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THE EFFECTIVE PREVENTION OF DOLPHIN *PLAY AGGRESSION*

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Sea World at uShaka Marine World

Play aggression has been well documented in the field of dog training. It is best described as the point where play and excitement elicit aggressive behavior from the animal. At Sea World, Durban, this reaction has been identified in the dolphins. The aggression has been directed towards the people interacting with animals. This paper will document this play aggression in dolphins and will detail the training program that has been developed to manage and prevent this behavior.

**A PUBLIC PRESENTATION WITH SEA LIONS BEHIND
THE GLASS OF AN UNDERWATER OBSERVATORY**

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Sea lions have anatomic and physiological adaptations that are interesting to present when they are underwater. After more than a year teaching the NAUSICAA's sea lions to dive and go to a trainer staying in the underwater observatory, a public presentation was created. Since then, new behaviors were conditioned to enrich this presentation. It is now possible to develop different subjects such as hydrodynamic adaptations, differences between seals and sea lions, food search, and communication between the animals, in a perfectly adapted environment. The visitors are surprised to be so close to the sea lions and safely take part in the presentation.