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John T. Reilly, President SeaWorld San Diego

Dear Mr. Reilly:

I just learned of the latest way that SeaWorld makes captive marine mammals miserable: "Shamu Rocks," a show in which orcas thrash around in tanks while rock music blares. I'm writing to ask you not to play any Mötley Crüe songs at any of SeaWorld's parks during this sad show. Although we like to torture the human fans who willingly come to our shows, we don't want to be a part of making innocent animals' lives hellish. I've learned from my friends at PETA that these marine animals are very sensitive to sound, as they communicate by sonar, and loud noises mess with their most basic instincts and drive them more nuts than they already are when trapped in your tanks. Some experts say that a noise level of more than 70 decibels is considered too loud and nerve-racking for the animals. "Shamu Rocks" shows have reached 90 decibels. Whales are not head-bangers, so stop cranking the music and take one small step toward improving their welfare, as the Navy did, recently changing the course of loud ships that were heading into San Francisco to avoid interfering with the whales' migration. I'm among those who would like to see the dolphins and whales at SeaWorld moved to a coastal sanctuary, but at least give them some peace and quiet.

Sincerely,

Tommy Lee