1. The common sea otter exhibits incredibly social and playful behavior [1].
2. They have even been observed to use tools to open mussels and other hard-shelled food [2].
3. Otters in captivity often don’t have access to behavioral modalities such as grooming, exploration, and foraging, and there are benefits if these are reintegrated into their routine [3].
4. Play behavior observed with kelp involves nudging, biting, tugging, submerging, and wrapping around one’s body [4].

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