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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?

Yes

18. Comments

The animals are made to live in conditions that are far from their natural habitat, therefore restricting them to an unnatural life where they cannot live freely. They are also made to do things by cruel training methods that they would not do while free. It is unnecessary to treat animals in this way for human entertainment and extremely out dated.

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

If young children grow up thinking it's alright to treat animals in an artificial, forced, captured, caged way then they will not learn that to truly respect something is to let it be free and live life the way their instincts dictate.

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

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

All the species behaviours are compromised in a travelling circus, anything confined to a cage cannot live the way nature intended it to, resulting in great suffering.

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

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

28. Comments

Wild animals shouldn't be caged and driven about in lorries to be forced to do acts of entertainment for humans.

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

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?

Decrease

41. Comments

It would decrease because presumably it's the circus's only form of entertainment so without the animals they'd have nothing to "entertain" with.

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?

Don't know

43. Comments

It depends if they have any other acts, ie clowns, human acrobats etc.

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?

Increase

45. Comments

If people like circuses, they would visit one if the travelling circus with the wild animals didn't exist anymore.

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

47. Comments

There are plenty of circuses that don't use wild animals.

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

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- TV - drama
 - No impact
- TV - documentary
 - No impact
- TV - childrens
 - No impact
- Advertising - TV
 - No impact
- Advertising - other
 - No impact

49. Comments

I don't think a ban on wild animals would affect any of these things.

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

51. Comments

Wild animals deserve to be free, not performing for humans. It is cruel, outdated and against their natural instinct.

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

53. Comments

There are plenty of documentaries that give excellent coverage of wild animals in their natural environment, much better to watch, much better educationally to see an animal in it's natural environment, so much more to learn.

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. Comments

Because wild animals are not made to perform tricks, they clearly don't enjoy it and are forced into doing things that make them afraid and aggressive.

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

57. Comments

I don't think any wild animal should be used in circuses.

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

Wild cats, elephants, camels, monkeys, bears. They need and deserve to be free to roam and follow their instincts.

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?

Yes

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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