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PROTEST HIGHLIGHTS DEATH OF FOURTH DOLPHIN AT DOLPHINARIS ARIZONA

SCOTTSDALE: A fourth dolphin has died at Dolphinaris Arizona. Kai'nalu, a 22-year-old bottlenose dolphin was euthanized on January 31 after falling ill approximately two weeks ago. His death comes only one month after another dolphin, 10-year-old Khloe passed away. Half of Dolphinaris Arizona's captive dolphins have died over 16 months and Dolphin Project is asking why.

We're lending our support to DolphinFree AZ, a local group of grassroots campaigners in their efforts to help educate on the plight of the remaining four dolphins at Dolphinaris Arizona. Dolphin Project has procured a plane to fly a banner all weekend over various high-profile locations in the Scottsdale area, including Arizona State University, The Phoenix Open (which boasts an average attendance of 500K spectators), a demo planned for Saturday, and Dolphinaris Arizona. The plane's banner – Dolphinaris: Why Are 3 Dolphins Dead? – calls out the aquarium on their recent dolphin deaths but tragically, this number is now four with Kai'nalu's passing.

"With four out of eight dolphins dying inside of 16 months, the situation has reached critical mass. For the safety of the public and the remaining dolphins, all activities should cease at Dolphinaris Arizona until an independent investigation takes place." ~ Lincoln O'Barry, Dolphin Project

PROTEST

Saturday, February 02, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. MST

Scottsdale, Arizona (West corners of Via de Ventura and Pima Rd.)

Direct link on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/300174793970378/>

BACKGROUND

Four dolphins have died at Dolphinaris Arizona in the span of 16 months. Prior to the facility's opening in October 2016, organizations across the world including Dolphin Project and Dolphin Free AZ have raised serious concerns about keeping dolphins captive in the desert. In 2017, Dolphin Project, together with DolphinFree AZ launched a billboard campaign in three Scottsdale area malls to raise public awareness about captivity and Dolphinaris Arizona. Despite the facility's disturbing track record, along with growing protests, officials at Dolphinaris Arizona have stated release of their remaining dolphins is not being considered.

Dolphin Project was founded on Earth Day 1970, with the aim to stop dolphin slaughter and exploitation around the world. This work has been chronicled in films such as 'A Fall From Freedom', the Oscar-winning documentary 'The Cove', and in the Animal Planet mini-series, 'Blood Dolphin\$'. Dolphin Project is the longest-running, leading organization created solely for the protection of dolphins. Ric O'Barry has pioneered the re-adaption & release of captive dolphins into the wild around the globe.

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