

No More Dolphins! - No More Parkland!

35 Reasons to Boycott the Vancouver Aquarium

Public opinion is against captivity, but the Vancouver Aquarium insists on perpetuating the international marine mammal slave trade. They even deal with pro-whaling countries such as Japan. The Vancouver Aquarium continues to promote the imprisonment of intelligent, sentient creatures such as orcas by promoting Sea World. They themselves keep belugas and other dolphin species. Wildlife suffers physically and psychologically because their social and behaviour needs cannot be provided for in captivity. They can develop painful ulcers from the stress and die prematurely. They can be subjected to experiments. Some have been sold or traded to zoos and aquariums worldwide. In 50 years, the Vancouver Aquarium didn't have any successful breeding program. Three orca babies, three beluga babies and two Pacific white-sided dolphin babies have died. **As of June 2009 at least 9 orcas, 7 narwhals, 7 Belugas, and 12 Pacific white-sided dolphins have died.**

Note: There may also have been some porpoises who died. Presently one named "Daisy" is inhumanely kept in a tiny pool awaiting her fate.

The following is a list of known cetacean deaths at the Vancouver Aquarium:

1. Orca "Moby Doll", who was actually a male, was harpooned in 1964, survived only 86 days.
2. Orca "Natsidalia" was captured in 1968, died seven months later (heart failure).
- 3-6. Dolphin "Splasher" died in 1969 in less than two years in captivity (internal injuries - might have been crushed by Skana in small BC Tel Pool). Companions "Diana" and two others died.
7. A baby narwhal was captured in 1968, shot due to severe rope cuts from the capture.
- 8-13. Six narwhals were captured in 1970 and died within four months (bacterial infection and starvation).
- 14-16. Three Pacific White-sided Dolphins captured with Whitewings died.
17. Beluga "Bella" died in 1976 after 8.7 years in captivity.
18. Baby beluga "Tuaq" died in 1977 at four months (malnutrition and bacterial infection).
19. Orca "Skana" was captured in 1967 and died in 1980 (general mycotic infection).
20. Beluga "Lugosi" was captured in 1967 and died in 1980 (severe tissue trauma and leak in lung).
21. The dolphin "Arion" was obtained in 1983 from Burrard Inlet (date of death not known).
22. Beluga "Sanaq" captured in 1976 and died in 1985 (shock following an antibiotic injection).
23. Beluga "Churchill" died in 1989 after 4 years of captivity (massive bacterial infection).
24. Orca "Bjossa's" first baby died at 22 days old in 1988 ("starvation").
25. "Hyak II" was captured in 1968 and died in 1991 (died 12 days after fight with other orca).
26. "Bjossa's" 2nd baby "K'yosha" born 1991 died in 97 days (brain infection and broken jaw).
27. "Bjossa's" third baby born March 1995 died within 10 minutes (bled to death from rupture birth cord).
28. Orca "Finna" dies in October 1997 at only 21 years old (spleen infection and pneumonia).
29. Orca "Bjossa" was moved to Sea World in April and died in October 2001 (had respiratory infection in Vancouver)
30. Beluga "Qila" has failed pregnancy in 2001.
31. "Whitewings" was capture in 1971 and died in 2002 (respiratory failure from staff repeatedly putting their arm down her throat to remove pool debris in her stomach) .
32. Beluga "Tuaq" born to "Aurora" in 2002 dies in 2005 (bacterial infection).
33. Pacific white-sided dolphin "Hana" has a stillbirth in June 2006 (was 5 month pregnant when moved from Japan).
34. "Hana" has second stillbirth in May 2007.
35. Pacific white-sided dolphin "Laverne" died in May 2009.



There are Many Reasons to Boycott Aquariums

Support ecology and animal rights organizations that have educated the public about the cruelty of captivity and the natural lives of wildlife living freely.

We must spend scarce time and funds on protecting natural environments - sanctuaries for all life.

Email : Vancouver Parks Board (pbcomment@vancouver.ca), the Vancouver Mayor and Council (mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca) and your Federal and Provincial Politicians.

More Parkland Means More Captives with Your Tax Money!

Tell them to oppose the Vancouver Aquarium \$120 million expansion in order to stop the imprisonment of more wildlife and the destruction of Stanley Park green space.