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Official Biography: LENNY

First Identified: 1978 **Mother:** Luna **Sex:** Male

Lenny was born to Luna, who was a Save the Manatee Club (SMC) adoptee until her death from unknown causes in 1997. Lenny has a younger sister named Lucille who is also in the SMC adoption program. During Luna's life, she never missed a winter season at Blue Spring, and Lenny is also a faithful visitor, having spent winters at the park since he was born. Like other manatee calves, Lenny was dependent on Luna for the first two years of his life, relying on her for food and care, and to teach him how to find food and fresh water to drink, and where to go when the weather gets cold. Luna taught Lenny to travel to Blue Spring, and he has continued that tradition, generally showing up at the park each year in November and staying until February. Lenny has earned the reputation of being a "sleepy head," preferring rest to all other manatee activities. Lenny was noted as being small as a calf, and has maintained that reputation into adulthood, as he is slightly smaller than some other male manatees. Though he likes to lead a quiet life, Lenny has suffered quite a number of boat hits. He has many distinctive scars, particularly on his tail — graphic evidence of the damage that boats can



do to manatees. For many years, Lenny has had a wedge-shaped scar on his left flank. This was followed years later by three pie-shaped chops in his tail from a propeller. Now he has three large deep cuts on the left side of his body, just behind his shoulder.

In the early morning at Blue Spring, the park rangers and researchers go out in a canoe to count and identify the manatees. During these mornings, just like most other times, Lenny can be found snoozing. He does occasionally show a social streak, though, and enjoys the company of the other manatees. Lenny has been seen with SMC adoptees like Howie, Deep Dent, Robin, Brutus, Nick, and Lily. On occasion he has also been spotted in playful groups of other manatees.

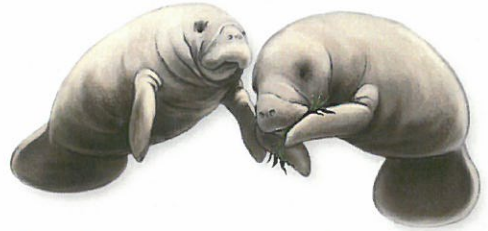
Blue Spring State Park is near Orange City, Florida, approximately 40 minutes northeast of Orlando. The spring's water naturally maintains a year-round temperature of 72°F and is an attractive winter refuge for manatees who seek this warm water when the St. Johns River and other waterways become too cold for them to tolerate.



Look for updates on Lenny in the **Save the Manatee Club** quarterly newsletter and visit www.savethemanatee.org for more information.

Photo courtesy Walker Stanberry.

Certificate of Adoption



The bearer of this document is an Official Adoptive Parent of

LENNY

an endangered West Indian manatee

at Blue Spring State Park



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Buffett".

Jimmy Buffett, Co-Chairman,
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