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Yes

12. Please tick ONE of the following boxes

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No

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)

Other

16. If 'Other' please specify

Animal biology and conservation student

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?

Yes

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

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

I don't think the disrespect will stop as a result of this ban, but it is a start and will have immense impact on several animals' lives.

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

Some animals can be perfectly happy performing in circuses such as specially trained dogs and cats, but the vast majority of animals, including domesticated ones, are unable to cope with the lack of exercise, a stable environment and stimulation. Elephants, big cats and any prey-type animal.

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

It could be possible if the animals could be exercised and "walked" like a dog, but the vast majority or all of these animals are too dangerous and would be too stressed to be in such a foreign environment. They need vast areas of nature (requirements may vary between species. Examples are arboreal, terrestrial, marine, mixed etc.) with no disturbances and I do not see this being possible in circus environments.

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?

Yes

30. Comments

There may be financial benefits for the circuses, but the animals have no benefits. In the UK there are so many activists that would boycott a circus using wild animals, that the financial benefits may not exist.

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

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?

Don't know

41. Comments

The circuses may have reduced income, but do to food and upkeep of the animals, the outcomes will also be reduced. I do not know whether these numbers will even out or tip the balance in any particular direction.

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

Still plenty of money to be made in Scotland! Also the ban would increase awareness of their humane practices, encouraging more visitors. I know that if I am unsure about whether a circus uses animals or not, I choose not to go.

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?

No Change

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

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- No Impact
- TV - documentary
 - No Impact
- TV - childrens
 - No Impact
- Advertising - TV
 - No impact
- Advertising - other
 - No impact
- Other
 - No Impact
- Other
 - No Impact
- 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

55. 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?

Yes

59. Comments

Elephants, big cats, large predators, any prey mammals and marine animals are especially ill-equipped to be in circus environments

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

63. Comments

None of the questions mentioned living conditions, stimuli, exercise, social interaction, medical care or mental health. Circuses have detrimental effects on all of these aspects.

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

Yes

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

No

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