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Application to Loro Parque for close inspection of Morgan the Orca

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Dear Mr Kiessling & Dr Alumunia,

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Reference: Morgan the Orca – Inspection Request

DolphinMotion, as the acting plaintiff for the Orca Coalitie, in the Case nr/Reference: 201300892/1/A1, regarding Morgan the orca currently held at Loro Parque, Tenerife, Spain, respectfully request that Loro Parque allow our Expert Witness, Dr Ingrid N. Visser to inspect Morgan.

We would suggest that Dr Visser is accompanied by a Notary Public or similar, who would monitor the inspection.

Furthermore the Notary Public would supervise and archive a copy of photographic evidence as collected by Dr Visser and a professional photographer employed by her. The costs of having the Notary Public, photographer, Dr Visser and her assistant attend this inspection would be borne by ourselves.

The reasons for our request are as follows;

1. Confidential evidence has come to light that Morgan has been inflicted with wounds, that she has sustained further damage to her teeth and may have mouth ulcers.
2. Questions have been raised that her body weight has dropped dramatically.

3. There are also questions raised as to an increase in the neurotic and stereotypic (abnormal and repetitive behaviours associated with stress in captive animals), which Morgan has been exhibiting lately.
4. The Court previously ruled (21 November 2011) for Morgan to be transported to Loro Parque so that she could have an improved life. Since her transport (29 November 2011), Dr Visser has gathered evidence to illustrate that her welfare is compromised and she is repeatedly attacked by the other orca. This evidence was presented to the Court on 1 November 2012.
5. After that evidence was collected (21-23 October 2012) and presented to the High Court, Loro Parque has remodeled their viewing areas to prevent (any) observers watching (any) orca outside of show times. This has thereby prevented the collection of further data. The result is that Morgan is now only visible to the public during 'show' times (approximately 20 mins long, 3x a day) and during show times she may also be kept from the view of the public.
6. As Dr Visser is known to all the trainers at Loro Parque, when she is in the audience during a show, the trainers typically move Morgan to the back tanks to reduce any possible inspection and/or to limit the photographs which can be taken.
7. Only close inspection will reveal the true nature of the extent of the damage to Morgan.

With these points in mind and with the impending High Court Appeal, we would respectfully request that the inspection includes the following;

- (a) Dr Visser, accompanied by a Notary Public, her assistant and a professional photographer, be granted permission to physically inspect, photograph and video the orca known as Morgan, currently held at the entertainment park Loro Parque, Tenerife, Spain;
- (b) This inspection is to take place at a time convenient to Loro Parque within the dates of 16-23 November 2013 (inclusive);
- (c) The trainers will have Morgan (whilst in the water) present her ventral (underside) surface for inspection, photographs and video. This will include the underside of her head, pectoral fins, caudal peduncle, genital area and tail flukes.
- (d) The trainers will have Morgan 'lie-out' (lie next to the platform) and they will measure her length and circumference during the inspection and pass on the details of her dimensions to Dr Visser and the Notary Public.
- (e) The trainers will have Morgan position herself on their scales to assess her current weight. The details of her weight to Dr Visser and the Notary Public.
- (f) The inspection will include the trainers taking Morgan into the 'medical tank' and raising the mechanical floor of the tank. This will ensure that Morgan is completely out of the water and therefore accessible from all angles. It will reduce danger to the trainers, Notary Public, photographer, assistant and Dr Visser during this

inspection (see current USA Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Court case against SeaWorld's close proximity to orca and the death of a trainer).

- (g) The trainers will have Morgan open her mouth for inspection, photography and video of her teeth and inner mouth.
- (h) No less than four (4) hours will be granted for this physical inspection.
- (i) Dr Visser, accompanied by a Notary Public, her assistant and a professional photographer, will be allowed to conduct a 'behavioural observation inspection' of Morgan's behaviour for the duration of 1 day (from 1 hour prior to the park opening, to 1 hour after it closes, i.e., 0730 – 1935 hrs), from inside the 'trainers' areas (i.e., 'behind the scenes'). This would be a separate day from the physical inspection day, but no more than two (2) days either side of the physical inspection day.

We would appreciate a quick and positive response,

Sincerely



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