

# Community Partner Spotlight: Explore Sea Life & Much More at the New SeaQuest Aquarium!

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*Have you ever wanted to feed a giant octopus? Or pet a shark? Take a selfie with a mermaid? Now you can at SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium! Children in Clark County foster care can do all of those things for free!*

**SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium** is a new family-friendly attraction at Boulevard Mall. It features 1,500 different animals, interactive exhibits and games kids of all ages can enjoy.

"We chose Las Vegas for two reasons," says Walter Stewart, corporate marketing manager for SeaQuest Aquariums. "No. 1: Las Vegas is a great tourist location. No. 2: it's an opportunity to bring something family-friendly and educational into the mix."

"It's not just about marine life," adds Stewart. "Several of the exhibits feature birds, snakes and reptiles, too."

## What Can You Do at SeaQuest?

- Have birds perch on your arm while you feed them
- Hold sea stars from the California Coast tide pool or tiny tortoises from the Egyptian Desert
- Play exploration games while learning about the animals and the environment
- Did we mention you can pet a shark?

SeaQuest Las Vegas recently added a Tegu lizard, one of the largest species of lizard in the world. Another of the favorite animals at the Aquarium is Einstein,

a giant sulcata tortoise that roams the entire property at will.

"Einstein is on the loose!" says Stewart.

## Ever Taken a Selfie with a Mermaid?

Now's your chance. SeaQuest Las Vegas's resident mermaids swim about in the various aquariums.

"They swim right up to the wall of the tank," says Stewart. "You can take a selfie with them."

Unlike other local aquariums, SeaQuest Las Vegas is a true, immersion experience. Feeling like swimming with stingrays and tropical fish? For an additional fee, guests can take a dip and swim among the aquatic life.

Staff members are enthusiastic and ready to share their love of the animals and their worlds. "You can grab just about any one of our guest services staff and they'll talk to you about the exhibits and teach you about the animals," says Stewart.

## Free Admission to Children in Foster Care

All SeaQuest locations offer free admission to children in foster care. Just let the customer service staff know how many children in your group are in foster care.

For business hours, contact info and directions, go online to [SeaQuestAquariums.com/vegas](http://SeaQuestAquariums.com/vegas).