Since the first cetaceans were put in tanks back in the 1860’s, the captivity industry has been deceiving the public with their false claims and marketing. During these years they have ignored the scientific facts about the animals they are exploiting. It is time they acknowledge the complexities, emotions, and intelligence of all cetaceans.

DOLPHINS ARE CONSIDERED THE "PEOPLE OF THE OCEAN"

More than 3,000 dolphins and whales are suffering in captivity around the world.

Wild captures of dolphins, belugas, and orcas are still taking place in several areas of the world including, Japan, Russia, Cuba, & The Solomon Islands. These dolphins are ripped from their family and forced to spend the rest of their lives in barren tanks, doing tricks for tourists, and some will even end up in traveling circuses.

In the wild bottlenose dolphins will swim over 18 miles per hour while playing, socializing and feeding with their families. In captivity dolphins are forced to interact with tourists and swim in circles every single day of their short lives.

DOLPHINS & WHALES SUFFER IN CAPTIVITY

- Small tank/pool sizes
- Taken from the wild
- Separation from family
- Forced interactions with people
- Forced and unnatural breeding practices
- Unnatural and forced behaviors

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DON'T BUY A TICKET

There is no educational benefit from seeing dolphins and whales in a captive setting. In tanks these animals are not eating, socializing, reproducing, exercising, or behaving naturally. **Everything you see at a marine park or aquarium is a forced behavior.**

We should be teaching people of all ages to respect wildlife and the wild spaces they come from. Swimming with a captive dolphin that is performing a forced behavior due to food deprivation is not teaching respect - it is teaching dominance and disrespect. The captivity industry has also taught society that selfies with animals is appropriate behavior and that humans can encroach into the personal space of a wild animal. That bad education at the hands of the captivity industry is now resulting in harassment of wild animals.

Every year between September & March, in the small fishing town of Taiji, off the coast of Japan, dolphins & whales are subjected to a horrific fate. A small group of local fishermen brutally drive entire dolphin families into a small cove.

Once in that cove mothers and babies are separated and the young attractive dolphins are stolen and sold into captivity. The remaining family members are slaughtered for human consumption. You can help end this by never supporting dolphin captivity anywhere in the world. The driving force behind these captures and slaughters is the demand from the dolphin captivity industry. Taiji is ground zero for the global trade of captive dolphins.

OUR MISSION:

Using education and awareness to end cetacean captivity and promote ocean conservation worldwide.

THERE'S NO BEAUTY IN STOLEN FREEDOM