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San Diego Humane Society Congratulates SeaWorld and The Humane Society of The United States Today For Landmark End to Orca Breeding Program

SAN DIEGO, CA: — San Diego Humane Society is pleased and encouraged by this morning's historic announcement that SeaWorld has committed to ending their orca breeding program, entertainment shows and re-focusing on rescuing and rehabilitation of marine mammals in distress and additional conservation efforts.



“Our goal at San Diego Humane Society is to inspire compassion and end animal suffering, so today's announcement regarding the end to orca breeding by SeaWorld is a game changer worthy of praise and celebration,” said Dr. Gary Weitzman, president and CEO for San Diego Humane Society. “We have always been proud of the conservation and rescue work SeaWorld conducts here in San Diego but the orca controversy has overshadowed those important efforts in our region. We congratulate The Humane Society of the United States and SeaWorld in arriving at this incredible agreement which will help set the tone for the humane treatment of animals worldwide.”

San Diego County is the most biologically diverse region in North America bringing a series of issues and concerns for wildlife in our community. Project Wildlife, a program of San Diego Humane Society, helps more than 10,000 orphaned, injured, or sick wild animals annually. SeaWorld has been working collaboratively with Project Wildlife for years to assist in the rehabilitation of pelicans and other seabirds. SeaWorld also provides fish for Project Wildlife patients undergoing rehabilitation and assists with seabirds reentering the wild after being rehabilitated by Project Wildlife. “Now hopefully focus can shift to the important conservation and rehabilitation work of SeaWorld thanks to this watershed moment,” said Dr. Weitzman. “We have a lot to celebrate today in San Diego.”

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For more information, or to schedule an interview with Dr. Gary Weitzman, please contact Stacy Archambault at (951) 837-5706 or sarchambault@sdhumane.org.

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- **Dr. Gary Weitzman, President and CEO, San Diego Humane Society**