

First ever grey seal twins

Two adorable 10 day old grey seals were found on top of a sand dune in late November. After testing the blood at the scene of the birth and their blood, they are believed to be the first grey seal twins recorded in the UK. The twins were born at Horsey Gap, at the top of a sand dune so it is unlikely that they've ever seen or gone in the water. Experts say that they'll have to be slowly introduced into the water since if they don't, they will be unable to go back to the wild.

People are speculating as to why their mother left them. Many people think it's because she was scared of all the people coming to see all the pups.

But Mr Ansell said "I think it is more likely that their mother simply ran out of milk to feed them. I believe grey seal mothers are programmed to feed their young intensively for three weeks. They have this very thick milk which is a bit like condensed milk. But as she had two pups, the milk ran out faster. When none was left, the mother simply decided that it was time to head back to sea and leave them. She disappeared after about 10 days, which is half the time she would have stayed, had she been feeding only one pup."

Ms Frie mentioned that it's not uncommon to find a mother suckling two baby pups which are not twins.

Last year 60,000 visited the coastline at Horsey Gap where 800 seal pups are born.

In October 2012 there were hopes that two seals could be twins, but they were from different mothers.

The twins have now become famous and are being kept in an animal hospital until they can be released back into the wild. The vets say that their mother left them in really good condition and they're sure to make a full recovery very soon.

Both seals have been sexed and named after star wars characters. The female has been named R2-D2 and the male 3-CPO. They are being fed pureed fish soup until they can handle solid food and are released into the wild.

