



**JOHN G. SHEDD AQUARIUM**  
2006 ANNUAL REPORT

# Breeding Success





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There were millions and millions of births at Shedd Aquarium in 2006. (We're including coral polyps and fish larvae in our impressive count.)

Shedd's breeding success is a living-and-breathing (swimming-and-flying, crawling-and-climbing) testament to the excellence of our animal care.

Every birth is a cause for celebration. An inspiring reason to further the cause of conservation. And another magical way to connect with the marvelous animals at Shedd.

*The critically endangered harlequin frog is found in Costa Rica and Panama. Although their population is declining drastically in the wild due to disease and global warming, these frogs are being bred successfully in zoos and aquariums. Guests can see harlequin frogs up close at Shedd.*



## Breeding Success Breeds Pride

In this Annual Report, we're proud to share stories about some special births that took place at Shedd in 2006.

There's Bella, the beluga whale calf and media darling. Blue spot stingrays. Caiman lizards. Endangered elkhorn coral. And an extremely charismatic penguin chick.

We thought we'd turn things around and also tell you when *not* breeding means success. So there's a not-so-welcome Asian carp.

These animals and their stories exemplify the very best of Shedd's mission and work as The World's Aquarium.

When animals breed, we know we've provided just the right kind of environment they need to thrive.

Shedd Aquarium thrives, too.

Our donors and members, our partners including the Chicago Park District and the State of Illinois, and our exceptional trustees have created just the right kind of environment for Shedd to succeed.

In 2006, Shedd supporters greatly advanced our mission by contributing a record \$9,277,775. Membership grew to 46,457 households, and attendance rose by 10 percent to more than 2 million guests—including 300,000 school children. (Some 10,000 additional children—from preschoolers to teens—took part in Shedd's off-site programs and classes.)

Lizards had a lot to do with Shedd's popularity in 2006—in particular, a Komodo dragon named Faust. Our latest special exhibit featuring some 25 species of lizards from around the world continues to be a real crowd-pleaser.

Successfully breeding animals—particularly some of the species at Shedd—takes hard work and expertise. It also takes, as one staff member said, “never losing the sense of thrill.”

Thank you for supporting the thrilling and important work of John G. Shedd Aquarium.

*In May 2006, Philip D. Block III (left) was elected chairman of the board of trustees. He succeeded Stephen Byron Smith (center), who helped guide Shedd to new heights of achievement during his three-year term. They are joined by President/CEO Ted A. Beattie in Shedd's latest special exhibit, Lizards and the Komodo King.*





**Born** July 17, 2006  
**Weight** 125 pounds  
**Length** 5 feet

## A Labor of Love

**She mimics her mom. She teases her playmates.**

Sometimes she gives her babysitter a hard time. “Bella is becoming her own whale,” says Ken Ramirez, vice president of animal collections and animal training.

Bella was born in July. Puiji, her attentive mother, taught her how to swim, nurse and navigate the habitat. Whenever Mom needs a break, Naya helps out. It’s common in a beluga whale pod for another female to assist with calf-rearing.

Actually there are quite a few surrogate moms for Bella at Shedd. Well before her birth—beluga pregnancies typically last 15 months—Puiji and Bella were monitored through physicals, blood tests and ultrasounds.

But in the end, it all came down to the proverbial wait. In this case, the waiting room was Shedd’s underwater viewing gallery. Veterinary and husbandry staff watched closely as Puiji labored for six hours. When Bella was finally born, she swam energetically to the surface for air—her first essential milestone.

She also took quickly to nursing, another critical survival marker, fueling her remarkable growth. Weighing approximately 125 pounds at birth, Bella will reach 1,500 pounds when fully grown.

As part of the North American beluga whale breeding cooperative, Shedd has had three whale births in the last seven years—a record of success by any measure. Because of its expertise, Shedd continues to be a vital resource for public aquariums and conservationists.

As she approaches her first birthday, Bella—whose name was selected by viewers of ABC’s “Good Morning America” through on-line voting—seems to love all the attention. Now she’s learning the do’s and don’ts of life among the other whales.

What’s at the top of the list? “Don’t mess with Naya’s toys,” laughs Ramirez.



## A Flood of Problems

The Asian carp was first imported into the United States in the 1980s. A strong filter feeder, the species was used by the fish farming industry to keep retaining ponds clean.

Then came the great Midwestern flood of 1993. As fish farm ponds breached, water poured into the Mississippi River—a direct conduit to the Great Lakes via the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.

When the Asian carp escaped, they officially became an invasive species. This term describes animals or plants found in an ecosystem where they didn't originate. They multiply and spread, harming the native environment by disturbing its biodiversity.

Weighing up to 110 pounds, Asian carp reproduce quickly and have no predators. They consume huge amounts of the same food eaten by native fishes, aggressively out-competing and eventually displacing them.

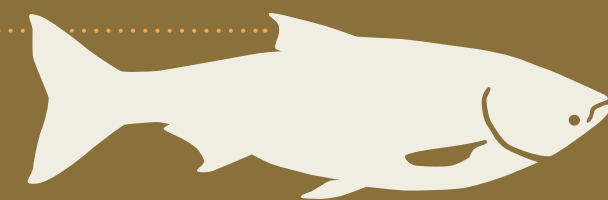
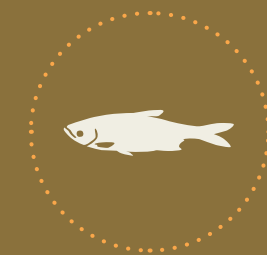
An underwater electric barrier has thus far prevented the Asian carp from entering the Chicago Canal. But Shedd scientists insist that additional prevention efforts are needed to combat this fish—to say nothing of the 170 invasive species that already live in the Great Lakes basin.

In 2006, Shedd opened a new permanent exhibit addressing this major environmental threat—featuring invasive species such as the Asian carp, round gobi and zebra mussel.

“We want to show people how their personal actions can make a difference,” says Dr. Jeffrey Boehm, Louis Family conservation chair. Invasive species can spread from one body of water to another when boats, tires, shoes and gear are not properly cleaned.

The exhibit is part of Shedd's Great Lakes Conservation Initiative, a comprehensive region-wide public awareness campaign. “We depend on the Great Lakes every day,” says Boehm. “The Great Lakes depend on us, too.”

**Birthplace** originally in China  
**Mature weight** 110 pounds  
**Mature length** 41 inches





**Born** February 6, 2006  
**Weight** 54 grams  
**Length** 29.5 centimeters



## Hatching a Plan for Success

**It takes 150 days to incubate a Caiman lizard.** But it took Shedd scientists six years to hatch a successful plan to become the first North American zoo or aquarium to breed these rare animals.

The Caiman lizard is found in the swamps of Peru and Brazil — and in Shedd’s Amazon Rising exhibit. This 3-foot-long “all tail” lizard is a powerful swimmer and diver.

Even though Caiman lizards are not endangered, their numbers are dwindling in the face of habitat destruction

and overhunting. To help manage wild populations of these lizards, Shedd is sharing knowledge about their breeding and care.

Breeding the species is definitely not an exact science. “We are constantly tweaking conditions like light, humidity and temperature to create the ideal environment,” says Jim Watson, senior aquarist.

Then, too, there is finding the right mate.

In this case, it was a male for Shedd’s two females—provided on loan from the San Diego Zoo in 2005. Once courtship behaviors were on full display, scientists closely monitored egg development with ultrasounds and blood tests.

The first clutch of eggs was moved to an incubator when aquarists noticed that the females were not protecting them. Those eggs proved to be infertile, but the next clutch showed far greater promise. “When the first hatchling popped its head out, this place went up for grabs,” recalls Watson.

Twenty-six Caiman lizards have hatched since. In 2006, the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums presented Shedd with a prestigious award for its Caiman lizard breeding and conservation efforts.

“Success with breeding requires motivation and opportunity,” says Watson. “And never losing the sense of thrill.”



<b>Laid</b>	May 26, 2006
<b>Hatched</b>	July 1, 2006
<b>Weight</b>	87 grams

## Getting off to a Rocky Start

When it comes to penguin breeding season in April, getting off to a rocky start is a good thing.

That's when keepers add a large pile of rocks to the penguin exhibit. While the birds have a natural breeding cycle—nurtured by ideal habitat conditions at Shedd—it's the rocks that really get things moving. Literally. The penguins move them into place for their nests.

Found in the Antarctic and its far-flung islands, gentoo penguins typically lay two eggs. While one mate sits on the nest, the other goes for food—switching roles so they can share in parenting.

Gentoo penguins #109 and #103 are rock-solid parents. (Shedd has 27 gentoo penguins and 21 rockhoppers in its colony so the birds are numbered rather than named.) This pair has successfully raised many chicks. Their latest—Penguin #219—was hatched in May.

It often takes penguins several years to perfect their parenting skills. This is why Shedd animal care specialists switch out real eggs for dummy ones until parents, particularly younger ones, demonstrate a proclivity to good chick-rearing. The real eggs are then swapped back when they are close to hatching.

Chicks stay with their parents for approximately three months, until they can eat a whole fish in one gulp. They are then encouraged by their parents to wander from the nest. Penguin #219, a female, proved to be adventurous from the start.

Charismatic is how Lisa Takaki describes penguins—a rather unscientific description coming from Shedd's director of marine mammals. But the word choice is quite deliberate. "People connect with penguins in such a joyful way," says Takaki. "Just by going about their day, penguins inspire us to care about the planet."

## Moonlight Magic

Four days after the full moon in August, corals in seas around the world begin their mysterious and marvelous reproductive cycle. Like most romance in nature — timing is everything.

In August, Senior Aquarists James Go and Mark Schick traveled to Puerto Rico for the mass coral spawning. With colleagues from 15 other institutions, they participated in the greatest effort ever undertaken to establish a new population of endangered elkhorn coral.

But not everything went according to plan. While the spawn collected did produce larvae within days, the team waited for polyps to form with no success. Coral polyps grow after the free-swimming larvae have attached themselves to a hard surface such as a rock.

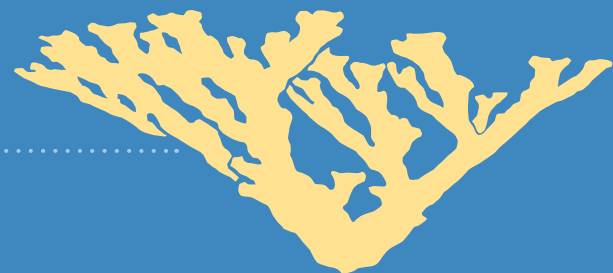
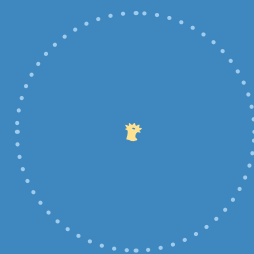
No polyps? No problem. The team returned with the larvae instead. This was a risky move, considering how little is known about coral at this stage of development.

There are now 140 colonies of elkhorn coral at Shedd. Since no one has successfully raised this species before, every colony is an achievement. While still too small for the naked eye, they are thriving along with 50 other varieties of coral at Shedd.

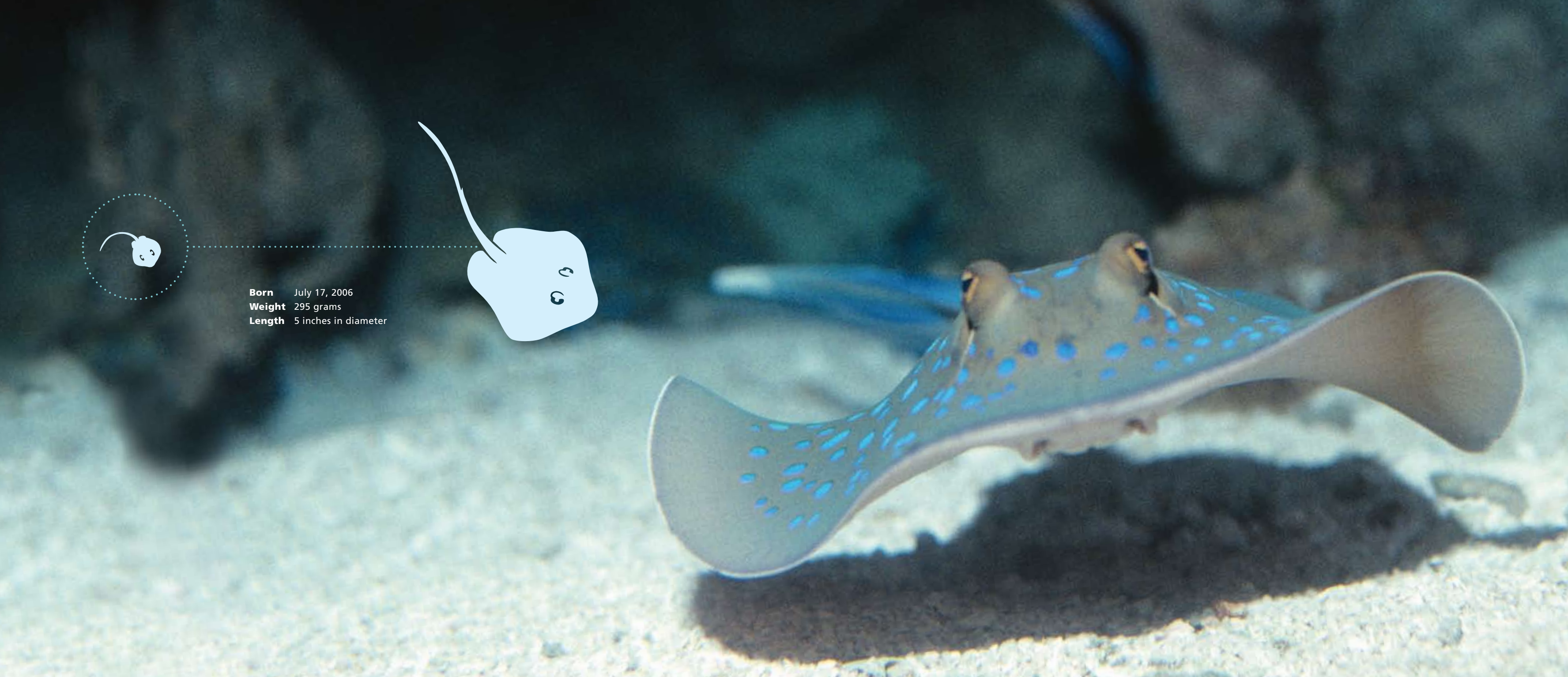
Unlike its work with elkhorn coral, Shedd's propagation efforts typically involve fragmentation, an asexual method of reproduction. New corals established from cuttings help to repopulate Shedd exhibits and are often shared with other institutions.

Studies have shown that coral spawn in synchronism with the lunar cycle. "When people look up at the moon, they're probably not thinking about a coral reef," says George Parsons, director of fishes. "But without the moon, one of our planet's most stunning ecosystems wouldn't exist."

**Birth (collection dates)** August 9–18, 2006  
**Larvae size and weight** the size of a grain of sand







**Born** July 17, 2006  
**Weight** 295 grams  
**Length** 5 inches in diameter



## Let Nature Take Its Course

The blue spot stingray is appropriately named. Its bright blue spots warn predators about the danger of its two venomous tail spines. It's this hands-off approach that Shedd aquarists took in breeding these stunning stingrays.

“We let nature take its course,” says Lise Christopher, Wild Reef collections manager. Shedd veterinary staff, however, do perform preventive health assessments, collecting critical data from physical and ultrasound exams.

In 2006, two blue spot stingrays were born at Shedd—one in January and a second in July. These are the only known births of this species in a public aquarium. While blue spot stingrays are not threatened, the Indo-Pacific coral reefs where they live are among the most endangered ecosystems on the planet.

Blue spot stingrays are ovoviviparous. This means that they give birth to live pups after the young have developed in egg cases within the mother's uterus. When they are born

they look exactly like miniature adult ray, roughly five inches in diameter. Mature blue spot stingrays are four times this size.

Blue spot stingrays are among the more challenging rays to keep. When they were first introduced to the Wild Reef habitat, the stingrays had to be fed by hand until they adjusted to their surroundings. Just having them do well in general is a major accomplishment.

It was a variety of factors that ultimately ensured the rays' long-term viability at Shedd, including an excellent diet, strong water quality, and the proper complement of animals in the habitat. “The fact that they've reproduced is a major victory for animal husbandry,” says Christopher.



## Breeding Success

Shedd breeds wonder and compassion for the natural world. Our success is best reflected in the eyes of a child—and in the inspiring support Shedd received in 2006.





We earned our green stripes! Shedd received Mayor Daley's GreenWorks Award in recognition of exemplary practices to reduce its environmental impact and promote ecological stewardship. The city's highest green honor acknowledges Shedd's leadership commitment to sustainability at every level of operation.



Shedd's south terrace garden, known as Grandmary's Garden, took first place honors in the public institution category in Mayor Daley's Landscape Awards program. The garden, which combined flowers and vegetables in whimsical ways, delighted visitors. Horticultural Coordinator Christine Nye accepted the award in honor of vegetables "that shouldn't be relegated to the backyard anymore!"

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The guidance and generosity of our trustees play a major role in Shedd's success. Their stewardship continues to set the pace for excellence and we are honored by their commitment.

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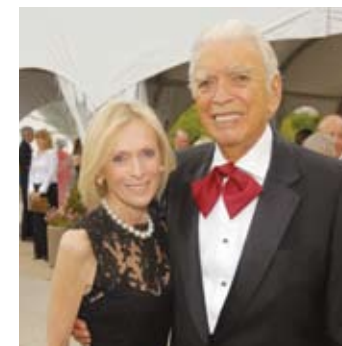
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The *Dance of the Dragon* Gala raised \$651,285 for education and conservation programs. The pan-Asian themed event, which drew more than 900 people, celebrated Shedd's special exhibit, *Lizards and the Komodo King*.



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The Shark Ball, hosted by Shedd's Auxiliary Society, was more than just *An Evening Among Friends*. It was a night spent mingling among lizards including Faust, the Komodo dragon. The annual event, which welcomed 800 guests, raised \$51,531 for education and outreach programs.

## SPRING BREAK

The Auxiliary Society threw the hottest spring break party this side of Ft. Lauderdale! More than 900 young professionals from across Chicago were on hand to *Send Winter Packing* and raise \$26,554 for education programs.



(top to bottom)

Kristina Findlay and Cindy Flynn, Shark Ball Co-Chairmen

Past Auxiliary Society President Tom King with current Auxiliary Society President Kate Malone

(left) Members of the 2006 Shedd Auxiliary Society at the New Members Welcome Dinner held in Wild Reef

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Shedd mentors accompanied Kenwood Academy students to the Coastal American Student Summit in Washington, D.C. where teens from 100 high schools presented their conservation action plans. The Shedd contingent is coordinating efforts to restore a neglected area in Chicago's Jackson Park — part of Shedd's work as a federally appointed Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center.

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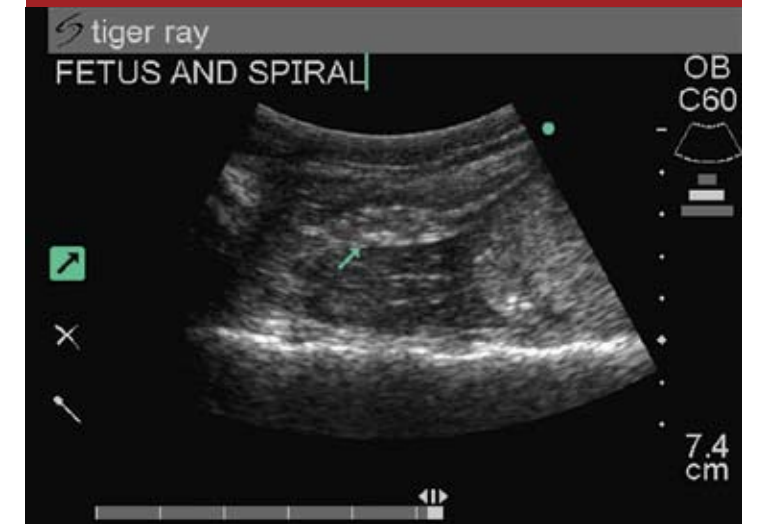
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At the close of 2006, Shedd had 46,457 member households—an all-time high! This is a sure sign of Shedd's ever-growing popularity. Membership support dramatically advances Shedd's mission and programs on-site, throughout the Chicagoland community, and in places around the world.



Shedd's leading edge use of diagnostic ultrasound is providing valuable data for the reproductive management of various aquarium species. At the 2006 Regional Aquatic Workshop in Galveston, Texas, Shedd scientists presented their findings on the use of sonography in diagnosing and monitoring pregnancies in freshwater rays.



Shedd introduced Chicago's first 4-D special FX theater in its very own Phelps Auditorium. This new movie experience features the latest technology—exciting effects like bubbles, seat buzzers and water squirts. Who better to kick things off than Sponge Bob Square Pants™! The 4-D theater is yet another family-friendly way guests can connect with the mission of Shedd.



In July, Shedd participated in Chicago's 49th Annual Venetian Night festivities as a sponsor of the boat parade. With some 600,000 people in attendance, Shedd received an enormous amount of exposure for its Great Lakes Conservation Awareness campaign. Without Lake Michigan, Venetian Night would be in dry-dock for good!

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#### Design and Test an Anesthesia System for Use in Medical Procedures with Fresh and Marine Water Fishes

This system mixes and regulates the concentration of anesthetic solution administered during medical procedures. Aquariums and veterinary colleges across the U.S. have indicated a strong interest in using this state-of-the-art device.

*Investigators:* Dr. William G. Van Bonn, Stacy Benjamin, Dave Kelso

*Cooperating Institution:* Northwestern University, McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science

#### Demonstrate the Applicability of Diagnostic Imaging for Assessing the Health of Invertebrates

Little is known about how to apply conventional diagnostic tools to assess the health of invertebrates. This study focuses on the applicability and use of radiographic techniques (x-rays) on select invertebrates, including the Madagascar hissing cockroach.

*Investigators:* Dr. Michelle Davis, Dr. Kathryn Gamble, Dr. Jodi Matheson

*Cooperating Institutions:* Lincoln Park Zoo, University of Wisconsin-Madison

#### Investigate the Incidence, Prevalence and Pathogenesis of the *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* Infection in Marine Mammals

This bacteria, which can cause potentially life-threatening illness in marine mammals, appears to have a higher rate of occurrence in artificial environments than in the wild. Research will yield new prevention strategies, including the possible development of an experimental vaccine.

*Investigators:* Dr. Jeff Boehm, Brigita Harris, Dr. Rhonda Patterson

*Cooperating Institution:* University of Western Kentucky

#### Research, Design and Evaluate Devices and Methods for Engaging Marine Mammals in Enrichment Activities

Engaging marine mammals in stimulating activities is crucial for their health. New interactive activities and devices are being explored to offer enrichment for animals and unique opportunities for guest participation.

*Investigators:* Dr. William Van Bonn, Lisa Takaki, Matt Glucksburg

*Cooperating Institution:* Northwestern University, McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science

#### Determine How Active Learning and Mentorship Programs Impact the Expectations and Opportunities of Participating Students

This evaluation examines the impact of learning and mentorship experiences at Shedd on the attitudes and expectations of high school students. It will also assess how these programs affect student interest in science education or science careers.

*Investigators:* Colleen L. Martin-Rafferty, Dr. Linda Burke

*Cooperating Institution:* St. Xavier University

#### Examine How Museum Environments Can Encourage Healthy Activity Levels Among Young Children

This project is gathering data on the physical activity level of Shedd visitors, ages three to seven. The data will support future projects directed at promoting activity, and will describe how public spaces can be better designed to foster healthy behavior.

*Investigators:* Dr. Jonathon Necheles, Dr. Chris Merritt

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Leaping lizards! Shedd's special exhibit, *Lizards and the Komodo King*, opened in April. Extended by popular demand, the exhibit showcases 25 species of lizards, including many that are endangered. Going face-to-face with an 8-foot long, 120-pound Komodo dragon has never been so much fun. *Lizards* is generously sponsored by Motorola and the Motorola Foundation.



Shedd was among six recipients of the nation's top honor for a museum or library. First Lady Laura Bush presented Shedd with the Museum and Library Service Award at a White House ceremony. Shedd was recognized by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for its commitment to public service through innovative programs and community partnerships.

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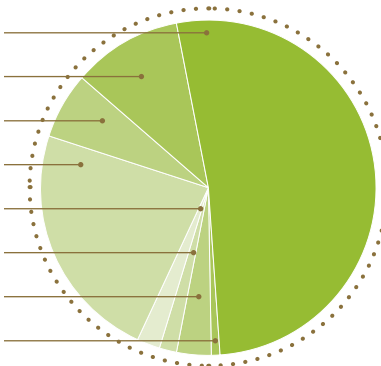


## 2006 Shedd Aquarium Financials

This financial information covers the fiscal year between January 1 and December 31, 2006. For a copy of the complete audited financial statement, please call 312.692.3153.

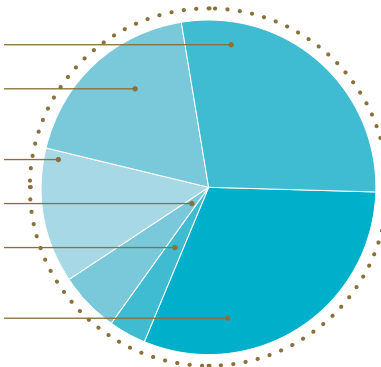
### Operating Revenues and Support

Admissions	\$24,919,955	52.00%
Tax appropriations	5,159,625	10.77%
Ancillary services	3,030,169	6.32%
Memberships and contributions	11,084,260	23.13%
Educational programs and trips	984,280	2.05%
Fundraising events	872,958	1.82%
Net assets released from restrictions	1,596,766	3.33%
Other revenues	276,328	0.58%
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,924,341</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



### Operating Expenses

Exhibits	11,560,173	28.20%
Animal husbandry	7,632,778	18.60%
Education, outreach, interpretation and conservation	5,357,957	13.00%
Guest services	2,423,498	5.90%
Ancillary services	1,541,652	3.80%
Management, development and general	12,544,003	30.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,060,061</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



Net Operating Revenues and Support	<u>\$6,864,280</u>
Capital Expenditures	<u>\$3,023,353</u>

*John G. Shedd Aquarium, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, is owned and operated by the Shedd Aquarium Society. Shedd Aquarium is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums.*

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*While listed as "near threatened" in the wild, white spotted bamboo sharks reproduce well in public aquariums, including Shedd. They can be found in Wild Reef along with illuminated shark egg cases, which never cease to intrigue guests.*

### MISSION STATEMENT

At Shedd Aquarium, animals connect you to the living world, inspiring you to make a difference.

## Adopting Success

*(On our cover)*

Shedd opened its doors—and we opened our hearts—to Capers, an orphaned male sea otter pup rescued by the Alaska SeaLife Center in remote Kachemak Bay. The two-week-old pup was carefully transported by Shedd animal care staff to Chicago in June for round-the-clock care. Shedd experts taught Capers how to eat, swim, groom and, well, act like an otter. After his 6-month stay, the thriving pup was moved to his permanent home at the Minnesota Zoo.



**Born** May 15, 2006  
**Weight** 8 ounces  
**Length** 22 inches

