Steve Heapy Chief Executive Officer Jet2holidays

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Dear Mr Heapy:

The good people at PETA tell me Jet2holidays is still selling tickets to marine *abuse*ment parks like Loro Parque, where orcas and other dolphins are held captive for the amusement of tourists. Please, stop.

These watery hellholes can never come close to replicating the complex needs of marine animals. Orcas belong in the open ocean, where they can find food, socialise, and explore – all of which is impossible for them to do in a cramped, concrete tank. The unnatural conditions take a toll on the poor animals, and the recent spate of premature orca deaths at Loro Parque proves that captivity robs them of both their freedom and their lives.

The situation is just as bleak for the group of bottlenose dolphins who are crammed together at the marine park in a tank that's smaller than the car park. Day in and day out, these animals can do little else but swim in endless circles. They're even forced to perform demeaning tricks in exchange for food. Anyone who thinks that's entertainment needs to get their head checked. And anyone who profits from this abuse should be ashamed.

It's never too late to do the right thing. Be on the right side of history and cut ties with any facility that exploits these majestic animals. I'll be appearing in Leeds soon as part of the Sounds of the City concert series and welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this issue – or, better yet, I hope I can tell my audience that Jet2holidays is no longer associated with cruel marine parks.

Sincerely,

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