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### **ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL? *Aquarium Seals Prepare for Big Game.***

**RIVERHEAD, NY** (January 19, 2011) – Harbor seals at [Atlantis Marine World Aquarium](http://Atlantis Marine World Aquarium) prepare for the big NY Jets vs. Pittsburgh Steelers game this Sunday, January 23 by painting a picture rooting for their favorite team.

“Atlantis Marine World is thrilled to highlight our great animal care and enrichment program,” shares Aquarium curator, Joe Yaiullo. “Art can be a valuable form of enrichment, with all paints used non-toxic and washable. Some of our animals use a paintbrush while others paint with their feet or nose.”

Animal paintings from our resident artists — harbor and gray seals, California sea lions, and African penguins — are available for sale at the Aquarium’s Gift Shop.

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### **About Atlantis Marine World Aquarium**

Atlantis Marine World (AMW) opened in Riverhead, NY on June 15, 2000, as the first large-scale Aquarium to open in New York State in more than 35 years. Situated on 3.2 acres along the Peconic River, [AMW](http://AMW) is open from 10:00am to 5:00pm daily (closed December 25). [General Admission Rates](http://General Admission Rates) are \$18.50 (plus tax) for Children 3 – 17 and Seniors 62+; \$21.50 (plus tax) for Adults 18 – 61; Children 2 and under are always free at AMW. AMW is also the home of The Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, New York's only authorized marine mammal and sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation center. Atlantis Marine World was recently ranked by *Parents Magazine* as one of the “[Top Aquariums for Kids.](http://Top Aquariums for Kids)” Additional information can be found at [www.atlantismarineworld.com](http://www.atlantismarineworld.com).

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