

# SEAWORLD & THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

## *Strengthening animal welfare and protecting oceans and marine animals*

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) commends SeaWorld for its game-changing commitment to end breeding of orcas, a long-held goal of many animal advocacy organizations. While the orcas live out their lives at SeaWorld, HSUS also commends the company for ending its theatrical performances of orcas in favor of orca exhibits that highlight the whales' natural behaviors, and for redoubling its commitment to rescue and rehabilitation model for marine animals in crisis.

We look forward to joining together in a partnership focused on preserving and protecting wild animals and the places they live.

For more than 50 years, SeaWorld has been one of the world's foremost zoological organizations, inspiring guests to protect animals and the natural world through personal, interactive and informative experiences. And, with its 1,500 animal care professionals, the company provides world class and humane care for all its animals, cared for thousands of wild animals in distress and rehabilitated them, and conducted a range of educational and scientific research programs.

The HSUS is the nation's largest and most effective animal protection and advocacy organization that is seeking a humane world for people and animals alike by driving transformational change in the U.S. and around the world. HSUS and its affiliates provide hands-on care and services to more than 150,000 animals each year.

HSUS and SeaWorld will work together as advocates and educators for the ocean and its animals on:

- **Fish and Marine Mammal Protection:** SeaWorld and HSUS will actively partner in efforts against the commercial killing of whales, seals and other marine mammals as well as ending shark finning. These initiatives are in addition to the rescue, research and resources SeaWorld already commits to protecting and saving marine mammals in the wild.
- **Healthy Oceans:** SeaWorld and HSUS will actively partner on efforts to protect coral reefs and the marine species that inhabit them from the over exploitation of wild-caught ornamental fish.
- **Sustainable Seafood:** All seafood served in the park will be sustainable and the company will carry other food offerings that reflect an awareness of animal welfare, such as crate-free pork, cage-free eggs and more vegetarian options.

SeaWorld and HSUS will continue to look for additional opportunities for strategic collaboration, to grow their efforts to advocate for ocean preservation and conservation and the humane treatment of animals.



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