



SeaWorld Makes Historic Announcements

SeaWorld is announcing that the killer whales – or orcas – currently in the company’s care will be the last generation of orcas at SeaWorld. The company will end all orca breeding as of today.

We are also introducing new, inspiring, natural orca encounters in place of theatrical shows. It’s part of SeaWorld’s ongoing commitment to education, marine science research and rescue of marine animals. The new programs will let the orca’s be orca’s focusing on the same behaviors the whales have in the wild.

This change will start in its San Diego park next year, followed by San Antonio and then Orlando in 2019.

We’re also excited to announce a broad new partnership with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to protect our oceans and the animals that call them home.

We are committing to educating the 20 million visitors who come to our parks every year on how they can take action to help these animals in the wild.

We couldn’t be more excited about the future.

“SeaWorld has introduced more than 400 million guests to orcas, and we are proud of our part in contributing to the human understanding of these animals,” said Joel Manby, President and Chief Executive Officer of SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. “As society’s understanding of orcas continues to change, SeaWorld is changing with it. By making this the last generation of orcas in our care and reimagining how guests will experience these beautiful animals, we are fulfilling our mission of providing visitors to our parks with experiences that matter.”

“SeaWorld’s commitment to end breeding of orcas is a long-held goal of many animal advocacy organizations, and we commend the company for making this game-changing commitment,” said Wayne Pacelle, President and CEO of HSUS. “Today we turn a corner, working together to achieve solutions on a wide set of animal issues – sunsetting the use of orcas at existing facilities; never bringing in orcas into new facilities; maximizing its focus on rescue, rehabilitation and advocacy for marine mammals in the wild; and sourcing food for the animals and for its customers from humane and sustainable sources, including cage-free eggs and crate-free pork.”

“We are pleased to join with HSUS on the significant issues facing marine mammals and their ocean homes,” said Manby. “The work done by zoological facilities like SeaWorld is critical for the protection of animals in the wild, especially marine mammals. To that end,

SeaWorld has committed \$50 million over the next five years to be the world's leading marine animal rescue organization, to advocate for an end to the commercial killing of whales and seals and an end to shark finning.”

The orcas at SeaWorld will live out their lives at the company's park habitats, where they will continue to receive the highest-quality care based on the latest advances in marine veterinary medicine, science and zoological best practices. Guests will be able to experience these orcas through our new educational encounters.

SeaWorld reaffirms its commitment not to collect marine mammals from the wild. It has not collected an orca from the wild in almost 40 years, and the orcas at SeaWorld were either born there or have spent almost their entire lives in human care. These orcas could not survive in oceans that include environmental concerns such as pollution and other man-made threats.

Find out more about SeaWorld's historic announcements at <https://seaworldcares.com/future>.