

## Panel 24

### MORGAN

In 2010, a sick Norwegian orca was spotted off the coast of the Netherlands. She was caught and taken to a nearby aquarium for emergency medical treatment.

She was named Morgan, trained to do tricks and put on display. The government of the Netherlands ruled that she was not healthy enough to release and sent her to Loro Parque, a Spanish aquarium connected to American-owned SeaWorld. Despite international regulations banning captive breeding, Morgan was artificially inseminated.

As scientists from around the world fought to have Morgan returned home, they discovered that several other facilities had “rescued” orcas, then declared them unfit for release and placed them on display.

Orcas learn language, how and what to hunt from their pod. An orca born in captivity has no home in the wild and no family except for the mother she has been separated from.

Are captive orcas their own ecotype?

Who owns an orca born and bred in captivity?