

No More Dolphins - No More Parkland

32 Reasons to Boycott the Vancouver Aquarium

At a time when public opinion is against captivity, the Vancouver Aquarium insists on perpetuating the international marine mammal slave trade. They even deal with infamous 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, while they themselves keep belugas and other dolphin species. In captivity wildlife suffer physically and psychologically because their social and behaviour needs cannot be provided for in captivity. Many of them develop painful ulcers from the stress. They die prematurely. They are subjected to experiments and some have been sold or traded to zoos and aquariums worldwide.

In 50 years, the Vancouver Aquarium has not had a successful breeding program. Three orca babies, two beluga babies and one Pacific white-sided dolphin baby have died. **The following is a list of known cetacean deaths at the Vancouver Aquarium:**

1. Orca "**Moby Doll**" was harpooned in 1964, survived 86 days.
2. Orca "**Natsidalia**" was captured in 1968, died seven months later.
- 3-6. Dolphin "**Splasher**" died in 1969 in less than two years in captivity.
Companions "**Diana**" and **two others** died.
7. A **baby narwhal** was captured in 1968, shot due to severe rope cuts.
- 8-13. **Six narwhals** were captured in 1970 and died within four months.
- 14-16. **Three Pacific White-sided Dolphins** capture 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.
19. Orca "**Skana**" was captured in 1967 and died in 1980.
20. Beluga "**Lugosi**" was captured in 1967 and died in 1980.
21. The dolphin "**Arion**" was obtained in 1983 (date not known).
22. Beluga "**Sanaq**" captured in 1976 and died in 1985.
23. Beluga "**Churchill**" died in 1989 after 4 years of captivity.
24. Orca "**Bjossa's**" **first baby** died at 22 days old in 1988.
25. "**Hyak II**" was captured in 1968 and died in 1991.
26. "**Bjossa's**" **2nd baby** "**K'yosha**" born 1991 died in 97 days.
27. "**Bjossa's**" **third baby** born March 1995 died within 10 minutes.
28. Orca "**Finna**" dies in October 1997 at only 21 years old.
29. "**Bjossa**" was moved to Sea World in April and died in October 2001.
30. "**Whitewings**" was capture in 1971 and died in 2002.
31. Beluga "**Tuvaq**" born to "Aurora" in 2002 dies in 2005.
32. Pacific white-sided dolphin "Hana" has a **stillbirth** in June, 2006.

As of February 2007 at least 9 orcas, 7 narwhals, 6 Belugas, and 10 Pacific white-sided dolphins have died.

Note: There may also have been some porpoises who died.



There are Many Reasons to Boycott Aquariums

Please support environment and animal rights organizations that have educated the public about the inherent 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.

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

More Parkland Means More Captives with your tax money!

Tell them to oppose the proposed Vancouver Aquarium \$80 million expansion in order to stop the imprisonment of more dolphins and the destruction of Stanley Park green space.

For further information: Lifeforce 604-649-5258 or lifeforcesociety@hotmail.com or www.lifeforcefoundation.org