**Lolita Facts**

- In Lolita’s community, female orcas can live well into their 80s and beyond.

- National Marine Fisheries Service studies have concluded that life spans for orcas in captivity are less than half their natural lifespans.

- Since her capture in 1970, Lolita has been kept in a tank that is illegal by government standards. The Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is an operating unit of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), who is responsible for enforcing the Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

- Lolita’s captivity continues without enforcement of numerous AWA Violations:
  - The lack of a perimeter fence for protection from harassment.
  - The lack of protection from weather and direct sunlight.
  - Her tank does not meet minimum requirements for an orca.
  - She’s not housed with other orcas (she lives alone in her tank.)
  - She’s not given toys or non-food items to help w/her boredom.

- Lolita’s “Retirement Plan” does not mean she will be “set free in the wild.” She will be placed in a transitional sea pen where she will be rehabilitated under human care. When the time is right, she will be given the choice of going back to open waters if she so desires. She will be monitored by veterinary staff the entire time, to make sure she is receiving the best health care.

- Lolita has performed 2-3 times a day, every day, for 41 years. That’s nearly 50,000 performances! She has earned the Seaquarium over $160 Million in revenue. If you worked non-stop for most of your life, wouldn’t YOU want some kind of “Thanks!” for all your hard work? Retiring Lolita would be the best way the Seaquarium could say “Thanks!” for all her years of service.

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**Help Bring Lolita Home!**

**Who is Lolita?**

- I’m an orca whale who was captured in the Pacific NW on August 8, 1970.
- I am the last surviving orca captured from the Southern Residents (J, K and L pods.) 45 other orcas taken from this community have all died in captivity.
- My native name is “Tokitae” which means “nice day, pretty colors” in Chinook.

**Why Should I Care?**

- I have performed 2-3 times a day, every day for audiences at the Seaquarium since 1970. Don’t you think it’s time for me to get a break?
- My tank size is illegal by government standards. At 35 ft. wide and 20ft. deep, it’s the oldest & smallest orca tank in the world. I can’t move around very well.
- My family, the Southern Residents, are in danger of disappearing and I could help aid in the population’s recovery. There are only 87 members left.

**What Can I Do?**

- Boycott the Miami Seaquarium and any other marine mammal theme parks. Encourage your friends, family, classmates, and co-workers to do the same.
- Contact the Miami Seaquarium, the USDA/APHIS, the Secretary of Agriculture and let them know you want me to be retired to my home waters.
- Visit these websites to learn more:
  - [www.orcanetwork.org](http://www.orcanetwork.org)
  - [www.facebook.com/orca-network](http://www.facebook.com/orca-network)
  - [www.savelolita.com](http://www.savelolita.com)
  - [www.hope4lolita.com](http://www.hope4lolita.com)
  - [www.theorcaproject.wordpress.com](http://www.theorcaproject.wordpress.com)

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“When we return wild animals to nature, we merely return them to what is already theirs. For man cannot give wild animals freedom, they can only take it away.”

- Jacques Cousteau