

# DOLPHIN SHOWS ARE NOT EDUCATIONAL. CAPTIVITY IS CRUEL.

## BACKGROUND:

Wild caught dolphins are kidnapped from their families in brutal processes which see the dolphins that are not “pretty” enough being slaughtered for meat.

Dolphins are then flown in coffin-like crates to marine parks and aquariums around the world.

Captive-bred dolphins are separated from their family units and sent to different parks so as to ensure compliance with training.

Dolphins will always be captured from the wild to maintain genetic diversity in captive populations.



## BEHIND THE SCENES:



Training methods involve food deprivation, solitary confinement and other forms of punishment. Dolphins are forced into unnatural ‘family’ units with dolphins from other pods that are essentially strangers who speak different languages. This often results in aggression between individuals who then do not have the space to get away.

The space that dolphins have to move around in in a tank does not begin to compare to the distances travelled in the ocean.

Dolphins are fed dead, often medicated fish, whereas in the wild they hunt for themselves. They use highly sophisticated echolocation to communicate and hunt. Their sensitive hearing makes the music and applause and cheering during dolphin shows extremely traumatic.



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## **AQUARIUMS, CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION:**

Aquariums claim to aid in conservation but do nothing of the sort. Dolphins bred in captivity are never intended to be released into the wild.

Dolphin shows are not educational as they do not mimic natural behaviour in any way. Jumping through a hoop or balancing a ball on their noses teaches the public nothing about behaviour of dolphins in the wild.

Dolphins in captivity have been known to become depressed and even commit suicide, due to the stress and suffering they endure in captivity.

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP:**

Do not buy a ticket to a dolphin show or swim with dolphin programme.

Educate your family and friends about the suffering that captive dolphins endure.

Join BAT and put pressure on local municipalities to end dolphin shows, swim with dolphin programmes and retire captive dolphins to sea pens.



**DO NOT SUPPORT CAPTIVITY.  
EMPTY THE TANKS!**



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