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## MALES TEST POSITIVE FOR PREGNANCY Vancouver Aquarium Launches its New Spring Feature in an Unusual Way

**Vancouver, B.C.** – Men watching the hockey game at the Speakeasy (901, W Broadway) on March 6, 2012 are in for a big surprise. Special pregnancy tests will be placed in the urinals and will display an unexpected result when warm liquid hits the target. Posters above the urinals will show a very pregnant male seahorse and read, "In an aquatic land not so far away, mummies aren't the only ones who get pregnant."

This campaign launches the Aquarium's new spring feature, *Babies*, which will run from March 9 to May 6, 2012. Visitors are invited to explore the galleries to discover hundreds of babies, including seahorses, clown anemonefish, wolf-eels and poison frogs, and find out about the unusual ways different animal species breed and care for their young through new daily shows, interactive exhibits and family activities.

"This quirky experience is a great way to get people excited about our new *Babies* feature, and give everyone a glimpse into the fascinating aquatic world," says Clint Wright, senior vice-president and general manager of the Vancouver Aquarium. "For over 55 years, the Aquarium has been successfully breeding thousands of animals from fishes and invertebrates to reptiles and birds. *Babies* highlights our vital research and conservation initiatives, and connects visitors with science while they discover some of the work happening behind the scenes."

During *Babies* you'll also be able to visit our baby nursery in the Canaccord Financial Exploration Gallery to see the fascinating two-stage life-cycle of moon jellies and meet real live jelly babies. See the baby clown anemonefish and seahorses in a new temporary exhibit in the Pacific Canada Pavilion, and don't miss your chance to put on your dancing shoes and boogie with baby penguin *Mumble* in the *Happy Feet 4-D Experience*.

### New Shows

Interpretative staff will be running three new exciting shows. *Babies: Saving Our Frogs* will talk to amphibians facing extinction and showcase one of our local species, the Oregon spotted frog. Find out how the Vancouver Aquarium is actively involved in the preservation and restoration of these 'ribbiting' animals by breeding their babies.

*Babies: Heroic Wolf Eels* will take you behind the scenes as—thanks to live video—you will virtually meet the researchers in the fish lab who are tirelessly working to uncover the best way to breed wolf-eels. And lastly, *Babies: Seahorse Romance* will surely surprise you as we explore how males get pregnant and dance when mating. The *Babies* show schedule is available online at [www.vanaqua.org](http://www.vanaqua.org)

### About Vancouver Aquarium

A recognized leader in connecting people to our natural world, the Vancouver Aquarium is a self-supporting, non-profit organization dedicated to effecting the conservation of aquatic life through display, communication, public programs, education, research and direct action. [www.vanaqua.org](http://www.vanaqua.org)

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