

Cp30 and R2D2 DNA testing result.

On Saturday, 5th March 2016, David received confirmation that the 2 pups born at Horsey on 28th November 2015 are twins. We were asked not to make an announcement until RSPCA East Winch, where the pups are in care, were able to deal with the inevitable press interest. You might have seen the report on BBC Ones' Look East this evening.

Committee member, David Vyse, was responsible for arranging for tissue samples to be taken from the pups and sent to a marine research centre in Norway for DNA testing. This is David's report:

I have today had formal confirmation from the scientist at The Institute of Marine Research in Norway that the DNA analysis from the seal pups at East Winch and the blood I took from the sand at Horsey now definitely prove that they are twins!!!

Our pups will go into the history books as being the very first twin grey seals ever recorded.

It has taken a little time to obtain this confirmation but the result was certainly worth it in the end.

Our sincerest thanks goes to the RSPCA at East Winch for their continued support and help in looking after C3PO and R2D2 and all the other seals over the past months. Thanks also to Kirstine Frie in Norway the scientist who has worked patiently to get the results.

It is anticipated that the twins will be released from Horsey within the next week or two. I think this will be a very special occasion. The date and time will be made known to everyone in due course.

*David Vyse.
For Friends of Horsey Seals.*

7th March 2016.