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Tokitae getting ready for trip back to the Salish Sea
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Lolita at the Miami Seaquarium orca show, 2006. She is also known by the name Tokitae.

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The lead veterinarian overseeing the orca known as Tokitae said she's in good clinical condition for her pending relocation from Miami to her native Washington waters.

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