

Dear Mr Neale

On behalf of Resorts World Sentosa, allow me to respond to your letter to our CEO Mr Tan Hee Teck.

We have communicated with a number of organizations and individuals like yourself who represent the voice of animal welfare groups. We have heard their expressions of concerns and we have addressed the issues they have raised as best as we can, highlighting our own efforts in reaching a goal that all parties share, namely, the betterment of marine life.

Like you, we share the view that dolphins are indeed amazing creatures. Dolphins by nature love interacting with humans. This has been observed even among dolphins in the wild.

With all due respect to some of the points you have raised about dolphins, scientific data over the past decades point to the fact that bottlenose dolphins can thrive within marine parks, even living in excess of 40 years, which research shows is greater than the average life span of dolphins in the wild. Dolphins have also bred successfully in marine parks, demonstrating that this species can adapt to human care.

Our team of experts at Marine Life Park comprise individuals who, very much like yourself and the people you represent, have at heart the care and well being of marine life.

Our bottlenose dolphins have been living with us for three years now. Having acclimated to their environment, releasing them into the wild would only be irresponsible. To give you a better understanding as to how they are faring under the care of our team, allow me to direct you to <http://mlp.rwsentosablog.com/2011/08/03/whats-up-doc/>.

Mr Neale, we appreciate that you have raised particular concerns with us. We share a lot of common ground in caring about the wonderful bottlenose dolphins and marine conservation in general. With the support of like-minded partners, we believe the Marine Life Park will serve its mission in marine conservation, public education, and the propagation of bottlenose dolphins.

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