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Dear CEO of SeaWorld,

My name is Harvey Odame, and as a member of Bison class, I am currently learning about marine life. The distinction between the orcas' lifestyle at your parks and the ones in the wild have taken me aback. Because of this, I am writing to present my distress in the handling of these adorable, ingenious and brilliant killer whales that you are 'caring' for. It is above my knowledge as to why you would act towards these mammals so ungenerously. If you persist this way, they will all die a terrible death. Is this your target as an international leader in the animal husbandry?

According to marine environmentalists, the orcas in the wild live for around 40-60 years, some even up to 80 years. On the contrary, the ones in your facilities survive up to only 20 years of being

incarcerated. At SeaWorlds, the killer whales are giving birth to dead cubs, or the cubs die shortly after. In the wild, that does not ever happen as they are free. This is visibly in contrast to what you are saying on your site that you are giving the utmost care. It also seems as though you have not assisted over 40,000 poorly, wounded or orphaned animals in need as they are in distress from your hands.

I am disgusted by how terribly SeaWorld treat their orcas. Each day, the water mammals are ordered to showcase unusual tricks: leaping on to the solid floor, balancing their trainers on the tip of their rostrums (their mouths), or being surfed like a surfboard. On top of that, the loud arena and music drive them crazy. It is clear that you hardly show these majestic creatures any esteem. Piling on this, the time an orca spends out of water, combined with their unfair diet, concludes in a collapsed dorsal fin condition. This is evidence to everyone that these poor killer whales are depressed; in the wild, only 1% of orcas live with this condition. They are traumatized. Is it not obvious? Your team insists they help all marine wildlife, but how—by treating them like nothing?

It is globally known that, in the wild not even a single person had been killed or even injured by orcas. On the contrary, four people have been fatally killed whilst a dozen of the SeaWorld team have been brutally injured. How many more deaths do you need to realise you should put a halt to these performances? Similarly, there have been multiple events of killer whales attacking each other inside your tanks. For instance, one orca (Kandu V) tragically passed due to bleeding out after being struck by another one (Corky).

This is because orcas in captivity don't have strong bonds. Orca aggression does not happen in the wild, where these curious, calm creatures are outgoing and live together in pods. This cruel attraction must stop before many more deaths happen.

On the whole, I truly believe that all wild animals should be free to live in their own habitat. Sadly, this is not what the killer whales get as they are living in tiny tanks at the SeaWorld parks. In order to undo their injustice, these mesmerising, cunning and amazing mammals must be freed. For the reasons that have been mentioned, SeaWorld have to stop the ocean attractions and put their money towards freeing the orcas so they can redo their messed up bonds and cherish the calming vast ocean that they live in.

Your faithfully,

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