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10. Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (In Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Yes

12. Please tick ONE of the following boxes

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14. We will share your responses internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for the Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

15. It would be helpful for our analysis if you could indicate which of the sectors you most align yourself/your organisation with the purpose of this consultation (please tick one)

Member of the general public

17. Consultation Question 1: Do you believe that the exhibitions and performances required of wild animals in travelling circuses compromise respect for the animals concerned? Why?

No

18. Comments

There is no show of respect in taking an animal from its natural habitat, by force, and using it for the entertainment of others. The environment which it is placed in, with many stimulus foreign to the animal, is one which must cause distress to the animal. This is not a show of respect for the animal or it's welfare.

19. Consultation Question 2: Do you believe that the exhibitions and performances required of wild animals in travelling circuses have an adverse impact on the development of respectful and responsible attitudes towards animals in children and young people? Why

Yes

20. Comments

Performances of this kind cannot teach respect for animals, or any life for that matter, due to their very nature. We show children that by force we can exploit those weaker than us and exploit nature to our gain. They cannot teach responsibility, as their is no reasonable justification for exploiting these animals, unless you are going to claim profit. The pursuit of financial gain regardless of means is not a responsible lesson for anyone.

21. Consultation Question 3: Do you consider that concerns relating to respect for animals could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses. If so how?

No

22. Comments

Although education is key to changing attitudes towards those of respect for animals, this cannot be done whilst we endorse the use of them for entertainment. They are directly contradictory.

23. Consultation Question 4: Do you believe that the ability of none, some, or all wild animals to undertake natural behaviours are compromised within the travelling circus environment? Which species? Which needs? Why?

All

24. Comments

This ability is compromised for all species. Which species naturally lives in a cage and comes out to entertain for a fee? None. They are deprived of all their basis instinctual needs and natural environment. Although it could be argued that their needs of food, water and shelter are met; we would not take this as a valid argument in the wrongful imprisonment of a human.

25. Consultation Question 5: Do you consider that it is possible to facilitate the natural behaviour of none, some, or all wild animals within the travelling circus environment? Which species? How?

None

26. Comments

There is no way a circus can facilitate the natural behaviour or needs for any species. The animals are taken out there natural habitat, this cannot be simulated in travelling circus as they cannot take the habitat with them. The constant travel and performances will put strain on the animals.

27. Consultation Question 6: Do you consider that the concerns raised surrounding the travelling environment could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses? How?

No

29. Consultation Question 7: Do you consider that there are any benefits to be gained from having wild animals in travelling circuses? What are they?

No

31. Consultation Question 8: Do you believe that there are sufficient benefits to justify the potential compromise to the wider well-being of wild animals kept in the travelling circus? Why?

No

33. Consultation Question 9: Do you consider that the potential conflict between compromising the well-being of wild animals and obtaining any benefit could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses. If so how?

No

38. Don't Know

Don't know

39. Comments

I didn't even realise these were still allowed in this country, and I am sickened at the discovery. For a progressive country we really should have taken action long before now.

40. Consultation Question 11: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals would have on the revenue of such circuses? Why?

No change

41. Comments

There are plenty of alternatives to the use of animals. There are many acrobatic based shows making profits, and there is a popularity to them. I love the circus and have never been to one which exploits animals. If anything the use of animals probably puts people off attending. Legislation causes change in all business. Consider the smoking ban, or new licensing legislation. It is the responsibility of the business to diversify and adapt, not the responsibility of government to adapt policies to meet business needs regardless of social responsibility.

42. Consultation Question 12: If a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals was imposed, do you think that such circuses would still visit Scotland without the wild animals? Why?

Yes

43. Comments

People still enjoy the circus, and if they don't another will visit. There are plenty of acts within a circus to entertain that do not include animal exploitation.

44. Consultation Question 13: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals in travelling circuses would have on the revenue of other types of circuses (e.g. static or those travelling without wild animals)? Why?

Don't know

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46. Consultation Question 14: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals in travelling circuses would have on the revenue of circus venues? Why?

No change

48. Consultation Question 15: Do you consider that a ban on wild animals in travelling circuses could have an impact on other industries? If so, which industries, what would be the effect and why?

Film

No impact

TV - drama

No impact

TV - documentary

No impact

TV - childrens

No impact

Advertising - TV

No impact

Advertising - other

No impact

50. Consultation Question 16: Do you agree that the use of wild animals for performance in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland? Why?

Yes

52. Consultation Question 17: Do you agree that the use of wild animals for exhibition in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland? Why?

Yes

54. Consultation Question 18: Do you consider that any ban should be a blanket ban on all wild animals in travelling circuses? Why?

Yes

56. Consultation Question 19: Do you consider that any specific species of animal not commonly domesticated in the British Islands should be permitted to be used in travelling circuses in Scotland? If so, which species and why?

No

58. Consultation Question 20: Do you consider that there are key species that should be covered by a ban in the event that a blanket ban could not be achieved? If so, which species and why?

Don't know

60. Consultation Question 21: Do you have any other comments on whether/how the use of wild animals in travelling circuses should be banned from Scotland?

No

62. Consultation Question 22: Do you consider that the consultation paper explained the key issues sufficiently for you to properly consider your responses?

No

64. Consultation Question 23: Do you consider that you had sufficient time to respond to the consultation?

No

66. Consultation Question 24: Do you have any other comments on the way this consultation has been conducted?

No

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