

To Our Supporters:

I started the Vancouver-based **Lifeforce Foundation** in 1981 when I was an artist and musician who believed that there was a need for an ecology organization that cared about all life - people, animals and the environment. Over the past 26 years, in spite of continued financial problems, Lifeforce has been able to achieve many of our goals.

Lifeforce continues our struggles to stop those who who make a business out of exploiting life on earth. From what we eat to how we entertain ourselves to experiments on animals, Lifeforce continues to take creative, innovative strategies to stop the exploitation.



Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce Founder, in front of the Lifeforce Wildlife Rescue Trailer

In October 2007 I was invited to a US meeting to discuss my work to keep endangered orcas and other marine wildlife away from oil spills. During my ten-year study of the behaviour and travel patterns of orcas I found that certain sounds can attract them. This information is vital in order to determine how to reverse their travel towards oil spills. Orcas cannot detect these toxic spills and exposure has been fatal. Exposure to crude oil with the Exxon Valdez spill led to the deaths of numerous orcas and other marine life. In August there was a diesel fuel spill in an orca habit called Robson Bight, BC. The Canadian government lacked an effective emergency response and at least 58 orcas were exposed to deisel fuel.

It has been a long battle to get this pioneering work recognized and I still may have battles against an ex-aquarium employee and a few "whale protectors" who either don't get it or want to try to profit from my methods. However, one day sound playbacks will be used at oil spill catastrophes and will finally save the orcas.

In this newsletter you will find updates about our many programs. We hope to raise money to add many more photos and videos to our Image Library. I have taken hours of film of animals suffering in vivisection laboratories. Regretfully the experiments continue but if we expose the atrocities that continue behind closed doors - we can stop it! We have already added some of our vivisection videos to the popular YouTube site. Hundreds of people have viewed them. You can also see these videos on our web site.

We also have many new campaigns such as "Furgotten" in which we expose fur farming in Canada. In 2008 we will release numerous reports that will help put an end to many ongoing animal rights abuses. Please visits the ongoing updates on our web site at www.lifeforcefoundation.org. If you do not have a computer ask a friend or go to a library. There is simply too much to put in a newletter. We can also save time, money and trees. So send us your or a friend's email address so we can keep you up to date about our important works.

In Respect For All Life,

Peter Hamilton

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Lifeforce Founder

Our Work ...

Many problems continue and others threaten to repeat. Lifeforce is conducting more field investigations while reminding people of the history of campaigns so it does not happen again. Here is some of Lifeforce's work:

* **Opposed aquarium/zoo industry expansion plans** such as the Vancouver Aquarium proposed zoo and aquarium prisons (see our web site for our 83 page report "**Just Say No! Let Stanley Park Be!**"). This Aquarium expansion will imprison species that can be seen living freely in the park. They will also include beaver and river otters. The NPA Parks Board Commissioners continue to change bylaws in favour of the captivity. They broke a promise to hold a referendum on dolphin captivity.

The 33rd dolphin died at the Vancouver Aquarium. A Lifeforce interview on Vancouver radio CKNW was aired extensively.

* Protested the imprisonment of animals at the Calgary Zoo. Both the Vancouver Aquarium and Calgary Zoo want Arctic Canada exhibits. The Calgary Zoo has put their plans to include belugas on hold but still want polar bears, penquins, sea otters and other wildlife.

* Stanley Park was devastated by winter storms and hundreds of trees were destroyed. Lifeforce is watching closely to make sure that these "open spaces" are not going to be more animal attractions. When a hurricane hit the park in the 60s the upper zoo was built. Although the Aquarium is continuing to expand their zoo exhibits the public voted against a Stanley Park Zoo in 1990 and 1993.

* **Expose the increase of experiments of wildlife in captivity and in the wild.** There are several researchers conducting experiments with the endangered Southern Community orcas. They continuously pursue the orcas and are often seen driving right over them. The research results are dubious.

* Urged the BC government to ban the sale, breeding and ownership of exotic animals. While this issue is being looked at under the BC Wildlife Act review they have also proposed increased hunting. The Victoria Monday Magazine stated our opposition to treating wildlife as commodities in their story Kill It? Does BC Really Need More Hunters?

* Completed a brief on the history of marine mammals used by the military entitled, "**Navy POW Dolphins**". The US Navy is using dolphins in their wars and may bring marine mammals to their submarine base in the Puget Sound, WA..

* The Vancouver Art Gallery permitted an artist to set up an exhibit that included insects, reptiles and amphibians to prey on each other. This had been banned in France in 1994 and was eventually stopped in Vancouver after public outcry.

* **Exposed vivisection atrocities and the waste of scarce health care funds:** We posted an **Alert For Life** notice on our web site. "If you are aware of any unethical, scientifically fallacious experiments with people and animals notify Lifeforce. The system often fails to protect life. It is up to you to make non-violent changes."

We started a Pound Seizure Campaign. The Canadian Council for Animal Care, which oversees vivisection, told us that SPCAs supply animals. If SPCAs have pound contracts they could be mandated by law to release animals. Over 170 Canadian research facilities have access to impounded animals for use in experiments. Close to 9,000 lost and abandoned dogs and cats are used each year in Canada.

World Week for Animals was in April and Lifeforce introduced many new initiatives to "Tear Down the Wall" of secrecy by the vivisection industry.

Remember to ask if your donations to health organizations and others fund animal research. Get their position in writing and forward it to Lifeforce.

* **Expose inhumane, unhealthy eating and wearing of animals.** We must stop factory farming and genetically modified food. We have conducted several investigations that will be released in the upcoming months.

* In memory of Luna, the orca who was separated from his family, Lifeforce donated five thousand of our Orca Field Guides to educate boaters about safe operation around orcas. Luna died March 10, 2006 in a horrific accident. Governments, First Nations, organizations and individuals failed to reunite this orca with his L pod family.

* **Marine Life Programs** to protect marine wildlife: We responded to calls to help seals. We wrote two stories for the All Point Bulletin (seals and orcas). Our photos promoting land based whalewatching were used in the Whatcom County brochure, their website and Leisure Guide. In 2008 we will update the Orca Center in Point Roberts, WA.

* A Gray Whale was illegally killed in Sept 07 by the Makah off WA. Their last kill was also not legal because they killed a "resident" whale. The World Council of Whalers is based in BC and continues to lobby for resumption of whaling in numerous countries.

* Urged the Chilliwack, BC Council to ban rodeos after witnessing the repeated kicking of a steer in the face at the Chilllex Rodeo (in addition to the other rodeo abuses).

* At the Abbotsford Agri-Fair and Rodeo Lifeforce found that the Richard's Racers (pig and duck races) kept the animals for long periods in the transport trailers with many of them having no free access to food and water. The animals were not kept in the trailers at the next stop at the Pacific National Exhibition, Vancouver (whom Lifeforce complained to).

* **Book Donation to North Vancouver Public Library** included information about about vivisection, vegetarianism, factory farming, endangered species and orcas ("Orca: A Family Story" was written by Lifeforce's Peter Hamilton).

Much more News, Photos and Videos on line at www.lifeforcefoundation.org

Lifeforce On-Line Store

Books, stickers, bumper stickers, nature photos and more are now at Lifeforce's On-Line Store (www.lifeforcefoundation.org). You can pay for the items through PayPal or by contacting us directly.

Photograph and Video Donations

In order for Lifeforce to continue to add new photos and videos of past and present investigations we need your help to purchase equipment and services.

We also will send our web site links and/or CDs to schools, politicians and others to spread the word.

YES I WANT TO HELP BY DONATING:

\$ _____ to help purchase a Photo Negative/Slide transfer equipment that costs \$1500.

\$ _____ to help transfer vivisection film to the Lifeforce Web Site that costs \$2500.

\$ _____ to help distribute Video CDs that costs \$7.50 per CD.

Now Available

Lifeforce Image Library

All of these incredible images were taken by Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce Founder.

The Three Es

Here you will find hundreds of images relating to all types of animal issues. Many years ago Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce Founder, created the "Three Es" which categorizes all animal exploitation - how people eat, how people entertain and how people experiment.

Lifeforce hopes that most people would phase out animal exploitation from their lifestyles once they see and are aware of the hidden suffering.

These documented photographs can be used for campaigns or to spread the word to friends, co-workers and family..

Wildpeace



You will see beautiful images of wildlife living freely in British Columbia. From beautiful nesting Barn Swallows to the majestic Orcas you can find peaceful images for your home or as a gift to share with friends.



All Creatures, All Creations

This slide show will be a work in progress that you, your friends and/or your family can grow with. As time goes by, you will learn about many creatures who Lifeforce encounters during our programs. You will see many species of fauna and flora in the wild.



Online Postcards

Online "It's A Beautiful Day" Postcards are a thoughtful way to say Hi! and to brighten someone's day. Or the online "Protest" Postcards are an excellent way to raise awareness of a problem

You can choose the online selection or request your customized version by selecting an image from Wildpeace , All Creatures, All Creations or The 3Es.

MORE...

In the future, when funds are available, Lifeforce will add graphic video footage taken during our investigations of vivisection laboratories and other atrocities.

There will also be "Nature's Moments" showing the lives of wildlife living freely. You will hear the awesome blows of over 50 orcas as they travel and much, much more.



Orca Pleas Heard Across North America

Where can help come from to help orcas in local BC/WA waters? Well, Alexis Reidy of Massachusetts, raised \$500 to help these endangered orcas.



Orca Protector Alexis with her donation box.

Alexis is 7 years old and told family and friends, "People are polluting oceans and killing Orcas.... Would you please donate a few dollars to help me save the Killer whales? They'll appreciate it."

Her donation has helped Lifeforce:

- * Campaign for "Orca Day Off" - to stop the continue boat traffic by giving orcas time off as people do. We wrote a story about it for the All Point Bulletin and contacted various parties
- * Put up posters for "Orca Awareness Month, June 2007" that was proclaimed by WA Governor Gregoire. In 2008 we will have joint BC and WA events.

- * Made submissions to governments re: **Orca Recovery Plans** that include "effects of vessel activities" and orca critical habitats.

- * Further our studies to use sound to attract orcas away from oil spills

Events

Lifeforce volunteers had our Marine Wildlife Education Display at the Point Roberts July 4th Independence Day and the August BC Day Arts and Music Festival.

On July 4th all three orca pods in the Southern Community reunited for the season in waters nearby.

Our special thanks goes to Leroy Carlson of Bellingham, WA who donated a beautiful driftwood flower basket for our raffle.

Lifeforce has many achievements but we all still have a long way to go.

Please Sign Me Up for a 2008 Lifeforce Membership/Donation

* Here is my Ocean Friends Membership to help conduct the Marine Life Programs:

\$85.00 Adult \$45.00 Children under 13

I WANT TO HELP BY JOINING/RENEWING AND/OR VOLUNTEERING

Membership is only:

\$15 Senior/Student \$25 Individual \$50 Family \$250 Business

Here is my Gift Membership of \$ _____
for _____

Here is my membership/donation of \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Prov/State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

ON LINE NEWS

Please put your email address here to receive our Newsletter on line _____

Your Bequests

If you want to help the Lifeforce Foundation continue our important work in the future you can leave us a gift in your will. You may wish to bequeath funds for a program of your choice or for the general work and perpetuity of Lifeforce. Program(s) could be given your name for your lasting legacy. Funds will be gratefully acknowledged. A general form of bequest is suggested:

I give, devise and bequeath to the Lifeforce Foundation, located in Vancouver, BC, the sum of \$ _____ and/or (specifically described property).

Lifeforce hopes that you will act now to make sure that your wishes will be carried out.

For further information about Lifeforce go to www.lifeforcefoundation.org

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