

The Pamela Anderson Foundation

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Gustavo Antorcha, CEO
SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc.

Dear Mr. Antorcha,

As one of PETA's honorary directors, I'm writing to ask that you free Corky, an orca SeaWorld has held captive since 1987. She's always on my mind when my July 1 birthday approaches. She and I are the same age, but as a baby, she was torn away from her mother in the sea off British Columbia—right near where I grew up on Vancouver Island.

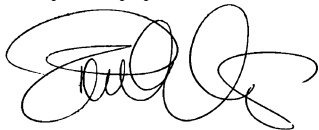
I'm launching my [new ad campaign for PETA](#) in Corky's honor. Please don't let her die in a tank that, to her, is comparable to the size of a bathtub. With your extensive experience at Carnival Cruise Line, you surely have an appreciation for the open ocean. Won't you allow Corky to go back where she belongs?

Corky's 49 years in captivity have been full of confusion, pain, and death. Kept almost constantly pregnant for a decade as part of a now-illegal captive-breeding program, she was inseminated seven times, six times by her own cousin, but none of her babies survived longer than 47 days. Her last baby was found floating at the bottom of her tank at SeaWorld.

Corky's brother and sister are still alive and flourishing in the wild, and a Canadian scientist who has been studying her family wants to [bring her home](#). It's within your power to release this long-suffering orca to a seaside sanctuary in a protected bay of her home waters. There, she could dive to new depths, relearn natural behavior, and even communicate with her brother and sister, who often visit the adjacent Blackfish Sound. She'd have a taste of freedom, instead of dying in a concrete tank at SeaWorld like so many orcas before her.

There is global momentum for SeaWorld to create sea sanctuaries. The [National Aquarium](#) is retiring the dolphins it held captive to such a habitat, including one who was born at SeaWorld; beluga whales are being moved from a [Chinese marine park](#) to a sanctuary in Iceland; and Parliament in my native [Canada](#) just voted to ban dolphin and whale captivity outright. You have the opportunity to make SeaWorld a leader—rather than a resister—of the trend away from animal displays. I eagerly await your reply.

Very truly yours,



Pamela Anderson