"Wild Dolphins" iPad app features Hanger's Kevin Carroll & Dan Strzempka

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Austin, Texas, October 4, 2011 – The “Wild Dolphins” iPad app, produced by Florida Atlantic University’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, features Winter, the dolphin with the prosthetic tail made by Hanger’s Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll and Sarasota, Florida Practice Manager Dan Strzempka. The free app tells the story behind the movie "Dolphin Tale" which stars Winter, and provides a factual and scientific background to Winter’s miraculous rescue and recovery, and the development of her prosthetic tail.

In addition to interviews from a dolphin doctor, rescuer, trainer, and acoustic engineer, Carroll and Strzempka discuss their work with Winter. The app also includes the original video of Winter's rescue, interactive blueprints, and a rotating element of Winter's prosthetic tail.

To get a sneak peak and to learn more about the app, watch this video.

To download the free "Wild Dolphins" app for your iPad, click here.

About Winter – A young Atlantic bottlenose dolphin, Winter was stranded and caught in a crab trap near Cape Canaveral in December 2005, when she was just three-months-old. Her tail fluke eventually came off, as it was severely damaged by the trap’s rope entanglement. Winter received round-the-clock medical attention in an effort to save her life. Thanks to the rescue and rehabilitative care of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Winter survived. However, she then adapted to a less efficient and damaging side-to-side swimming style, as there was no tail fluke to give her thrust. Thanks to Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll and his colleague Dan Strzempka’s ingenuity, Winter became the first dolphin to have her entire tail fluke replaced with a prosthetic device.

About Winter’s prosthetic tail – Hanger’s Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll and Sarasota, Florida Practice Manager Dan Strzempka have volunteered their nights and weekends to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and provided Winter’s prosthetic tails since 2006. The unique levels of R&D necessary to fit a prosthetic tail on a dolphin have resulted in the development of WintersGel™, a new gel material that is benefiting human patients, available exclusively at Hanger. For more information on Winter and her tail click here. For more information on Winter and the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, visit: www.seewinter.com.

About “Dolphin Tale” – A 3D family movie release nationwide September 23, 2011, “Dolphin Tale” is inspired by the true story of Winter who was rescued off the east coast of Florida and was not expected to survive after losing her tail in a crab trap. Thanks to the rescue and rehabilitative care of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium combined with the innovative prosthetic work of Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics, Winter’s story of survival has become an inspiration to people all over the world. The cast of “Dolphin Tale” includes Ashley Judd, Harry Connick, Jr., Kris Kristofferson, and Morgan Freeman. Playing a prosthetist, Freeman portrays the prosthetic work completed by Carroll and Strzempka. View the “Dolphin Tale” movie trailer on Hanger’s YouTube page here.

About Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics – With 670+ patient care centers nationwide, the certified clinicians of Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics provide patients with the latest in orthotic and prosthetic solutions, including microprocessor devices for those with limb loss and neuromuscular technologies for those with paralysis due to stroke, MS and other debilitating conditions. For more information, visit www.hanger.com.

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