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INDO-PACIFIC HUMPBACED DOLPHINS AT THE DOLPHIN LAGOON

Haw Par Corporation Limited strongly refutes the allegations made by ACRES that the dolphins at Dolphin Lagoon are starved and suffering. These allegations are untrue. The Dolphin Lagoon is deeply concerned for dolphin welfare and we firmly believe that we provide excellent husbandry and veterinary care of the marine mammals and a unique facility for educating the public on the need for dolphin conservation.

The dolphins receive excellent daily husbandry care; consume sufficient consistently high quality, nutritional food; benefit from regular health checks and excellent medical attention and have low stress levels.

The dolphins are definitely not starved. They are fed their full quota of food every day irrespective of whether they perform or not. Daily records are kept of the food consumed by each dolphin.

The dolphins are definitely not suffering. Regular blood tests of the dolphins are carried out at least once a month and have always been in the acceptable levels. This, along with daily behavioural and husbandry observations, provide a strong indication of their excellent physical and mental health conditions.

The dolphins are eating well and are comfortable in their environment. The successful reproduction of the birth of a dolphin calf in the Dolphin Lagoon in 2002 further demonstrates that the environment at the Dolphin Lagoon is conducive for the dolphins' normal social and reproductive behaviour.

The education and research programmes at the Dolphin Lagoon have enormous benefit for public education and dolphin conservation. Visitors get a first hand, personal connection with the dolphins and through this experience, they gain a better understanding of the animals and the conservation issues involved. They also develop an emotional bond and therefore care more about these animals which they have personally interacted with.

Please refer to the following website for further information:
www.underwaterworld.com.sg/conservation

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