

2021 SeaWorld Annual Meeting Question

My name is Kate del Castillo, and I have a question on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA.

Over the past year, many people have gained a new understanding of what life may be like for animals imprisoned at SeaWorld parks, where lockdown never ends. While facilities across the country are reopening, public disdain for the exploitation of animals for entertainment will continue to shrink SeaWorld's bottom line.

Rather than producing generation after generation of animals who will suffer in cramped tanks, SeaWorld could install cutting-edge forms of animal-free entertainment such as animatronic dolphins and interactive digital aquariums that allow young people to feel that they're interacting with real animals without exploiting them. SeaWorld can take this opportunity to reinvent itself at this crucial time, or it can sink along with other animal-exploiting businesses that don't adapt and modernize.

My question is this: When will SeaWorld recognize that in order to survive, it must stop sexually abusing and forcibly impregnating dolphins and whales and instead transfer them to seaside sanctuaries?