'.

## **Ancient Bronze Sword Discovered**

Archaeologists from Bavaria's State Office for Monument Protection have uncovered an ancient sword near the town of Nördlingen in Germany. It is thought to have been forged in bronze during the 14th century BCE, making the weapon 3,400 years old. The hilt of the sword has an octagonal pommel and a zig zag pattern on its handle, which is still visible. It was likely made by the Tumulus people, who were a warrior society in central Europe during the Middle Bronze Age and were highly skilled metal workers in gold and bronze. The Bronze Age was the first time

humans started working with metal to make tools and weapons, which saw huge advancements in agriculture and trade at the time. Despite its age, the sword is in very good condition. Experts were shocked at how well-preserved and shiny it was. Mathias Pfeil, head of the Bavarian State Office for the Preservation of Monuments, said, 'The sword still has to be examined for our archaeologists to further classify this find, but it can already be said now that the preservation is exceptional! A find like this one is really rare.'







