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Dear Sea World

Recently, I have been learning about Killer Whales and comparing their lives in the wild and in captivity. While I was learning about these astonishing Sea animals, I realised how much of a diffrence there is between a whale's life in captivity and in the wild. I am writing to inform you about the offence and horror you have caused. Are you aware that if these beloved mammals go extinct people will blame Sea World? Is this what you want? Do you want people to only know Sea World as an aquarium that terrorises sea animals for money?

Research shows that Orcas who live in the wild have an average life span of 40 - 60 years and some individuals even live over 80 years old. It is deeply concerning that Orcas who live in captivity only live up to 20 years and a few die shortly after birth or within 9 years. Your website claims you help over 40,000 ill, injured and orphaned Sea animals but it seems to me you are keeping them to make money while they are suffering in your care and becoming more injured then they were before.

Sea World's respect towards these precious creatures is both unbelieveable and unacceptable. Day after Day, these incredible marine mammals are forced to preform in front of screaming crowds, loud music and have to harmful tricks such as begging for food and being ridden like a surfboard. There is no doubt that you are not giving these peaceful whales the treatment they deserve. In the wild

the chance of a collasped dorsal fin is 1%, on the other hand in captivity it is very common for an Orca to get a collasped dorsal fin because of the lack of care they have been recieving. These marvellous Sea creatures are showing clear signs of distress while you 'care' for them by making them live an unhappy life-threatening condition is spreading to most of the Killer whales in your care. Are you aware of what you are doing. You are not just putting these Orcas lives in danger you are also putting these humans lives in danger by keeping these creatures captive.

It is well known that in the wild, there has never been a death and nobody has even suffered an injury by a Killer whale. In opposition, there currently been 4 deaths and many more injured (all are employees of Sea World) by these marine creatures. There is no doubt that there will be many more tradegies before Sea World will cancel these whale preformances. In addition to this, another whale (Kandu) was viciously attacked by a diffrent whale (corky) and killed during one of your preformances. Agression towards other Orcas does not happen in the wild while they play and hunt in pods. Often you swap animals for other animals so they cannot form any family bonds.

In conclusion, The care you give to these precious whales at Sea World needs to change. These marvellous creatures should not have to spend their lives trapped inside of these tiny tanks preforming tricks for large crowds. Instead, Sea World should provide larger tanks, a range of diffrent food, Salt-water enviroment and a peaceful life with no preformances or shows. Surely half an hour of entertainment is not worth a whales life.

Yours Sincerly,

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