

SEAL PUP IS RESCUED... NEARLY SEVEN MILES INLAND!

A young seal pup has been rescued by RSPCA Cymru in remarkable circumstances – after being spotted almost seven miles inland in the rural Vale.

The organisation rescued the pup after it was found in a farmer's field in Graig Penllyn near Cowbridge just before Christmas.

Staff from RSPCA Cymru believe the pup must have reached the field after undertaking an extraordinary journey up the streams of the River Thaw.

He was found dehydrated and a little underweight – but is now undergoing rehabilitation in RSPCA care, and is anticipated to be ready for release in the near future.

Gary Lucas, RSPCA animal collection officer, said: "I've worked for the RSPCA for almost 30 years, and this was my first-ever seal rescue – and in quite amazing



'Excuse me, can anyone show me the way to the sea?'

circumstances.

"As the crow flies, this amazing seal pup was almost seven miles from the sea and must have reached Graig Penllyn after travelling up the tiniest of streams possible.

"Thankfully, while the pup was a little thin and clearly dehydrated, he seems to be doing okay.

"It is hoped, after a period in RSPCA care, that he can be released, along with other seal pups, in the near future."