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During Italian Lockdown due to COVID-19, Swans & Dolphins Appear in Venice Canals

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Nature has apparently turned on the reset button amidst the COVID-19 outbreak and resulted in clear waters in the Venice canals that have attracted some beautiful creatures.

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Because of the quarantine measures to contain the virus COVID-19, the canals in Venice are empty of their usual boat traffic, but are now full of wildlife.

However, according to an Italian official, it's not because the water is necessarily less polluted, but it's because of the clearer air.

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Social Media Full of Photos of Clear Water in Venice Canals & Wildlife

The wildlife that usually kept distant from the Italian coast and Venice canal seems to have made a comeback thanks to the lack of tourists and docked ships.

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People on Twitter shared videos and images of dolphins and swans.

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One collage shows two dolphins swimming in an Italian port as the canal water runs clear for the first time after a long period.

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The dolphins were reportedly spotted swimming by the Port of Cagliari, the capital city of the Italian island, Sardinia.

Dolphins have rarely been seen in the Venetian Lagoon, even though several people have reported noticing them around Italy.

Also, Twitter users have shared several photos of swans around the country's canal, also noting that they weren't there previously.

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However, another user who claimed he's from around the area where the photos were taken, swans aren't uncommon there.

He explained that in his hometown Burano, swans live in the lagoon and have been there for more than 20 years.

> *Venice hasn't seen clear canal water in a very long time. Dolphins showing up too. Nature just hit the reset button on us https://t.co/RzqOq8ftCj*
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> *— Gianluca De Santis (@lucadb) March 17, 2020*

In spring, people feed them and they roam the lagoon and you can see them more often, as well as boars. A photo of a boar was also shared online and it showed him munching something in the middle of the street.

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Beautiful Sight of Animals, but Italy Is under Immense Pressure

Even though it's amazing to see these animals going back to their natural spaces, the country is still being affected negatively by the virus.

Unfortunately, in the last 3 weeks, only in Lombardy region, 1,135 people needed intensive care.

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But, the region has only 800 intensive care beds, claims the Milan's Policlinico Hospital head, Giacomo Grasselli. The deaths have risen to 2,503 and the total number of confirmed cases is 31,506.

The most common symptoms of the disease are fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, similar to a cold or the flu. Experts recommend regular hand washing and coughing in sleeves to prevent it from spreading further.

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