

2008 Communications with Marineland

Included below are the 3 e-mail communications with Marineland after a long phone conversation with Terran Rosenberg in November 2008. She learned about NCCC's continuous connection with Vette and we learned more about Vette. The e-mails are included with permission from Marineland in 2010

From: Meredith Horn
To: NCCC Webmaster
Sent: Friday, November 26, 2010 1:25 PM
Subject: "Vette" the Dolphin Mascot

Hi Joan!

The NCCC Web Site may include the Dolphin Conservation Center's response in regards to Vette the dolphin mascot.

All the Best,
Meredith

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First e-mail sending all of our information to Terran Rosenberg so she could research Marineland's records.

From: NCCC Webmaster
To: Terran Rosenberg
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2008 11:09 PM
Subject: "Vette" the Dolphin Mascot

12-08-08

Hi, Terran

Thanks for taking the time today to listen to the National Council of Corvette Club story regarding Vette, the Dolphin from Marineland, that began in the summer of 1969. Vette has remained a big part of NCCC since then and I would be thrilled if I could present additional information regarding Vette's history to our Membership as part of our 50th Anniversary in 2009.

Attached is a Word Document that contains the Front Page of the November 1969 issue of *Blue Bars* along with the Article on page 1 and the Letter from Mr. Edgerton on page 12 that we went over today. On page 4 is a picture of one of our Membership Awards and also the logo for FCOA, our youth organization, that include Vette.

Please feel free to contact me for any reason. I can be reached at 815-494-5985 almost any time or via this e-mail address. If you would like to learn more about our organization, please visit www.corvettesnccc.org
Thank you so much for any information you can discover for us.

Joan

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Second e-mail receiving all of the information Terran was able to find by researching the Marineland records.

From: Terran Rosenberg
To: NCCC Webmaster
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 12:48 PM
Subject: "Vette" the Dolphin Mascot

Hi Joan,

What a great story! It's been a fun project trying to track down "Vette".

I was able to find a little bit of information about him for you:

- He was a male *Stenella plagiodon*, which is an Atlantic Spotted Dolphin.
- Rather than being born at Marineland soon after the 1969 visit by the Corvette Convention (as was incorrectly stated in the [Blue Bars](#) article), Vette actually arrived on July 9, 1969 from off the coast of St. Augustine (as was stated in the letter from Richard Edgerton).
- Based on the fact that Vette is not an Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphin and that he was born in the wild, we know that he is not related to Nellie.

It was exciting finding some information about Vette in The Dolphin Conservation Center's archives. Unfortunately, the archives are not complete and records from this far back are frequently missing bits of information, as is the case with Vette. I was pleased to be able to add the information you gave me to Vette's records.

Thank you!

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Third e-mail in response to receiving all of the new information Terran furnished from their records.

From: NCCC Webmaster
To: Terran Rosenberg
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 4:50 PM
Subject: "Vette" the Dolphin Mascot
12-09-08

Hi, Terran

Thank you so much for taking the time to check out Vette. Yes, it is a great story and I find it amazing that our organization was so excited about Vette's "arrival" that they have kept him alive all of this time. I will indeed share the information you found and although he wasn't actually born at Marineland as the article in *Blue Bars* assumed incorrectly, he is an amazing story in himself.

I forgot to send on to you a copy of the patch that was the end product of the Jacket Patch competition mentioned in the article. I was thrilled to actually find one when I visited one of our Charter Members while in Washington State this summer. I have the higher resolution version of the patch if you'd like one to put with Vette's history.



Thank you for all you do for the preservation of these amazing animals.

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