



SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Rescue and Rehabilitation Background Information

The SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Program is an important part of SeaWorld and Busch Gardens Adventure Parks' commitment to conservation, research, and education. Through this program, SeaWorld and Busch Gardens devote around-the-clock and across-the-globe resources and technology to rescue, treat, shelter, and release thousands of stranded, sick, and injured animals.

The main objective of the SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Program is to return rehabilitated animals to



The two orange bengals, Jamoke and Jafari were confiscated from someone who was selling them inside the city limits of St. Louis. Their ages are estimated at 11 months.



Crazy and Buzzy, two black vultures, are on loan from National Zoological Park. They are unable to live in the wild because they had been imprinted on humans.

the wild. Perhaps as important, the program affords wildlife experts the opportunity to learn—in an intimate, hands-on way—about the kinds of environmental problems that impact wild animals. rescued animals provide insights into their species' biology and ecology, and the information gathered from wildlife rescues is a valuable source of knowledge that can be used in making wildlife management decisions.

All three SeaWorld parks—SeaWorld San Diego, SeaWorld San Antonio, and SeaWorld Orlando—participate in the program as does Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, another Anheuser-Busch Adventure Park. Since the program began in 1965, SeaWorld and Busch Gardens have rescued more than 12,000 animals

representing more than 140 species of whales, dolphins, manatees, otters, pinnipeds, turtles, and birds. The ability to rescue and rehabilitate stranded animals is the result of years of experience caring for animals at the parks.

SeaWorld and Busch Gardens parks cover virtually all expenses of the SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Program, including staff, transportation, and facilities, at an annual cost well over \$1 million.



Scratch and Sniff are two nine-banded armadillos that were rehabbed by a BGT staff member after the USFWS called her. The armadillos lost their mother and became emaciated; they could not feed themselves.



Siena, a red-tailed hawk, was found on the road, missing wing and was donated to Busch Gardens Tampa.



Atlas, a declawed African Serval cat, was confiscated in October 2000 from someone who had him without a permit in New Hampshire. Atlas is estimated at two years old.