

## The Mortgage Shop Corporate Adoption Update – July 2006

It has been a great start to my research and photography season with many dolphins arriving in the Inner Firth earlier than last year. Star of the show (as usual) is Freedom who has been keeping the visitors to this lovely part of Scotland well entertained. I can always rely on her, as she is not part of the “travelling” community of dolphins that we now know exist, but instead has her own territory and area that she calls her home.

Freedom’s hunting skills have been demonstrated many times already and she is still taking on HUGE sea trout and salmon that would make one of the big males think twice! She catches them with amazing consistency and I have only ever seen her miss one big fish, which happened quite recently. She was so annoyed with herself at letting go of this 10 pounder that when she returned to Chanonry she soon set about getting another fish that was even bigger!

Freedom has also been busy as the local “babysitter”, looking after youngsters while their respective mothers have the peace and quiet to hunt properly. Of course, things are not always straight forward with her

methods of child care and more often than not this involves taking the young dolphin to where its mother cannot see it and then we onlookers are treated to an advanced course in being VERY silly indeed, with much breaching and body contact.

As the height of summer approaches and this area becomes busier and busier with dolphins and visitors, there is one shining light that never fails to amaze me and truly make my day. Freedom - your adopted dolphin.

I hope that you like the photograph that I have taken recently. It is of Freedom taking her babysitting duties very seriously with a young dolphin called “Mellow Yellow”.

Thank you for your continued vital support,

Charlie Phillips  
WDCS Dolphin Field Officer.

