Enter Sea Shepherd's "From the Cove to Captivity" Video Contest

Attention aspiring filmmakers:

Got a video camera?

Got creativity?

Got a mad passion for wild and free dolphins?

Love Sea Shepherd?

Then this is the contest for YOU!

Create a short video - in either English or Japanese - that shows the world what happens to dolphins in Taiji, Japan, and you could have your work featured on the Official Sea Shepherd Conservation Society website & win a prize! More importantly, YOU could play a role in exposing and helping to end these atrocities.

Annually from September to March, thousands of wild dolphins are driven into the shallow waters of the infamous killing Cove in Taiji. Most are slaughtered and die swimming in their own blood and that of their family members. The rest are sold into a grim life of captive display...of performing circus tricks for dead fish and swimming endless circles in a tiny tank. Of the nearly 1,500 dolphins driven into the Cove during the 2012-2013 drive hunt, approximately 900 were killed and about 250 have been subjected to the dismal fate of life in captivity. This is no life at all. They will never know freedom; they will never see their families or the oceans again. Ever.

Your video should expose the stark truth about the brutal Taiji dolphin slaughter and the related international trade of captive dolphins. Your task is to do this without the use of profanity, racism, or direct attacks on any individuals or specific corporations. Be creative, be original, do not infringe on any third-party rights, and keep it to 3 minutes or less.

A judging panel of filmmakers will review the contest entries. Two winners and two runners up will be selected: one winner and one runner up in English language and one winner and one runner up in Japanese. These videos will be featured on the Official Sea Shepherd Conservation Society website and social media outlets. The creators of the winning videos will each win $500 USD and a Sea Shepherd prize package including Cove Guardian t-shirts signed by the 2013-2014 Cove Guardians. Each runner up will be awarded a Sea Shepherd merchandise prize package including a Cove Guardian t-shirt signed by the 2013-2014 Cove Guardians.

Contest Rules:

1. The contest begins at 12:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST) on September 16, 2013, and ends at 11:59 p.m. PST, on January 24, 2014. All entries must by received by Sea Shepherd on or before the submission deadline to be eligible. Sea Shepherd is not responsible for incomplete or incorrect entries or for entries which were sent but not received for any reason.
2. This contest is open to amateur filmmakers age 14 (or 9th grade) and older worldwide. High school and college film students are encouraged to apply. First prize is a $500 scholarship check to further the winners' growth and development as a filmmaker (e.g., prize winnings could be used toward film school tuition, new video equipment or other professional development). Student contest entrants must include the name and address of their high school or college with their entry materials.
3. Please submit your entry by sending a link to your original YouTube video along with a completed official contest entry form to this address: videocompetition@seashepherd.org Winner(s) and runners up will be required to provide original rendered high definition video to Sea Shepherd for posting on the Sea Shepherd website, http://www.seashepherd.org, and Sea Shepherd's various social media channels.
4. All videos must be 3 minutes (or 180 seconds) or less in length. Video submissions should address the topics of the Taiji dolphin slaughter *and* the international captive trade based in Taiji.
5. Entries will be judged entirely on the artistic merit, technical expression and execution, and on the impact the materials have on the publicizing of the Taiji dolphin slaughter and captive trade. Decisions in the judging of contest entries will be conducted by Sea Shepherd and its representative panel of judges at their sole and absolute discretion and all contest decisions are final.
6. All winners and runners up will be notified by email sent to the address provided upon contest entry. Winners and runners up will also be identified via Sea Shepherd's website and social media channels. Prizes will be awarded for one English language and one Japanese language video and one runner up in each category as follows:
   - A check in the amount of $500 USD and a prize package of Sea Shepherd merchandise for each of two (2) winners. Each of two (2) runners up will receive a prize package of Sea Shepherd merchandise.
   - Use of the winners' and runners ups' names, title of film, picture, and/or narrative statement about the film in Sea Shepherd publicity materials, and
   - Each winner and runner up will receive a Sea Shepherd Cove Guardian t-shirt signed by members of the 2013-2014 Cove Guardian Campaign Crew
7. Only one entry per person will be considered.
8. Contest entries are to be uploaded onto YouTube and submitted to videocompetition@seashepherd.org as a link, along with a completed entry form. Winners and runners up will be required to provide Sea Shepherd with the original rendered high-definition video. By providing this content, including

without limitation any video, audio, text, still photos or images (collectively and severally, the "Materials"), you grant to Sea Shepherd a worldwide, non-exclusive, perpetual license to use, reproduce, edit, display, transmit, prepare derivative works of, modify, publish, and otherwise make public use of the Materials in any and all media, whether now known or hereinafter created—throughout the world and for any purpose—without further compensation to you of any kind.

9. Video submissions must be original and not previously published. By submitting Materials, you are affirming that this is your original work. Submissions may only include original music. You may use footage from any of the videos published at these links: http://www.seashepherd.org/cove-guardians/video.html or http://media2.seashepherd.org/taiji-video-contest/ and photos from the Sea Shepherd website www.seashepherd.org or the Cove Guardian Official Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/SeaShepherdCoveGuardiansOfficialPage. By submitting the Materials to Sea Shepherd, you certify, represent, and warrant that the Materials do not infringe any copyright, trademark, property rights, rights of privacy or publicity of any person, or any other right of any third party, including without limitation moral rights, and that you have the full and unrestricted right to transfer the Materials to Sea Shepherd free and clear of any claims or encumbrances. You further certify, represent, and warrant that the Materials you submit constitute your original work and are not obscene or libelous, and do not contain defamatory or derogatory material. You further certify that the Materials do not contain any virus, spyware, malware, trap door, worm, or any other device, mechanism or code that is injurious or damaging to software or hardware used in conjunction with the Entry, and that the Materials do not violate any national, federal, provincial, state or local laws or ordinances.
10. By submitting the Materials, you acknowledge and agree that Sea Shepherd shall have the right but not the obligation to post, display, or otherwise make publicly available any Materials submitted by you.
11. You acknowledge and agree that Materials submitted by you may be made available by Sea Shepherd for public viewing, rating, reviewing, and commentary. You acknowledge that comments or ratings that you disagree with or are unhappy about may be published or otherwise become associated with the submitted Materials. By submitting Materials to Sea Shepherd, you waive any privacy expectations that you may have with respect to the Materials.
12. You agree to hold Sea Shepherd and its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors, and assigns harmless from and against—and hereby waive any right to pursue—any claims of any nature arising from or in connection with Sea Shepherd's use of the submitted Materials and used in any manner in Sea Shepherd's sole and absolute discretion.
13. All winners and runners up are solely responsible for any and all taxes and/or fees as well as all additional costs that may be incurred.
14. Neither Sea Shepherd nor its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors, or assigns shall be liable for any warranty, costs, damage, injury, or any other claims incurred as a result of the usage of a prize by any winner or runner up. Sea

Shepherd is not liable for any loss arising out of or in connection with any contest promoted by Sea Shepherd.

15. By participating in the Contest, the Entrant agrees to be bound by these Rules, including all eligibility requirements and all decisions of Sea Shepherd. BY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST, THE ENTRANT AGREES THAT SEA SHEPHERD MAKES NO WARRANTY, REPRESENTATION, OR GUARANTEE OF ANY KIND, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, IN FACT OR IN LAW, RELATING TO THE CONTEST AND/OR THE PRIZES. By submitting an entry, you agree that Sea Shepherd is not responsible, and will in no event be held liable, for any: (a) lost, late, illegible, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, corrupted or garbled entries; (b) telephone, computer, or network malfunction or error; (c) communication disruption or other disruptions related to Internet traffic, virus, bug, worm, or non-authorized intervention; or (d) damage caused by a computer virus or otherwise resulting to any computer from Entrant's access of the Contest website. If such malfunction, error, disruption, or damage occurs or impairs the administration, security, fairness, or integrity of the Contest, Sea Shepherd may, in its sole discretion, suspend, modify or terminate the Contest by posting a notice at www.seashepherd.com. Sea Shepherd reserves the right to disqualify any unauthorized entries. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN TO THE CONTRARY, AND ONLY TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY THE APPLICABLE LAW, BY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST, THE ENTRANT AGREES THAT IN NO EVENT WILL SEA SHEPHERD BE LIABLE TO ENTRANTS OR ANY OTHER PARTY FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, REGARDLESS OF THE BASIS OR NATURE OF THE CLAIM, RELATING IN ANY MANNER TO THESE OFFICIAL RULES, THE CONTEST OR THE ENTRANT'S PARTICIPATION THEREIN, EVEN IF SEA SHEPHERD WAS EXPRESSLY ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. ALSO NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN TO THE CONTRARY, BY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST, THE ENTRANT FURTHER AGREES THAT IN NO EVENT WILL THE LIABILITY OF SEA SHEPHERD RELATING IN ANY MANNER TO THESE OFFICIAL RULES, THE CONTEST OR THE ENTRANT'S PARTICIPATION THEREIN EXCEED THE GREATER OF US$1,000. SOME JURISDICTIONS MAY NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO SOME OF THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO THE ENTRANT. IN THE EVENT THAT THE PRECEDING RELEASE IS DETERMINED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO BE INVALID OR VOID FOR ANY REASON, THE ENTRANT AGREES THAT, BY ENTERING THE CONTEST, (I) ANY AND ALL DISPUTES, CLAIMS, AND CAUSES OR ACTION ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTEST, OR ANY PRIZES AWARDED, SHALL BE RESOLVED INDIVIDUALLY WITHOUT RESORT TO ANY FORM OF CLASS ACTION; AND (II) ANY CLAIMS, JUDGMENTS AND AWARDS SHALL BE LIMITED TO ACTUAL OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS INCURRED, INCLUDING COSTS ASSOCIATED

WITH ENTERING THE CONTEST, BUT IN NO EVENT ATTORNEY'S FEES. The Entrant and Sea Shepherd agree, to the extent permitted by law, to submit all disputes arising out of or relating to these Rules or the Contest to, and hereby waive any objection to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of, the state and federal courts located in the State of Washington, United States of America. If necessary, any provision of these Rules that is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be deemed to be struck out from these Rules.

16. If the specified prizes become unavailable for any reason, Sea Shepherd may, in its sole and absolute discretion, substitute a prize of like or equal value.
17. This contest is null and void in any jurisdiction where prohibited by law. Neither these contest rules, nor the contest announcement itself, is or shall be considered an offer of any kind if such an offer violates the law of any jurisdiction in which the contest announcement is viewed. This contest is understood and construed under, governed by, and subject to the laws of the State of Washington, United States of America. By submitting a contest entry, you agree to be bound by the laws of the State of Washington and the United States.
18. Sea Shepherd reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to terminate the contest at any time with or without prior notice.
19. Sea Shepherd reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to alter the contest rules at any time.
20. By entering a contest, you conclusively are deemed to have agreed to be bound by these contest rules and terms and conditions as well as by any rules specific to such contest. This is an irrevocable condition of entry.
21. The following criteria apply:
    - The odds of winning depend upon the number and quality of entries received and cannot be determined in advance.
    - Winners and runners up will be chosen by Sea Shepherd based on the merits of each entry, in Sea Shepherd’s sole and absolute discretion.
22. No purchase or payment of any consideration is necessary to enter the contest.
23. Sea Shepherd reserves the right to condition the award of prizes upon the execution by the winner(s) and runners up of a publicity release. Notwithstanding this reserved right, entry is conclusively deemed to be permission by the entrant to use the entrant's name (without compensation to the entrant) if the entrant is a winner or runner up, to publicize the contest and otherwise, as determined by Sea Shepherd, unless prohibited by law.
24. Sea Shepherd reserves the right to require the winners and runners up to execute an affidavit of eligibility as a sworn document and provide other proof of eligibility as a condition of receipt of the prize or award.
25. In addition to the entrant, the parent or legal guardian of entrants who are under 18 years of age must sign the entry form in order for the entry to be valid.
26. Winners and runners up will be selected by a panel of judges by February 15, 2014 and will be notified via email no later than March 1, 2014.