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Dear SPVS / CRAM-Q,

Thank you for your reply to our letter. We welcome your offer to establish a dialogue with us.

After viewing photographs of Martinha and her enclosure, and given that she has spent almost nine years in this situation, we must maintain our belief that her conditions are sub-optimal. However, having said this, we also recognise that much goes on behind the scenes in rescue and rehabilitation and that we may not understand the full situation.

Some of us have worked with Alexander Sánchez for several years and we consider him a trusted and professional colleague, but we also understand your views on his 2014 visit. In addition, given that it has been two years, his information on Martinha's status may be out-dated. We believe it would be in everyone's best interest, including Martinha's, for us to learn directly from your husbandry staff the details of her current situation and your efforts to improve her welfare.

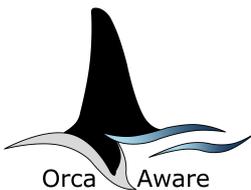
We therefore request a meeting between your staff and a small group of experts in animal welfare, cetacean biology and rescue and rehabilitation, on-site at your facility in Quiaios. We believe such a meeting, where you can describe and demonstrate first-hand your care regime and the management of Martinha's health and welfare, would help resolve the continuing concerns within the animal welfare community regarding Martinha's situation.

The small group would consist at a minimum of a marine mammal veterinarian, a marine mammal caretaker and a marine mammal biologist, but we will be able to offer more details about these individuals once we have agreed on a date for the meeting. We hope you understand that we cannot confirm who might be available for an on-site meeting until a date is finalised. We hope that you are open to this request, as we stated previously our willingness to work in cooperation with CRAM-Q, and we regard an on-site meeting, where our experts can assess Martinha's conditions and health records and discuss them directly with your staff, an important first step toward a more collegial and transparent exchange.

Thank you again for your reply. As a starting point for discussion regarding the details of our proposed meeting, we suggest a date during the week of October 10th, but please view this as a suggestion only.

Respectfully,

31 August 2016, signed:



& John Hargrove, Former SeaWorld Trainer