

SeaWorld

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The first SeaWorld park opened in 1964 in San Diego, followed by one in Aurora, Ohio, in 1970; in Orlando, Florida, in 1973; and in San Antonio in 1988. The Ohio location was closed in 2000. During this time, SeaWorld acquired many marine mammals—some wild-caught, some acquisitions from other facilities, and others as a result of captive breeding.

All three current SeaWorld locations have failed to meet minimum federal standards for the care of animals used in exhibition as established in the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cited SeaWorld for failing to separate incompatible animals; failing to dispose of expired medications and surgical materials; repeatedly failing to provide drain covers, resulting in the death of a sea lion; failing to handle a sea lion expeditiously (the animal died from overheating while being loaded onto a transport trailer); failing to have sufficient barriers between animals and the public; failing to handle animals properly, resulting in injuries to the public; failing to provide sufficient shelter for protection from cold weather; failing to provide animals with sufficient space; failing to maintain exhibits and other areas that animals may have contact with; failing to maintain acceptable chlorine levels in pools; failing to take required water samples and conduct required water testing; and failing to provide requested records.

Park visitors have been bitten by dolphins during interactive sessions, and a number of employees have been seriously injured while performing with orcas in the water in front of audiences. A senior trainer at the Orlando location was killed by an orca in front of a crowd in 2010.

Many of the dolphins and whales who have died at SeaWorld's parks were younger than the average age of their wild counterparts at death.

Contact PETA for documentation.

AWA VIOLATIONS

February 13, 2025/San Diego, California:

The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain structurally sound housing facilities for marine mammals to protect them from injury, contain them within the facility, and restrict the entrance of unwanted animals. A pregnant bottlenose dolphin was being housed in a medical pool in preparation for the birth of her calf. The medical pool is connected by two gates to several pools housing multiple adult marine mammals including dolphins and pilot whales. On January 26, 2025, facility personnel observed a newborn bottlenose dolphin calf swimming with two adult dolphins in a pool immediately adjacent to the medical pool. Staff suspected the dolphin calf slipped between a gap in the metal rails on a pool ledge next to the gate separating the two pools.

September 10, 2024/Orlando, Florida:

The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain facilities housing marine animals in good repair to protect them from injury. Sections of a wall had peeling paint at the water level of a pool housing 4 bottle-nosed dolphins. Also, the sandbar between two pools housing 8 dolphins, had cracked and broken concrete.

September 11, 2023/Orlando, Florida:

The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain the surfaces of an enclosure housing 26 Magellanic Penguins and 1 Kelp Gull. White material was flaking within the penguins' reach. SeaWorld also received a citation for failing to dispose of two expired bottles of supplements.

July 5, 2023/San Diego, California: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to record weekly coliform water testing for several weeks during the previous five months.

June 6, 2023/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain facilities housing marine animals in good repair to protect them from injury. In June 2022, a female orca named Malia was noted to have a blue material in her mouth. A facility representative stated that it was particulate debris from pool maintenance work. Additionally, a gastric sample taken from a male dolphin named Rascal on December 21, 2022, contained sand. According to a facility representative, the sand was from the facility's sand filter and had entered the pool through inflows.

May 24, 2023/San Diego, California: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to adequately treat the water in the walrus exhibit and back holding pool that contained five walruses, resulting in high coliform bacteria counts for more than a year. SeaWorld also received a citation for failing to maintain perimeter fencing in a manner that would function as secondary containment of the animals in the facility and restrict other animals from entering. There were gaps underneath the fence.

March 15, 2023/Orlando, Florida: The USDA issued SeaWorld an official warning for failing to furnish information in connection with the enforcement of the AWA in a reasonable time. (See the January 26, 2023, entry.)

January 26, 2023/Orlando, Florida:

SeaWorld received a critical citation for failing to furnish requested records in a reasonable time, which impeded the USDA's ability to enforce the AWA. An official requested water quality records, medical records, and daily logs on certain animals on December 9, 2022, and gave until close of business on December 13 for compliance. The facility provided only a portion of the requested documents at that time.

December 5, 2022/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for allowing too-high chlorine levels in several dolphin primary enclosures, which "can cause marine mammals skin, respiratory, and eye issues." At the time of the inspection, at least one animal was receiving treatment for varying states of eye conditions. Roxy, a 24-year-old female bottlenose dolphin, was under active treatment for an ocular condition. In addition, Calli, a 24-year-old female bottlenose dolphin, received treatment in October 2022 after trainers noted that she was squinting with her left eye.

A critical citation was issued to SeaWorld for failing to separate Rascal, a 25-year-old male bottlenose dolphin, in a timely manner after he sustained increasingly serious injuries from other dolphins. Veterinary notes indicated that after SeaWorld changed the social group, other dolphins displaced him and raked about 30% of his body—including his face—with their teeth to the point that he bled and "had been trembling and unwilling to lift his flukes." The inspector added, "It should be noted that Rascal's dental arcade is worn away, and he was unable to defend himself from these interactions." He was prescribed pain medication and allowed to stay with the social group so that the facility could monitor "to see if a primary aggressor could be identified." Three days later, Rascal was out of the pool and "bleeding quite a bit,"

lying on his side with "many deep rake marks on his face, ventrum, fluke blades, pectoral flippers and dorsal and ventral peduncles."

April 4, 2017/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain one of the pool areas in good repair. Cracks in the walls couldn't facilitate sanitation, and pieces of concrete and/or paint could have fallen into the pool.

December 16, 2015/San Antonio, Texas: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain the holding area for an exhibit displaying clawed otters and failing to maintain the flooring in the area used to prepare food for orcas. It was eroding, making it difficult to clean properly.

July 21, 2015/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to take all required water samples and conduct water tests on a daily basis.

January 13, 2014/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to dispose of expired suture materials and failing to maintain a portion of the Sea Lion and Otter Stadium stage flooring. It had loose rubberized pieces and paint flakes that posed a danger to the animals if they ingested them.

January 22, 2013/San Antonio, Texas: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain the exhibit tank used by dolphins. It had several cracks in the concrete at the edge of the rock ledge along one corner of the tank.

December 3, 2012/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for stocking expired surgical materials, some almost a decade old, and having structures that were in disrepair. A tank for dolphins had cracked and crumbling concrete as well as rusty beams overhead, and the areas

surrounding the performance tank for orcas had loose, worn, and chipped flooring and worn paint that could pose a threat to the health and safety of both the animals and workers.

June 7, 2012/San Antonio, Texas: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain the dry resting area in the "North Pinniped pool." Its rock surface was cracking, and the loosened material could pose a risk to the animals if it fell into the tank and was ingested.

January 11, 2012/San Antonio, Texas: The USDA issued SeaWorld an official warning for the October 26, 2010, death of Singer, a female sea lion, which was caused by SeaWorld's repeated failure to provide drain covers. Singer got stuck and drowned in the drain of a holding tank.

May 4, 2010/San Antonio, Texas: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain safe enclosures and having structures in disrepair. The pipe frame of the enclosure housing lemurs had rusted so much that it was almost breaking in several places. Orcas were kept in a show tank in which an area of the wall adjacent to the viewing window had broken off. And the tank used to hold cetaceans contained peeling and flaking paint.

July 22, 2009/San Antonio, Texas: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain the freshwater trough, which had chipping paint on the bottom and sides, in an off-exhibit holding area for two monk seals, and failing to keep in good repair the ceiling in the "Shamu Prep Kitchen." There was a hole with exposed insulation, which could contaminate the food.

April 12, 2007/San Antonio, Texas: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to dispose of expired medication.

April 2, 2007/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to provide sufficient barriers between animals and the public. At the time of the inspection, there was only one employee to monitor the Pacific Point exhibit, and the public had dropped three "paper feeding trays" and a hat into the exhibit within reach of the pinnipeds, which could cause an injury if ingested. SeaWorld was also cited for allowing the Sea Lion and Otter Stadium stage areas to deteriorate, as the wooden stairs used by the otters had peeling wood/resin material, several areas in the exhibit had peeling paint, and the "pelleted rubberized flooring material" had eroded in several areas.

August 29, 2006/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to handle animals properly. There had been several incidents in which people had been scraped or bitten at the "Key West exhibit," where the public is allowed to feed the dolphins. SeaWorld was also cited for failing to provide 15 California sea lions, who were being held in two enclosures, with sufficient tank space.

August 9, 2006/San Diego, California: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain the floor in the Wild Arctic food-preparation area in a manner that would allow for adequate cleaning and sanitizing—the paint was chipping. SeaWorld was also cited for failing to clean the tank housing the polar bears. An abundant growth of algae was on the ledge at the back of the tank.

July 5, 2005/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain several surface areas that were in contact with sea lions, walruses, and harp seals. There were large areas of peeling paint, making it difficult to clean and sanitize those areas adequately.

May 17, 2005/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to handle a sea lion properly. The animal died from overheating while being loaded onto a transport trailer with two other sea lions. The facility was also cited for failing to have a safe enclosure to transport a sea lion named Pocus, who was in a wooden transport crate that had been previously chewed on, resulting in splintering and sharp protrusions. Pocus also chewed on a square section of wire mesh, which also resulted in sharp protrusions as well as a hole large enough for the sea lion's head to fit through. SeaWorld was also cited for not having a veterinarian-approved travel plan available.

March 16, 2005/San Diego, California: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to label a squeeze bottle that was sitting on the counter with two other medications in the Sea Lion and Otter food-preparation area. This could lead to a mistake during the administration of drugs. SeaWorld was also cited for failing to maintain the food-preparation area properly. Sections of walls had peeling paint, making it difficult to clean and sanitize.

January 12, 2005/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to use some form of identification for two dogs and having insufficient housing for one dog whose shelter consisted of slatted metal bars, which wouldn't provide protection from cold weather. The enclosed den also wasn't tall enough for the dog to stand up. SeaWorld was also cited for failing to provide two polar bears with tanks that met the minimum space required by the AWA. The animals were being rotated between compliant and noncompliant enclosures with tanks, which isn't permitted.

March 25, 2004/San Diego, California: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to have a safe tank in the Sea Lion and Otter

Stadium. Several metal viewing panel supports had rust, some with severe flaking, which could be a potential health hazard. SeaWorld was also cited for failing to maintain a food receptacle properly in the Dolphin Stadium. Paint was peeling on the feed box insert, which could contaminate the food.

June 25, 2003/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to handle animals properly in the "Key West interactive" tank area. A few members of the public were touching some of the dolphins around the blow hole and the mouth, and small children were straddling the tank wall with both feet off the ground and without any adults holding them.

April 7, 2003/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to either perform weekly water-quality tests or not recording them and for failing to maintain accurate medical records.

June 3, 2002/San Diego, California: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to maintain the Sea Lion and Otter Stadium exhibit. It had cracks and small gaps at the junction of the wall and floor of the staging tank and peeling paint on several sections of a tank enclosure, making it impossible to clean and sanitize these areas properly. The paint flakes also posed a health hazard, as the animals could swallow them. SeaWorld was also cited for having rotted door jams in the main food-preparation area, which couldn't be adequately cleaned or sterilized, and having a bank of unprotected fluorescent bulbs in the ceiling back stage at the Sea Lion and Otter Stadium, which could be a potential cause of injury if the bulbs were to shatter.

August 20, 2001/San Diego, California: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to dispose of expired medication and failing to maintain the prop in the enclosure holding a

river otter. It had been heavily chewed on, making it impossible to clean and sanitize properly. SeaWorld was also cited for failing to keep exhibit areas in good repair. Paint was peeling on the ramp and stage floor of the "Sea Lion and Otter Show" area.

February 3, 1999/Orlando, Florida: The USDA cited SeaWorld for failing to provide two polar bears, who were confined to separate holding enclosures, with tanks that met the minimum space requirement of the AWA.

DEATHS OF ORCAS

August 4, 2022/San Diego, California: Nakai, a 20-year-old male orca, died of lung disease. A necropsy revealed that he had ulcers in the colon and pneumonia.

August 19, 2021/San Diego, California: Amaya, a 6-year-old female orca, died of gastrointestinal disease.

January 28, 2019/Orlando, Florida: Kayla, a 31-year-old female orca, died of lung disease.

August 15, 2017/San Diego, California: Kasatka, a 41-year-old female orca, was euthanized due to lung disease.

July 24, 2017/San Antonio, Texas: Kyara, a 3-month-old female orca, died of lung disease.

January 6, 2017/Orlando, Florida: Tilikum, a 35-year-old male orca, died of lung disease.

December 21, 2015/San Antonio, Texas: Unna, an 18-year-old orca, died after suffering from candida, a fungal infection.

October 4, 2010/Orlando, Florida: Kalina, a 25-year-old female orca, died from a sudden invasion of bacteria into her bloodstream and a systemic infection.

September 7, 2010/San Diego, California:

Sumar, a 12-year-old orca, died from a sudden twisting of the intestines, causing obstruction, perforation, and/or death of the intestinal tissues.

June 6, 2010/Orlando, Florida: Taima, a 20-year-old orca, died from complications while giving birth. The calf was stillborn.

June 15, 2008/San Antonio, Texas: Halyn, a 2½-year-old female orca, died from an acute inflammation of the brain and the death of nervous tissue.

October 17, 2007/San Antonio, Texas:

Taku, a 14-year-old orca, died of what was later determined to be the West Nile virus. Mosquito-transmitted diseases in wild orcas have not been reported, and according to a peer-reviewed scientific paper in the *Journal of Marine Mammals & Their Ecology*, captive orcas' vulnerability to mosquito-transmitted diseases is increased because they spend more time at the surface of the water.

April 5, 2005/San Diego, California:

Splash, a 15-year-old orca, died from a sudden perforation of the stomach from a deep gastric ulcer and a subsequent infection in the abdomen.

April 11, 2002/San Antonio, Texas:

Winnie, a 26-year-old orca, died from a gastrointestinal tract obstruction. She had been caught near Iceland.

October 8, 2001/San Diego, California:

Bjossa, an orca in her 20s, died after developing a lung infection. She had been transferred to SeaWorld San Diego the previous April after spending 20 years at the Vancouver Aquarium.

August 1, 2001/San Antonio, Texas:

Haida, a 21-year-old orca, died from what was later determined to be a brain abscess

caused by a fungal infection. She had been taken from the wild in 1980.

May 5, 1999/San Antonio, Texas:

Katerina, a 10-year-old orca, died of severe bacterial pneumonia.

April 1, 1996/Orlando, Florida: Nyar, a 2-year-old orca, died from a severe infection of the brain tissues.

February 25, 1996/Orlando, Florida: Orca Gudrun died from a uterine infection that resulted in the invasion of bacteria into her bloodstream only days after a stillborn calf was pulled from her with a metal hook, cable, and winch.

April 3, 1995/San Antonio, Texas: Kotar, a 20-year-old orca, died after a tank gate closed on his head, crushing his skull. He had been caught off the coast of Iceland in 1978.

December 28, 1994/San Antonio, Texas:

A 1-month-old female orca calf died of pneumonia.

September 14, 1994/Orlando, Florida:

Nootka, a 13-year-old orca, died nearly a month after giving birth to a dead calf. She had quit eating earlier that day and become sluggish.

March 14, 1992/San Antonio, Texas:

Samoa, a 14-year-old orca, died while trying to give birth. The calf also died. It was later determined that they both died from inflammation of the brain tissues from an unknown cause. Samoa had been caught off the coast of Iceland in 1983.

August 6, 1991/Orlando, Florida: Kenau, a 17-year-old orca, and her unborn calf died of bacterial pneumonia, which may have been caused by an infected tooth. Kenau had been caught off the coast of Iceland in 1976.

May 15, 1991/San Antonio, Texas:

Kahana, an orca estimated to be between 14 and 16 years old, died from severe trauma after she collided with the side of a tank and sustained multiple skull fractures, cerebral contusions, and blood loss. She had been caught off the coast of Iceland in 1978.

September 20, 1990/Orlando, Florida:

Kanduke, an orca believed to be in his mid-20s, died from inflammation of the brain from a viral infection. He had been taken from Pedder Bay, British Columbia, in 1975.

March 13, 1990/San Diego, California:

Knootka, an orca believed to have been in her mid- to late 20s, died of pneumonia. She had been taken from Pedder Bay, British Columbia, in 1970.

August 23, 1989/San Diego, California:

Kandu V, a 14-year-old orca, died after colliding with Corky, a 25-year-old orca who outweighed him by 2,000 pounds. Kandu V sustained a fracture, which triggered a massive hemorrhage in her nasal passages. She bled to death in front of spectators within 45 minutes. Corky sustained minor rake marks from Kandu V's teeth. The two orcas had had several skirmishes in the past. Kandu V had been caught off the coast of Iceland in 1977.

September 26, 1988/San Diego,

California: Orky II, a 30-year-old orca, died of acute pneumonia. He had been caught off the coast of British Columbia and held at Marineland of the Pacific until he was bought by SeaWorld in 1987.

October 15, 1987/Orlando, Florida:

Kona II, a 12-year-old orca, died from a lung abscess, along with her fetus. She had been caught off the coast of Iceland in 1977.

April 29, 1986/San Diego, California:

Winston, a 23-year-old orca, died from chronic cardiovascular disease and eventual heart failure. He had been taken from Penn Cove in Washington state in 1970.

January 16, 1986/San Diego, California:

A 12-day-old orca calf died after showing signs of respiratory problems and failing to respond to treatment.

January 12, 1982/Orlando, Florida:

Ramu, an 18-year-old orca, died from cardiovascular failure and an infection of the cavity surrounding the lungs. He had been taken from Washington state's Yukon Harbor in 1967.

August 2, 1981/San Diego, California:

Canuck II, a 6-year-old orca, died of chronic kidney disease. He had been caught off the coast of Iceland in 1977.

September 3, 1979/San Diego, California:

Shawn, a 2-year-old orca, died of pneumonia. She had been caught off the southeast coast of Iceland the previous year.

September 23, 1978/San Diego,

California: Kilroy, a 13-year-old orca, died of pneumonia. He had been taken from Washington state's Yukon Harbor in 1967.

December 1, 1974/Orlando, Florida:

Canuck, a 4-year-old orca, died from a fungal infection. He had been taken from Washington state's Carr Inlet in 1972.

August 23, 1971/San Diego, California:

Shamu, a 9-year-old orca, died from an infection of the uterus and a subsequent invasion of bacteria into her bloodstream less than six years after being taken from the wild to be a companion for another captive orca.

DEATHS OF OTHER DOLPHINS AND WHALES

Hundreds of other dolphins and whales have died at SeaWorld parks in the United States. Below is a partial listing.

March 12, 2025/San Antonio, Texas: Notchfin, an approximately 63-year-old female bottlenose dolphin, died due to heart disease.

January 27, 2025/San Diego, California: A 1-day-old female bottlenose dolphin died.

January 21, 2025/Orlando, Florida: A male Commerson's dolphin named Juan, who had been captured off the coast of Chile in 1983, died. His cause of death was listed as "geriatric/age-related death".

January 3, 2025/San Diego, California: A 1-day-old female bottlenose dolphin died.

November 1, 2024/San Diego, California: A male bottlenose dolphin died shortly after his birth.

August 1, 2024/San Antonio, Texas: A 1-month-old female Pacific white-sided dolphin died of neurologic disease.

June 13, 2024/Orlando, Florida: An approximately 2-year-old male bottlenose dolphin was euthanized due to liver disease.

December 14, 2023/San Diego, California: A male beluga whale named Ferdinand, who had been captured in Hudson Bay in 1975, died. His cause of death was listed as "geriatric/age-related death".

May 8, 2023/Orlando, Florida: A 24-year-old male bottlenose dolphin was euthanized due to cancer.

March 26, 2023/Orlando, Florida: A 32-year-old male bottlenose dolphin died of lung disease.

October 20, 2022/Orlando, Florida: Gilly, a 28-year-old male bottlenose dolphin, died due to cancer.

July 2, 2022/San Diego, California: A male short-finned pilot whale died of gastrointestinal disease.

June 3, 2022/San Antonio, Texas: A 1-day-old male Pacific white-sided dolphin died.

April 26, 2022/San Diego, California: A 10-year-old male short-finned pilot whale died of neurologic disease.

April 22, 2022/Orlando, Florida: A 50-year-old female bottlenose dolphin with a cancerous growth was euthanized.

April 8, 2022/San Antonio, Texas: A female Pacific white-sided dolphin kept in captivity for at least 42 years was euthanized. She had a cancerous growth.

March 19, 2022/San Antonio, Texas: Helen, a 33-year-old female Pacific white-sided dolphin, died due to cancer.

March 14, 2022/Orlando, Florida: A 41-year-old female bottlenose dolphin with a cancerous growth was euthanized.

January 31, 2022/Orlando, Florida: A 32-year-old male bottlenose dolphin died of gastrointestinal disease.

December 3, 2021/Orlando, Florida: A 28-year-old female Pacific white-sided dolphin died of kidney disease.

October 12, 2021/San Diego, California: A male bottlenose dolphin died shortly after birth.

October 10, 2021/San Diego, California: A male bottlenose dolphin was stillborn.

June 3, 2021/Orlando, Florida: A 30-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died of undetermined causes.

January 24, 2021/Orlando, Florida: A 20-year-old female Commerson's dolphin died of heart disease.

October 6, 2020/San Diego, California: A female bottlenose dolphin held in captivity for at least 33 years died of lung disease.

June 29, 2020/San Antonio, Texas: A 31-year-old male bottlenose dolphin was euthanized due to lung disease.

May 7, 2020/San Diego, California: A female bottlenose dolphin held in captivity for at least 43 years was euthanized due to cancer.

December 22, 2019/San Antonio, Texas: A 39-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died of heart disease.

December 18, 2019/San Diego, California: A 29-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died due to cancer.

September 23, 2019/San Antonio, Texas: A female bottlenose dolphin held in captivity for at least 44 years died due to cancer.

April 6, 2019/Orlando, Florida: A female short-finned pilot whale died from a systemic infection.

September 25, 2018/San Diego, California: A male beluga whale was stillborn.

September 13, 2018/San Diego, California: A 30-year-old female short-finned pilot whale died of heart disease.

August 31, 2018/Orlando, Florida: A female bottlenose dolphin held in captivity for at least 48 years was euthanized.

July 4, 2017/Orlando, Florida: A female beluga whale died shortly after birth.

May 20, 2017/Orlando, Florida: A female Commerson's dolphin died shortly after birth.

January 31, 2017/Orlando, Florida: Lily, a 37-year-old bottlenose dolphin, was euthanized due to oral cancer that was diagnosed in 2010.

November 29, 2016/Orlando, Florida: A 3-month-old male bottlenose dolphin died.

November 5, 2016/San Diego, California: A 25-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died of lung disease.

October 15, 2016/Orlando, Florida: A 2-month-old female bottlenose dolphin died.

October 4, 2016/San Diego, California: A 7-year-old bottlenose dolphin died of neurologic disease.

July 27, 2016/Orlando, Florida: A female bottlenose dolphin held in captivity for at least 16 years was euthanized due to cancer.

June 9, 2016/San Diego, California: A female short-finned pilot whale held in captivity for at least 29 years died of heart disease.

February 4, 2016/San Antonio, Texas: Dart, a 12-year-old Pacific white-sided dolphin, died of neurologic disease.

January 17, 2016/Orlando, Florida: Betsy, a female Commerson's dolphin, died just days after being transferred to Aquatica in

Orlando, Florida from SeaWorld in San Diego. She stopped eating after arriving and appeared to have a "gastrointestinal issue" before dying.

November 13, 2015/San Antonio, Texas: Stella, a 2-year-old beluga whale, died after being treated for gastrointestinal complications.

July 12, 2015/San Antonio, Texas: A newborn beluga whale died three weeks after being born prematurely.

June 15, 2015/Orlando, Florida: Lagos, an 8-year-old dolphin, died suddenly. He had been reluctant to eat the previous night.

March 6, 2015/Orlando, Florida: Jensen, a 22-year-old Atlantic bottlenose dolphin, died suddenly.

December 16, 2014/San Diego, California: A 1-year-old dolphin died two days after arriving at SeaWorld in San Diego. Los Angeles County Fire Department had captured the animal from the wild and transported them to SeaWorld San Diego for care.

February 19, 2015/Orlando, Florida: Nanuq, a 32-year-old beluga whale on a breeding loan from the Vancouver Aquarium, died from an infection after her jaw was shattered into at least five pieces by another whale.

April 26, 2014: Bossa, a 17-year-old dolphin, died from a uterine rupture with acute peritonitis. A few days prior, Bossa had gone through her third labor, giving birth to her second stillborn calf, which caused major trauma to her body.

April 16, 2014/UNK: Fabio, a 20-year-old Commerson's dolphin, died.

August 26, 2013/San Antonio, Texas: Bella, a 4-year-old beluga whale, died after a brief illness.

May 31, 2013/San Antonio, Texas: A 2½-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died from a severe fungal infection that caused a progressive obstruction of her airway.

January 29, 2013/Orlando, Florida: A bottlenose dolphin died of pneumonia. She had been taken from the wild in 1986.

June 4, 2012/Orlando, Florida: An 18-year-old female false killer whale died of bacterial pneumonia.

April 23, 2012/San Diego, California: Sully, a young male short-finned pilot whale, died of liver disease.

November 14, 2011/Orlando, Florida: A 14-month-old bottlenose dolphin died from gastric impaction and subsequent liver disease.

November 3, 2011/San Antonio, Texas: Puka, a 29-year-old female bottlenose dolphin, died from a sudden twisting of the intestines, causing obstruction, perforation, and/or death of the intestinal tissues.

August 9, 2011/Orlando, Florida: A 2-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died from a sudden hemorrhage into the intestines, a condition most commonly caused by an overgrowth of bacteria in the intestines.

July 24, 2011/San Diego, California: A Pacific white-sided dolphin died from a sudden onset of a severe fungal infection affecting the heart. She had been taken from the wild in 1981.

January 3, 2011/Orlando, Florida: A 16-month-old male bottlenose dolphin died from a sudden onset of pancreatitis,

resulting in the death of the pancreatic tissues.

April 4, 2010/San Diego, California: A bottlenose dolphin was euthanized for a "[l]ife threatening condition involving pain/suffering." She had been taken from the wild in 1975.

March 25, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 17-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died of pneumonia.

November 2, 2009/San Antonio, Texas: Nico, a 25-year-old beluga whale, died while temporarily being held at SeaWorld San Antonio while the Georgia Aquarium made renovations to its tanks.

June 21, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 29-year-old bottlenose dolphin died from a ruptured uterus and a subsequent infection of the abdomen.

March 22, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 13-year-old male bottlenose dolphin died from an endocrine disease characterized by an inability to modulate and respond to stress.

December 22, 2008/San Diego, California: A 24-year-old female false killer whale died of severe acute pneumonia.

December 8, 2008/Orlando, Florida: A 6-year-old bottlenose dolphin died of severe acute bacterial pneumonia.

November 7, 2008/San Diego, California: **Duncan**, a 16-year-old male bottlenose dolphin, died of chronic pneumonia.

August 27, 2008/San Antonio, Texas: A 1-month-old female beluga whale died of acute bacterial pneumonia.

April 26, 2008/Orlando, Florida: Sharky, a 30-year-old dolphin, died from head injuries

after colliding mid-air with another dolphin while performing an aerial stunt for tourists.

November 9, 2007/Orlando, Florida: A beluga whale died from an acute fungal infection of her brain tissue.

October 31, 2007/San Diego, California: An 11-year-old saddleback dolphin died from a bacterial invasion into his bloodstream and sudden, severe hemorrhaging into the lungs.

June 20, 2007/San Antonio, Texas: A 38-year-old bottlenose dolphin died from a perforated stomach, resulting in the release of bacteria and toxins into the abdomen and bloodstream.

May 28, 2007/San Diego, California: A bottlenose dolphin died from a sudden rupture of the liver capsule. He had been taken from the wild in 1970.

January 30, 2007/San Diego, California: A 9-month-old bottlenose dolphin died from a sudden twisting of the intestines, causing obstruction, perforation, and/or death of the intestinal tissues.

November 6, 2006/Orlando, Florida: A 4-year-old bottlenose dolphin died from severe acute trauma that resulted in hemorrhaging into the abdomen and chest.

October 17, 2006/Orlando, Florida: A 17-month-old bottlenose dolphin died from a sudden inflammation of blood vessels and surrounding tissues of the brain.

July 4, 2006/San Antonio, Texas: A 5-year-old male bottlenose dolphin died from a sudden inflammation of the brain tissues accompanied by hemorrhaging and cell death.

May 10, 2006/San Antonio, Texas: A 16-month-old bottlenose dolphin died from

severe oxygen deprivation after developing acute respiratory disease syndrome.

October 15, 2005/Orlando, Florida: A 9-year-old bottlenose dolphin died of severe, chronic respiratory disease.

May 7, 2005/San Diego, California: A 22-year-old female false killer whale was euthanized for a "[I]ife threatening condition involving pain/suffering."

April 20, 2005/San Antonio, Texas: A 7-year-old beluga whale died from severe acute trauma to her neck and head.

April 12, 2005/Orlando, Florida: Lazarus, a 3-year-old bottlenose dolphin, died after inhaling water.

February 7, 2005/San Antonio, Texas: **Cassie**, an 8-year-old Pacific white-sided dolphin, died from a bacterial invasion into her bloodstream.

November 29, 2004/San Antonio, Texas: Jet, a 14-month-old Pacific white-sided dolphin, died from a sudden twisting of the intestines, causing obstruction, perforation, and/or death of the intestinal tissues.

November 20, 2004/San Diego, California: Jogi, a 32-year-old Commerson's dolphin, died shortly after being transferred to California.

November 3, 2004/San Diego, California: A bottlenose dolphin died from inflammation and/or an infection in her abdomen. She had been taken from the wild in 1975.

September 12, 2004/Orlando, Florida: A 15-year-old bottlenose dolphin died from acute pneumonia.

August 26, 2004/San Antonio, Texas: A 1-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died

from severe, chronic upper airway inflammation.

August 12, 2004/San Diego, California: A 23-year-old bottlenose dolphin died from severe inflammation of the tissues surrounding her heart.

May 30, 2004/San Antonio, Texas: A 5-year-old bottlenose dolphin died of severe, acute pneumonia.

January 18, 2004/San Diego, California: An 8-year-old male Commerson's dolphin died of severe liver disease.

December 28, 2003/San Diego, California: Cookie, an 8-year-old female Commerson's dolphin, died from a sudden onset of liver disease.

December 15, 2003/San Diego, California: Rachel, a 2-year-old female Commerson's dolphin, died of severe liver disease.

October 7, 2003/Orlando, Florida: A 4-year-old beluga whale died from a sudden twisting of the intestines, followed by SeaWorld excessive clotting of the blood, obstruction of the vascular system, and subsequent shock.

October 27, 2002/Orlando, Florida: Kiwi, a 7-year-old bottlenose dolphin, died from an acute bacterial infection.

October 19, 2002/San Diego, California: A 6-week-old bottlenose dolphin died of fungal pneumonia.

July 25, 2002/San Diego, California: Terry, a 21-year-old false killer whale, died of pneumonia with subsequent hemorrhaging into his lungs.

July 24, 2002/San Diego, California:

Stormy, a 3-year-old saddleback dolphin, died from inflammation of the brain.

March 31, 2002/San Antonio, Texas: A

20-month-old female Pacific white-sided dolphin died from a systemic fungal infection.

January 3, 2002/San Antonio, Texas: A 2-

year-old Pacific white-sided dolphin died from a bacterial infection throughout the entire body.

December 22, 2000/Orlando, Florida: A 9-

year-old male bottlenose dolphin died of severe pneumonia.

December 1, 2000/San Antonio, Texas: A

beluga whale died from neurological disease. He had been acquired by SeaWorld in 1987.

October 26, 2000/San Diego, California:

An 18-year-old male bottlenose dolphin died of pneumonia.

October 23, 2000/Aurora, Ohio: Toni, a

12-year-old female Commerson's dolphin, died from chronic inflammation of the stomach, intestines, and kidneys.

April 14, 2000/San Diego, California:

Jones, a 14-month-old bottlenose dolphin, died from a sudden-onset bacterial infection.

March 18, 2000/Aurora, Ohio: A 4-year-old

Commerson's dolphin died from a bacterial infection of the intestines and an invasion of bacteria into his bloodstream.

March 9, 2000/Aurora, Ohio: A 12-year-old

Commerson's dolphin died from a bacterial infection of the intestines and an invasion of bacteria into his bloodstream.

March 7, 2000/Aurora, Ohio: A 15-year-old

Commerson's dolphin died from a bacterial infection of the intestines and an invasion of bacteria into his bloodstream.

February 28, 2000/San Antonio, Texas: A

20-month-old female bottlenose dolphin died from a fungal infection.

January 15, 2000/San Antonio, Texas:

Lorelai, a Pacific white-sided dolphin, died from a fungal infection of the intestines. She had been taken from the wild in 1981.

May 18, 1999/San Antonio, Texas: A

Pacific white-sided dolphin died from severe inflammation of the tissues surrounding her lungs and inflammation of the brain tissues caused by a virus. She had been taken from the wild in 1980.

May 12, 1999/San Antonio, Texas: A 6-

year-old male bottlenose dolphin died from an inflammation of the kidneys, loss of proper kidney function, and severe pneumonia.

February 13, 1999/San Antonio, Texas: A

5-year-old bottlenose dolphin died of pneumonia.

January 14, 1999/Orlando, Florida:

Louise, a bottlenose dolphin, died from a perforated ulcer with subsequent hemorrhaging and a release of bacteria into the abdominal cavity. She had been taken from the wild in 1981.

September 25, 1998/Orlando, Florida: A

7-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died of severe pneumonia.

August 18, 1998/San Diego, California: A

bottlenose dolphin died from an invasion of bacteria into his bloodstream. He had been taken from the wild in 1977.

July 30, 1998/San Diego, California:

Anne, a bottlenose dolphin, died of pneumonia. She had been taken from the wild in 1982.

June 24, 1998/Orlando, Florida: A 1-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died from possible zinc intoxication.

June 20, 1998/San Diego, California: A 13-year-old bottlenose dolphin died from a fungal infection of her bladder and lungs.

May 25, 1998/Orlando, Florida: Hoshi, a 4-year-old female false killer whale, died from a severe bacterial infection resulting in death of the intestines from bacterial toxins.

May 11, 1998/San Antonio, Texas: A nearly 3-year-old female beluga whale died from an undetermined cause.

March 12, 1998/Orlando, Florida: A 10-month-old female bottlenose dolphin died of pneumonia.

February 6, 1998/San Antonio, Texas: A beluga whale died from neurological disease affecting the brain. He had been acquired by SeaWorld in 1987.

January 15, 1998/San Diego, California: A 10-year-old male bottlenose dolphin died of pneumonia.

January 2, 1998/San Diego, California: A 9-year-old Commerson's dolphin died from a sudden invasion of bacteria into her bloodstream.

November 4, 1997/San Antonio, Texas: A bottlenose dolphin died from a severe bacterial infection of the lungs and brain tissues. She had been taken from the wild in 1980.

October 24, 1997/San Diego, California: A 29-day-old Commerson's dolphin died from

a disease affecting her stomach and kidneys.

August 5, 1997/San Antonio, Texas: A female Pacific white-sided dolphin died from kidney failure. She had been taken from the wild in 1980.

July 24, 1997/Orlando, Florida: A 7-year-old male bottlenose dolphin died from a severe bacterial infection of the gastrointestinal tract, with fluid buildup in the lungs.

October 1, 1996/San Antonio, Texas: A beluga whale died from acute kidney failure. She had been acquired by SeaWorld in 1988.

September 20, 1996/San Diego, California: A male saddleback dolphin died from asphyxiation.

July 2, 1996/Aurora, Ohio: Echo, a 12-year-old bottlenose dolphin, died from multiple fungal granulomatous neoplasia.

May 25, 1996/Orlando, Florida: Pseudorca, a female false killer whale acquired in 1983, died from a twisting of the stomach, which caused an obstruction of the gastrointestinal tract, bloating of the stomach, and subsequent death by secondary complications.

May 22, 1996/San Antonio, Texas: A beluga whale died from a bacterial infection of the tissues underlying the skin. He had been acquired by SeaWorld in 1979.

March 6, 1996/San Diego, California: A bottlenose dolphin died from an infection of the uterus, which led to an invasion of bacteria or bacterial toxins into her bloodstream and subsequent shock. She had been taken from the wild in 1968.

December 7, 1995/San Diego, California: Pancho, a 12-year-old Commerson's dolphin, died from chronic inflammation of the intestines and kidneys. He had been taken from the wild in 1983.

September 6, 1995/Orlando, Florida: A 14-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died from liver and kidney failure from an unknown cause.

August 2, 1995/San Antonio, Texas: A beluga whale died from chronic inflammation of the tissues surrounding the heart and subsequent cardiac arrest. She had been acquired by SeaWorld in 1987.

March 25, 1995/San Diego, California: A 10-year-old bottlenose dolphin died of pneumonia and a fungal and bacterial infection of the tissues surrounding her lungs.

February 16, 1995/San Antonio, Texas: A 17-month-old beluga whale died from a chronic infection of the bones of his spine.

November 16, 1993/San Antonio, Texas: A 2-month-old beluga whale died. He was being treated for pneumonia.

June 5, 1993/Orlando, Florida: A 9-month-old bottlenose dolphin died of acute pneumonia.

November 12, 1992/San Diego, California: A nearly 14-year-old male bottlenose dolphin died from a fungal infection of the intestines and lymphatic system.

July 29, 1992/Orlando, Florida: A 6-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died from severe inflammation of the intestines.

December 14, 1991/San Diego, California: A 7-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died of acute bacterial pneumonia.

January 16, 1991/Orlando, Florida: Bonnie, a 23-year-old bottlenose dolphin, died from circulatory system failure from an undisclosed cause.

June 19, 1990/San Diego, California: Asia, a false killer whale of indeterminate age, died after suffering from an internal infection for at least three weeks.

November 6, 1989/San Antonio, Texas: A 10-day-old female bottlenose dolphin died.

June 14, 1989/San Diego, California: Little Girl, a 15-year-old beluga whale on a breeding loan from the Minnesota Zoo, died unexpectedly. She had been in San Diego since 1987.

January 15, 1989/San Diego, California: A 2-year-old bottlenose dolphin died from bacteria and/or bacterial toxins in her bloodstream and subsequent shock.

September 11, 1987/San Diego, California: A 7-year-old bottlenose dolphin died from an invasion of bacteria into the bloodstream.

August 12, 1987/San Diego, California: Splash, a bottlenose dolphin, died of pneumonia. She had been taken from the wild in 1966.

April 18, 1987/San Diego, California: Billy, a 2-year-old bottlenose dolphin, died from hemorrhaging into the lungs from an unknown cause.

February 24, 1987/San Diego, California: Echo, a 30-year-old bottlenose dolphin, died from an infection 3 days after being transferred to SeaWorld.

February 19, 1987/San Diego, California: Sundance, an 8-year-old bottlenose dolphin, died from a skull fracture and a cerebral

hemorrhage sustained during a fight with other males.

November 27, 1986/San Diego, California: Kathy, a 15-year-old beluga whale, died. Her death was listed as "senile changes, old age."

December 1, 1985/San Diego, California: A 9-year-old male bottlenose dolphin died of chronic pneumonia.

September 12, 1985/San Diego, California: A 7-year-old bottlenose dolphin died from a severe infection of the tissues surrounding his lungs.

DEATHS OF OTHER MARINE MAMMALS

May 7, 2025/Orlando, Florida: A 34-year-old male harbor seal was euthanized due to cancer.

May 2, 2025/San Diego, California: A 25-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

March 11, 2025/San Antonio, Texas: A 34-year-old male harbor seal was euthanized due to lung disease.

February 24, 2025/San Antonio, Texas: A 25-year-old female California sea lion died from "age-related" causes.

February 15, 2025/ San Antonio, Texas: A 5-year-old California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

February 5, 2025/ Orlando, Florida: A 23-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

December 6, 2024/ San Antonio, Texas: A 36-year-old male harbor seal was euthanized due to cancer.

November 25, 2024/San Diego, California: A 19-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

October 19, 2024/ San Diego, California: A 22-year-old male California sea lion died of heart disease.

October 14, 2024/Orlando, Florida: A 6-year-old male California sea lion died from a systemic infection.

September 26, 2024/Orlando, Florida: A 2-month-old female California sea lion was euthanized.

September 4, 2024/Orlando, Florida: A 27-year-old male harbor seal was euthanized due to cancer.

August 23, 2024/San Antonio, Texas: An approximately 30-year-old female harbor seal was euthanized due to gastrointestinal disease.

July 30, 2024/San Antonio, Texas: A 21-year-old male California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

April 3, 2024/San Antonio, Texas: A 9-month-old female California sea lion died. Her cause of death was listed as "other (mortality incidental to efforts for nutritional support during weaning).

March 22, 2024/Orlando, Florida: A 4-year-old male California sea lion died due to cancer.

February 23, 2024/Orlando, Florida: A 24-year-old female California sea lion with cancer was euthanized due to a life-threatening condition causing pain and suffering.

January 25, 2024/San Diego, California: A female northern elephant seal was euthanized.

January 24, 2024/Orlando, Florida: A 7-year-old male harbor seal died of kidney disease.

December 27, 2023/Orlando, Florida: A 25-year-old female California sea lion died while under anesthesia/sedation.

December 20, 2023/San Antonio, Texas: A 16-year-old male California sea lion died while under anesthesia/sedation.

December 11, 2023/San Antonio, Texas: A 16-year-old male California sea lion died of heart disease.

November 2, 2023/San Antonio, Texas: A 10-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to systemic infection.

October 17, 2023/San Diego, California: An approximately 28-year-old female harbor seal died while under anesthesia/sedation.

June 27, 2023/San Antonio, Texas: A 39-year-old male harbor seal was euthanized due to lung disease.

April 20, 2023/San Diego, California: An approximately 5-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to neurologic disease.

February 17, 2023/Orlando, Florida: A 12-year-old female harbor seal died due to cancer.

January 10, 2023/San Diego, California: An approximately 14-year-old female California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

January 4, 2023/Orlando, Florida: A 7-year-old female harbor seal died of gastrointestinal disease.

December 19, 2022/San Diego, California: A 25-year-old female California

sea lion was euthanized due to "geriatric/age-related" concerns.

October 20, 2022/San Diego, California: A 26-year-old male California sea lion died.

August 30, 2022/San Diego, California: A 25-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized.

July 28, 2022/Orlando, Florida: A 20-year-old male California sea lion died of heart disease.

July 5, 2022/San Diego, California: A 13-year-old female Guadalupe fur seal died of lung disease.

March 27, 2022/San Diego, California: An 8-year-old male harbor seal died of unknown causes.

December 30, 2021/Orlando, Florida: A 17-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

November 5, 2021/Orlando, Florida: A 5-year-old male California sea lion died of neurologic disease.

November 4, 2021/Orlando, Florida: A 1-year-old female California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

October 9, 2021/San Diego, California: A 4-year-old female California sea lion died of a systemic infection.

September 29, 2021/Orlando, Florida: A male harp seal died of heart disease.

September 1, 2021/San Antonio, Texas: A 3-year-old male California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

July 20, 2021/San Diego, California: A 21-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

July 14, 2021/San Antonio, Texas: A 31-year-old male harbor seal died due to cancer.

May 22, 2021/Orlando, Florida: An 11-month-old male California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

April 1, 2021/San Antonio, Texas: A nearly 3-year-old male California sea lion died under anesthesia.

January 19, 2021/Orlando, Florida: A male California sea lion died due to cancer.

December 31, 2020/Orlando, Florida: A 13-year-old male harbor seal died of gastrointestinal disease.

October 31, 2020/San Diego, California: A 15-month-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to a congenital disorder.

October 30, 2020/Orlando, Florida: A 30-year-old female California sea lion died due to cancer.

September 10, 2020/Orlando, Florida: A 30-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to kidney disease.

September 9, 2020/San Diego, California: A male Guadalupe fur seal was euthanized in an "age-related death."

August 21, 2020/San Diego, California: A 22-year-old harbor seal died of kidney disease.

March 6, 2020/Orlando, Florida: A 4-year-old male harbor seal was euthanized due to neurologic disease.

February 13, 2020/Orlando, Florida: A 26-year-old male California sea lion died due to cancer.

November 15, 2019/Orlando, Florida: A 4-month-old female California sea lion died of heart disease.

September 25, 2019/San Diego, California: A 28-year-old female California sea lion died of a diaphragmatic hernia.

September 23, 2019/Orlando, Florida: A 2-week-old male California sea lion died.

July 30, 2019/Orlando, Florida: A 32-year-old male California sea lion died due to cancer.

July 28, 2019/Orlando, Florida: A 22-day-old female California sea lion died of a systemic infection.

June 14, 2019/Orlando, Florida: A 30-year-old male California sea lion died.

April 3, 2019/Orlando, Florida: A 2-year-old harbor seal died of neurologic disease.

March 7, 2019/San Diego, California: A 25-year-old female California sea lion died from a systemic infection.

December 27, 2018/Orlando, Florida: A 14-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

September 12, 2018/San Antonio, Texas: A male sea lion died from a systemic infection.

July 16, 2018/Orlando, Florida: An 8-year-old female California sea lion died due to cancer.

April 10, 2018/Orlando, Florida: A 28-year-old California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

March 26, 2018/San Antonio, Texas: A 36-year-old male harbor seal died of neurologic disease.

February 11, 2018/San Diego, California: A 20-year-old female California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

October 19, 2017/Orlando, Florida: A male California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

September 2, 2017/Orlando, Florida: A 13-month-old female California sea lion died of neurologic disease.

July 4, 2017/San Diego, California: A 4-year-old female harbor seal died of gastrointestinal disease.

May 29, 2017/Orlando, Florida: An 11-month-old male California sea lion died from a systemic infection.

January 6, 2017/San Diego, California: A 2-year-old female California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

September 16, 2016/Orlando, Florida: A 29-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized in an "age-related death."

July 31, 2016/San Antonio, Texas: A 9-year-old male harbor seal died of gastrointestinal disease.

July 19, 2016/San Antonio, Texas: A 2-year-old female California sea lion died of a parasitic disease.

June 28, 2016/Orlando, Florida: A 1-year-old male California sea lion died of a congenital disease.

May 26, 2016/Orlando, Florida: A 4-year-old male California sea lion died of lung disease.

March 28, 2016/San Antonio, Texas: A 27-year-old male California sea lion died of kidney disease.

February 11, 2016/Orlando, Florida: A 10-year-old female California sea lion died of a congenital disease.

January 19, 2016/Orlando, Florida: A 7-year-old female California sea lion died of neurologic disease.

November 18, 2015/San Diego, California: A 25-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to bone disease.

September 24, 2015/Orlando, Florida: A 25-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

August 30, 2015/Orlando, Florida: A 32-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized in an "age-related death."

August 16, 2015/San Antonio, Texas: A nearly 2-month-old male California sea lion died of a systemic infection.

August 3, 2015/Orlando, Florida: A nearly 2-month-old female California sea lion died of heart disease.

August 3, 2015/Orlando, Florida: A 44-day-old male California sea lion died of heart disease.

July 27, 2015/San Antonio, Texas: A 28-year-old male California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

July 4, 2015/Orlando, Florida: A 1-year-old male California sea lion died of lung disease.

June 29, 2015/Orlando, Florida: An 11-year-old male California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

May 22, 2015/San Diego, California: A 23-year-old male California sea lion died of kidney disease.

April 2, 2015/San Diego, California: A 23-year-old female California sea lion died due to cancer.

March 23, 2015/San Diego, California: A 23-year-old female California sea lion died of kidney disease.

September 24, 2014/Orlando, Florida: A 28-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

August 7, 2014/San Diego, California: A 24-year-old female California sea lion died due to cancer.

July 31, 2014/Orlando, Florida: Johnny, a 24-year-old polar bear died unexpectedly while recovering from a physical examination.

July 12, 2014/Orlando, Florida: A 14-year-old male California sea lion died of a systemic infection.

July 8, 2014/San Antonio, Texas: A one-year-old female sea lion died of a metabolic disease.

June 18, 2014/San Diego, California: An 11-year-old male California sea lion died of lung disease.

June 7, 2014/Orlando, Florida: A 25-year-old male California sea lion died due to cancer.

May 4, 2014/San Antonio, Texas: An 10-year-old male California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

March 6, 2014/Orlando, Florida: A 15-year-old male California sea lion died of a systemic infection.

February 20, 2014/San Antonio, Texas: A male harbor seal was euthanized due to neurological disease.

January 2, 2014/San Diego, California: A 29-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized in an "age-related death."

August 11, 2013/Orlando, Florida: A 24-year-old female California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

August 9, 2013/Orlando, Florida: A 24-year-old female California sea lion died of a systemic infection.

July 31, 2013/San Antonio, Texas: A male California sea lion died of heart disease.

July 25, 2013/San Antonio, Texas: A 27-year-old male California sea lion died of heart disease.

July 25, 2013/San Diego, California: A 27-year-old male harbor seal was euthanized due to neurological disease.

July 22, 2013/San Antonio, Texas: A 10-year-old female California sea lion died of a systemic infection.

July 2, 2013/Orlando, Florida: A 25-year-old female California sea lion died of heart disease.

June 26, 2013/San Antonio, Texas: An 11-year-old female California sea lion died of reproductive disease.

June 24, 2013/Orlando, Florida: A 10-year-old male California sea lion died of kidney disease.

May 7, 2013/San Diego, California: A 23-year-old male California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

May 3, 2013/San Diego, California: A 31-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to bone disease.

December 31, 2012/San Diego, California: A 26-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

November 14, 2012/San Diego, California: A male 25-year-old California sea lion died of heart disease.

November 12, 2012/San Diego, California: A 21-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized in an "age-related death."

October 2, 2012/San Antonio, Texas: A 17-year-old female Hawaiian monk seal died of heart disease.

September 24, 2012/San Diego, California: A 22-year-old female Guadalupe fur seal was euthanized due to cancer.

September 14, 2012/San Antonio, Texas: A 1-year-old male California sea lion died of lung disease.

August 24, 2012/San Diego, California: A 28-year-old female harbor seal died from a skin disease.

August 18, 2012/San Antonio, Texas: A nearly 2-month-old female California sea lion died due to trauma.

July 11, 2012/Orlando, Florida: A 24-year-old female California sea lion died of lung disease.

June 24, 2012/Orlando, Florida: A 2-month-old male harbor seal died of gastrointestinal disease.

March 28, 2012/Orlando, Florida: A 23-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

March 17, 2012/San Antonio, Texas: A 26-year-old male California sea lion died of cancer.

February 1, 2012/Orlando, Florida: A 25-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

January 27, 2012/San Diego, California: A 14-year-old female California sea lion died under sedation.

January 26, 2012/Orlando, Florida: A 28-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized in an "age-related death."

December 7, 2011/Orlando, Florida: A 25-year-old female California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

October 12, 2011/San Antonio, Texas: A 2-year-old male California sea lion died under sedation.

September 14, 2011/San Antonio, Texas: A 23-year-old female California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

August 30, 2011/Orlando, Florida: A 21-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

May 15, 2011/San Antonio, Texas: A 27-year-old male harbor seal died under sedation.

May 4, 2011/Orlando, Florida: A 22-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

April 13, 2011/San Antonio, Texas: A 9-year-old male California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

December 19, 2010/San Antonio, Texas: A 4-year-old female California sea lion died of liver disease.

December 6, 2010/San Antonio, Texas: A 15-year-old female Hawaiian monk seal died of liver disease.

November 29, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 3-year-old male harbor seal died of gastrointestinal disease.

November 24, 2010/San Antonio, Texas: A 5-month-old female California sea lion drowned.

October 26, 2010/San Antonio, Texas: Singer, a female sea lion, got stuck and drowned in the drain of a holding tank. The USDA later cited SeaWorld and issued it an official warning for repeatedly failing to install drain covers.

July 15, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A male California sea lion died of cancer.

June 30, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 7-year-old male harbor seal died of gastrointestinal disease.

June 6, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 4-year-old female harbor seal died of neurological disease.

June 3, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A male harbor seal died of lung disease.

June 3, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 7-year-old female harbor seal died of neurological disease.

May 27, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 4-year-old female harbor seal died of neurological disease.

May 16, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 22-year-old female sea lion died of neurological disease.

May 16, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 4-year-old female harbor seal died of neurological disease.

May 10, 2010/Orlando, Florida: An 8-year-old female harbor seal died of neurological disease.

May 6, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 6-year-old female harbor seal died of neurological disease.

April 28, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 5-year-old male California sea lion died of neurological disease.

April 26, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 28-year-old female harbor seal died of neurological disease.

April 25, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 7-year-old female harbor seal died of neurological disease.

April 21, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 19-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to kidney disease.

February 28, 2010/Orlando, Florida: An 8-month-old male California sea lion died of heart disease.

February 13, 2010/San Antonio, Texas: A 6-year-old male California sea lion drowned.

January 27, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 28-year-old male California sea lion died of cancer.

January 14, 2010/Orlando, Florida: A 21-year-old male California sea lion died of cancer.

November 12, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 19-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to bone disease.

October 12, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 30-year-old male California sea lion died of lung disease.

October 8, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 25-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

September 15, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 23-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

September 3, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A female California sea lion died of cancer.

August 23, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 2-month-old female California sea lion died of heart disease.

August 4, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 10-year-old female harbor seal died of a systemic infection.

July 17, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 3-month-old female harbor seal died of neurologic disease.

June 26, 2009/San Diego, California: A 28-year-old male harbor seal died of kidney disease.

June 25, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 29-year-old male harbor seal died of lung disease.

May 31, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 4-year-old male California sea lion died of liver disease.

May 26, 2009/San Antonio, Texas: A 3-year-old male California sea lion died under sedation.

May 23, 2009/San Antonio, Texas: A 20-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

May 18, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 1-year-old male California sea lion died of heart disease.

April 16, 2009/San Antonio, Texas: A 19-year-old male California sea lion died of lung disease.

April 15, 2009/San Diego, California: A 24-year-old male California sea lion died of a systemic infection.

March 11, 2009/San Diego, California: A 25-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

February 10, 2009/Orlando, Florida: A 22-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to bone disease.

January 17, 2009/San Antonio, Texas: A 18-year-old male California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

January 3, 2009/San Antonio, Texas: A 23-year-old male California sea lion died of kidney disease.

October 21, 2008/San Antonio, Texas: A 6-year-old male California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

September 26, 2008/San Antonio, Texas: A 30-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to an immune disease.

August 18, 2008/San Diego, California: A 5-year-old female harbor seal died of an immune disease.

August 6, 2008/Orlando, Florida: A 1.5-month-old male California sea lion died of kidney disease.

August 6, 2008/San Diego, California: A 24-year-old male California sea lion died of cancer.

June 4, 2008/Orlando, Florida: A 25-year-old female harbor seal died of lung disease.

May 20, 2008/Orlando, Florida: A 21-year-old male California sea lion died of bone disease.

April 13, 2008/Orlando, Florida: A 21-year-old female California sea lion died of a systemic infection.

February 1, 2008/Orlando, Florida: A 21-year-old male California sea lion died of liver disease.

December 31, 2007/San Antonio, Texas: A 23-year-old male California sea lion died of kidney disease.

December 17, 2007/San Antonio, Texas: A 19-year-old male harbor seal died of neurological disease.

November 30, 2007/Orlando, Florida: A 20-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

November 18, 2007/Orlando, Florida: A 21-year-old female California sea lion died of heart disease.

September 27, 2007/San Antonio, Texas: A 25-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to kidney disease.

September 25, 2007/San Antonio, Texas: A 27-year-old male California sea lion died of a neurologic disease.

September 8, 2007/San Antonio, Texas: A 21-year-old male harbor seal died of lung disease.

March 16, 2007/San Antonio, Texas: A 18-year-old male California sea lion died of a neurologic disease.

February 27, 2007/San Antonio, Texas: A 18-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

November 26, 2006/San Antonio, Texas: A 23-year-old male California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

November 7, 2006/San Antonio, Texas: A 25-year-old male California sea lion died of neurological disease.

August 17, 2006/San Antonio, Texas: A 23-year-old male California sea lion died of cancer.

July 24, 2006/Orlando, Florida: An 18-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

June 20, 2006/Orlando, Florida: A 13-year-old female California sea lion died of liver disease.

May 20, 2006/Orlando, Florida: An 18-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

May 17, 2006/San Antonio, Texas: A 9-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

May 8, 2006/Orlando, Florida: An 8-year-old female harbor seal died of neurological disease.

March 15, 2006/San Antonio, Texas: A 30-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

December 6, 2005/Orlando, Florida: A 24-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

October 21, 2005/San Antonio, Texas: A 19-year-old male harbor seal was euthanized due to lung disease.

September 26, 2005/San Diego, California: A 29-year-old female harbor seal was euthanized due to cancer.

July 18, 2005/Orlando, Florida: A female California sea lion died of reproductive disease.

July 18, 2005/San Diego, California: A 21-year-old female harbor seal died of gastrointestinal disease.

May 24, 2005/San Diego, California: A female harbor seal was euthanized due to a systemic infection.

May 23, 2005/Orlando, Florida: A 1-month-old female harbor seal died of gastrointestinal disease.

May 22, 2005/Orlando, Florida: A female harbor seal died of heart disease.

May 13, 2005/Orlando, Florida: A 3-year-old male California sea lion died of lung disease.

March 21, 2005/San Antonio, Texas: An 7-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

March 17, 2005/Orlando, Florida: A 28-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

March 7, 2005/Orlando, Florida: A 2-year-old female harbor seal died of neurological disease.

February 25, 2005/Orlando, Florida: A 27-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to kidney disease.

February 21, 2005/Orlando, Florida: A 21-year-old female harbor seal died of liver disease.

December 26, 2004/San Antonio, Texas: A female California sea lion was euthanized due to kidney disease.

November 9, 2004/Orlando, Florida: A 5-month-old female California sea lion died of gastrointestinal disease.

October 18, 2004/San Antonio, Texas: A 15-year-old male California sea lion died under sedation.

October 7, 2004/Orlando, Florida: A 23-year-old male California sea lion died of an endocrine disease.

July 9, 2004/Orlando, Florida: A 5-year-old male harbor seal died of systemic infection.

June 22, 2004/San Antonio, Texas: A male harbor seal died of cancer.

June 21, 2004/Orlando, Florida: A 5-year-old male harbor seal died of a neurologic disease.

June 11, 2004/San Diego, California: A 14-year-old male California sea lion died of kidney disease.

March 14, 2004/Orlando, Florida: A female California sea lion died of liver disease.

February 16, 2004/San Antonio, Texas: A 28-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

February 9, 2004/Orlando, Florida: A 16-year-old male California sea lion died under sedation.

December 13, 2003/San Antonio, Texas: A 28-year-old female California sea lion died of heart disease.

October 29, 2003/Orlando, Florida: A 19-year-old male California sea lion died of cancer.

October 20, 2003/Orlando, Florida: A 16-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

September 9, 2003/San Antonio, Texas: A female harbor seal died of a neurologic disease.

August 23, 2003/San Antonio, Texas: An 8-year-old female Hawaiian monk seal died of a systemic infection.

August 20, 2003/San Antonio, Texas: An 18-year-old male harbor seal died of a neurological disease.

April 30, 2003/Orlando, Florida: A 27-year-old male California sea lion died of cancer.

March 19, 2003/Orlando, Florida: A 21-year-old male California sea lion died of cancer.

March 16, 2003/San Diego, California: A 4-year-old female harbor seal died of a reproductive disease.

October 23, 2002/San Antonio, Texas: A 12-year-old female California sea lion was euthanized due to a systemic infection.

October 23, 2002/San Antonio, Texas: A 14-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to neurological disease.

August 30, 2002/San Antonio, Texas: A male harbor seal died of lung disease.

August 23, 2002/Orlando, Florida: A 3-month-old male harbor seal died of gastrointestinal disease.

May 18, 2002/Orlando, Florida: A male California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

May 9, 2002/Orlando, Florida: A 22-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to cancer.

April 14, 2002/San Diego, California: A male California sea lion died of a systemic infection.

March 27, 2002/Orlando, Florida: A 22-year-old male California sea lion died of cancer.

March 2, 2002/Orlando, Florida: A 16-year-old male California sea lion died of heart disease.

February 14, 2002/San Antonio, Texas: A 24-year-old male California sea lion died of lung disease.

January 12, 2002/San Diego, California: A female California sea lion died of cancer.

January 2, 2002/San Antonio, Texas: An 17-year-old male California sea lion died of an undetermined cause.

December 14, 2001/San Antonio, Texas: A 6-year-old female Hawaiian monk seal died of a systemic infection.

September 20, 2001/San Diego, California: A 19-year-old female harbor seal died of kidney disease.

July 3, 2001/San Antonio, Texas: A 16-year-old male harbor seal died of a systemic infection.

June 15, 2001/San Diego, California: A 17-year-old male harbor seal died of cancer.

May 28, 2001/San Antonio, Texas: A male California sea lion died of heart disease.

May 17, 2001/San Antonio, Texas: A 9-day-old Pacific walrus died. SeaWorld stated that his mother may have rolled on top of him.

March 27, 2001/Orlando, Florida: A 20-year-old female California sea lion died of cancer.

March 27, 2001/Orlando, Florida: A 13-year-old male California sea lion died of cancer.

March 9, 2001/San Antonio, Texas: A female California sea lion died of heart disease.

January 2, 2001/San Antonio, Texas: A 31-year-old female California sea lion died of kidney disease.

December 4, 2000/San Antonio, Texas: A female California sea lion died of lung disease.

August 6, 2000/San Diego, California: A 24-year-old male California sea lion was euthanized due to kidney disease.

August 3, 2000/San Antonio, Texas: A 16-year-old male California sea lion died of a neurologic disease.

June 2, 2000/Orlando, Florida: A female South American fur seal died of kidney disease.

May 6, 2000/San Antonio, Texas: A 16-year-old male California sea lion died of lung disease.

April 26, 2000/Orlando, Florida: A 14-year-old female harbor seal died of a systemic infection.

February 23, 2000/San Diego, California: A female northern fur seal died of liver disease.

February 18, 2000/San Diego, California: A female California sea lion died of kidney disease.

DANGEROUS INCIDENTS

June 15, 2022/Orlando, Florida: According to an Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigation, an employee was bitten by an orca while she was cleaning the animal's mouth of debris. Malia, a 15-year-old orca weighing approximately 5,500 pounds, had paint and woodchip debris stuck behind a tooth. The employee used a spray wand inside Malia's mouth to remove the debris, at which time Malia closed her mouth, resulting in multiple fractures to the employee's right forearm and wrist, for which she had to undergo surgery. (See the June 6, 2023/Orlando, Florida, entry under "AWA Violations.")

February 22, 2014/San Antonio, Texas: A dolphin latched onto the hand and wrist of a 9-year-old girl so tightly that the child's mother was unable to free her and a SeaWorld employee had to intervene.

November 21, 2012/Orlando, Florida: An 8-year-old girl sustained three puncture wounds to her hand when a dolphin she was feeding grabbed it with his mouth.

February 24, 2010/Orlando, Florida: Dawn Brancheau, a senior trainer, was grabbed by a 6-ton orca, Tilikum, and pulled underwater while park guests observed what the park called a "relationship session." Tilikum repeatedly struck and thrashed the trainer and refused to allow her to leave the tank. The autopsy report lists Brancheau's cause of death as drowning and traumatic injuries. One of her arms was torn from her body, and her scalp was almost completely removed from her head.

Following an investigation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the agency cited

and fined SeaWorld for three safety violations, including exposing employees to the hazards of interacting with orcas.

Following SeaWorld's attempts to have the OSHA decision overturned, the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled against SeaWorld and affirmed that the company had exposed trainers to life-threatening dangers.

June 14, 2009/San Diego, California: A trainer was hospitalized after a sea lion bit her during a performance.

April 10, 2007/San Diego, California: Orkid, a 5,900-pound orca, knocked a trainer off a retaining wall while the orca was undergoing a sonogram. The trainer fell and hit her head and side, and she was taken to the hospital for an examination.

November 29, 2006/San Diego, California: A trainer was seriously injured when Kasatka, an orca who was then 23 years old, bit and dragged him underwater, "rag-dolling" him violently back and forth under the water during a performance. He suffered puncture wounds to both feet and a broken bone in his left foot, which required surgery. Kasatka had made at least two other attempts to injure this trainer during past shows. (See the 1993 and June 12, 1999, incidents.)

November 15, 2006/San Diego, California: A trainer sustained a torn ligament in his left ankle after an orca grabbed him by the ankle during a show and dragged him underwater.

August 21, 2006/Orlando, Florida: A 7-year-old boy, who was bitten by a dolphin he was petting, sustained a bruised and swollen thumb.

August 3, 2006/Orlando, Florida: A 6-year-old boy was bitten by a young dolphin, leaving a bruise.

April 4, 2005/Orlando, Florida: A trainer was hospitalized after being bumped by an orca during a show.

July 27, 2004/San Antonio, Texas: A trainer was repeatedly slammed by an orca underwater during a performance. There were no reported injuries.

July 31, 2002/San Diego, California: Two orcas pulled a trainer into the water. She sustained a broken arm that required the insertion of a pin.

July 6, 1999/Orlando, Florida: An employee found the body of a nude 27-year-old man draped over the orca Tilikum. It was assumed that the man had hid in the park until closing and then evaded the 24-hour security at the facility.

June 12, 1999/San Diego, California: Orca Kasatka tried to bite a trainer in front of hundreds of spectators. This was the second of three noted acts of aggression to the same trainer. (See the 1993 and November 29, 2006, incidents.)

1993/San Diego, California: Orca Kasatka attempted to bite a trainer during a show. This was the first of three noted acts of aggression to the same trainer. (See the June 12, 1999, and November 29, 2006, incidents.)

November 21, 1987/San Diego, California: A trainer was seriously injured when Orky, a 12,000-pound orca, landed on him during a show. He sustained a fractured femur, pelvis, and ribs.

September 30, 1987/San Diego, California: A trainer was rammed by an orca during a performance while he was working with another orca.

September 28, 1987/San Diego, California: An orca bit a trainer's hand during training.

June 15, 1987/Orlando, Florida: Kandu, a 6,000-pound orca, landed on a trainer during rehearsal. The trainer sustained a fractured bone in her neck, a bruised skull, and a permanent loss of head movement.

March 4, 1987/San Diego, California: A trainer was attacked by two orcas during a performance. The orcas grabbed him in their jaws and repeatedly dragged him to the bottom of the tank and smashed him against the floor. He spent nine days in the hospital with bruised ribs and kidneys, heavy internal bleeding, and a 6-inch laceration on his liver.

November 2, 1984/San Diego, California: Kandu, a 4,500-pound orca, briefly grabbed a trainer's legs in her mouth.

August 12, 1984/San Diego, California: A trainer sustained bruising after two orcas grabbed his legs and pinned him against a glass retaining wall during a performance.

February 23, 1984/San Diego, California: Orca Kandu grabbed a trainer with her mouth and pinned him against the wall during a performance.

1971/San Diego, California: A SeaWorld secretary riding the original Shamu as part of a publicity stunt was tossed into the water and seized by her legs. She sustained lacerations and puncture wounds.

OTHER INJURIES

November 5, 2022/Orlando, Florida: Video taken by a visitor shows what was described as the aftermath of an attack in which numerous dolphins repeatedly attacked another dolphin during a show, leaving the animal bleeding.

August 5, 2022/San Diego, California: Video taken by a visitor showed an orca seemingly being aggressively pursued to the side of a tank by other orcas. The visitor reported that the orca had been bitten and was bleeding "all over" one side.

September 27, 2012/Orlando, Florida: Photos emerged from a park visitor of a serious injury to 11-year-old orca Nakai, who was missing a large chunk from his chin, exposing bone and underlying tissue. The injury was reportedly a result of his coming into contact with the tracks of the tank gates.

July 19, 2012/San Antonio, Texas: PETA obtained video footage from a whistleblower of an injured and bleeding dolphin lying on the concrete outside a tank. An eyewitness said that the dolphin had been performing a trick, collided with another dolphin, and been thrown from the tank onto the concrete.

June 2010/Orlando, Florida: Orca Kayla collided with orca Kalina in the center of the pool, causing a gash above one of Kalina's eyes.

June 22, 1987/San Diego, California: In a complaint written to the National Marine Fisheries Service, witnesses reported observing aggressive behavior by orca Kandu V toward orca Corky. The complainants said the following: "[T]he two killer whales collided violently. In but a couple of seconds, we witnessed blood boiling from a 2½ to 3 foot slash along the lower abdomen ... of the whale." Kandu V died two years later after colliding with Corky again. (See the August 23, 1989, entry under Deaths: Orcas.)

1987/Orlando, Florida: Orca Kotar bit orca Kanduke's penis, severely injuring him. Kotar was then shipped to the San Antonio location.

MISCELLANEOUS

July 24, 2020: SeaWorld agreed to pay \$65 million to settle a class-action lawsuit alleging that the company had deceived stockholders about the damaging impact that the documentary film *Blackfish* had on park attendance.

September 18, 2018: SeaWorld and one of its former CEOs agreed to pay more than \$5 million to settle fraud charges for misleading investors about the impact that the documentary film *Blackfish* had on the company's reputation and business.

March 17, 2016: SeaWorld announced that it would end its orca-breeding program and phase out its theatrical orca shows at all of its marine parks. It planned to keep the remaining orcas at the parks until they die.

February 25, 2016: SeaWorld admitted that it had employees pose as animal rights activists to spy on PETA.

October 8, 2015: The California Coastal Commission approved a permit for SeaWorld to build new tanks for the orcas at the San Diego location but under the condition that SeaWorld San Diego end its orca-breeding program and no longer sell or trade captive orcas or transfer them to or from the facility.

April 24, 2015: Mattel announced that it wouldn't sell any more SeaWorld-themed Barbie dolls or accessories.

December 2014: SeaWorld announced that CEO and President Jim Atchison was departing with an exit package valued at roughly \$10.8 million. The next day, SeaWorld announced the layoffs of 311 workers.

July 20, 2013: According to The Huffington Post, an audience watched in horror and became increasingly angered when a

distressed pilot whale was left stuck and struggling on a ledge of a tank for at least 25 minutes. During this time, other pilot whales came up and tried to help the animal while members of the audience screamed for trainers to help. Two trainers eventually came and pushed the whale back into the water.

March 28, 2011: SeaWorld veterinary records submitted as an exhibit to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in a dispute over an orca on loan to the notorious Canadian facility Marineland revealed that as recently as 2006, diazepam was used as a way to control orca behavior. In one example listed, it was given to orca Ikaika as a way to "try to mellow him" when he was attempting to breed with a days-old calf. It was also given to the calf's still-nursing mother whose "swimming speed and attitude toward the calf [were] not favorable."

May 20, 2003: SeaWorld Orlando sold six baby sea lions to the U.S. Navy. They were to be trained by the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center in San Diego to look for enemy intruders and underwater mines.