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9. Permissions - I am responding as

Individual

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

Yes, make my response and name available but not my address

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

Because all the tricks and performance are actually merely choreographed simple routines of the species natural movements and physical capabilities be they dogs, horses, elephants big cats or anything else.

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?

No

20. Comments

I know that children respect animals MORE when they see the close communication and trust they have with their trainers through care and reward.

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?

Yes

22. Comments

By licensing. If it isnt broke dont mend it. Animal rights organizations are fundamental extremists that want TOTAL animal apartheid including heavy impossible restrictions even in farming and the BANNING eventually of pets. It is in aLL thir anatical manifestoes. Thy make huge sums of money out of [redacted] propoganda. Please do not play into their hands.

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?

None

24. Comments

Even the big carnivores have large exercise areas. Big cats sleep up to eighteen hours a day and are natural lazy predators in the wild, they gorge on a huge animal and sleep it off. Elephants do NOT need to walk miles and miles in the wild, they HAVE to survive and find enough food and water. These needs and exercise in the ring and on site take care of all these animals needs and they also have a full rich life without having to struggle for survival. The wild is not utopia today it is [redacted]

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?

All

26. Comments

Providing they have enough room which they DO and some members of the species to interact with, which they DO, of course. Circus has been popular loved and going for two centuries and ironically animal care is higher than ever before yet there are talks of a ban, directly a reaction from animal rights cults. This is extremely dangerous.

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?

Yes

28. Comments

By keeping the adequate exercise areas and training methods as they are now. Again, if it isnt broke DONT MEND IT. THE best thing to do for circus animals, (all of which are well cared for ,is to IGNORE fanatical animal rights [redacted] who dont give [redacted] about animals, but care a lot about getting rich on animal rights [redacted] and propoganda.

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

It shows that as more animals becme endangered there is a beautiful way to still interact with them, give them a haven, allow people to see feel and smell the animals and thus appreciate them as species, adding to a consciousness about preserving the animals as species for future generations rather than having them all in a disappearing wild where they will simply be forgotten and go the way of th dodo. This affects us all in the end, When the food chain and major species become extinct it upsets the balance of everythin.

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?

Yes

32. Comments

Absolutely. It is abetter option than blood sucking flies drought and disease from tribal cattle in Africa, or elephants being killed to make way for yet more palm oil plantations in India, and protects them against the poachers rifle and trophy hunters.

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?

Yes

34. Comments

indeed there is no potential conflict between compromising the well being of animals. It is and has been a giant myth invented by animal rights fanatics for far too long, and because of this cultural genocide of the circus community it is the animal right activists that should be banned. It is certainly NOT circuses.They should in fact be praised for their GOOD animal husbandary.

36. Number in last 5 years

Over twelve times

37. Number in last 12 months

at least two

WAC 161.

39. Comments

Circus creates jobs as between fifteen and sixty people work on each circus depending on its size. It injects money into the economy as hvt fodder meat fish bran suppliers, hosre grooms shoe smiths, printers costumiers prop makers welders big top manufacturers, mechanics electricians drivers hgv drivers all obtain orders get jbs and supply services. If a circus visits Scotland It will play most of the large town and villages injecting money into the economy of each one as its company of performers and staff shop for food, petrol clothes souvenirs and other items in each town. It is and always has been a long awaited event and is an annual part of childhood or indeed it should be. To deprive innocent circus people of their way of life is the real cruelty and it is also cruel to deprive Scottish families and children the opportunity to enjoy seeing elephants and big cats up close considering that it has never been a cruel industry ,never was and never will be.

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

Despite the LIES in falsified animal rights statistics,many people will NOT go to a show that is called a circus if it contains no animals wild or domestic because that is a mere variety show. It is disgusting to put dedicated animal trainers and grooms out of work and rob them of their way of life passed down the generations to appease the [redacted] and vociferous yet minority animal rights movement.

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

Sme will still visit, but will not make the same amount of money and not be enjoyed half as much. They will in fact be nothing more than travelling variety shows.

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?

Decrease

47. Comments

Because normal everday people who are not involved in animal rights fanaticism still, despite what you are led to believe, still want animals.Its part of human ature to want to see wild and exotic animals especially when t ehly are interacting with human beings instead of being stuck in a zoo same place every day no performing routine for a varied life no change of scene or erward just food thrown in.

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

- Negative Impact

TV - drama

- Negative Impact

TV - documentary

- Negative Impact

TV - childrens

- Negative Impact

Advertising - TV

- Negative Impact

Advertising - other

- Negative Impact

49. Comments

Most exotic animals in other media have had to be those used to be around caring and understanding human beings. Where more than in circuses for decades and decades has such interactin been richer than anywhere? circuses.

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

No

51. Comments

It is playing into the hands of [redacted] propogandist animal rights [redacted] the same ones who think nothing of releasing mink into the wild that then rip people pet rabbits to shreds, the same people who send death threats to scientists experimenting on animals to find cures for HIV and cancer. Why would you play into the hands of such vile organizations?

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

No

53. Comments

People have always been allowed to see animals after the performance n their quarters it is a part of circus culture and culture has no place being interfered with by politicians on the whim of a minority of [redacted] animal rights extremists. It is the thin end of a wedge and would open a can of worms that will lead to the eventual campaigning for the banning of farming pets zoos gymkanas and everything else. These people WANT circus to go because it is the catalyst to get the rest of their extreme manifestp. If you ban circus, do you think you have heard the last of these fanatic [redacted]

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

No

55. Comments

No I consider any type of ban as a witch hunt against perfectly expert and thical circus peple and an encouragement for again, fanatical radical extremists to chip away at society and get TOTAL animal apartheid, That i what their beliefs are bout. Yo nly have to look on the ridiculous but frightening pages of PETA to see how fanatical their dream ideology is. They truly beleive that every species is EQUAL to a human, b it an elephant a rat or a fly. These people are [redacted] plain and simple. Do NOT encourage them.

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?

Yes

57. Comments

Because they do not have to be domesticated in Scotland to be domesticated. That is a ridiculous excuse to ban. Elephants have been domesticated for centuries in Asia, and even African ones were domesticated by Hannibal.Camels are domesticated in arabla, big cats are several generations down from the wild in circus so are arguably domesticated as being unable ti hunt for themselves. Wold you suggest these animals were sent back to the wild to starve to death.?

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?

No

59. Comments

NO, there are NO animals that should be banned. They have all appeared for centuries with only two British RSPCA prosecutions in all t at time, yet thousands of RSPCA prosecutions a year for pet owners. hat is a fantastic record for circus people so why ban ANY?

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?

Yes

61. Comments

They should NOT be banned ,period. They are a huge part of British culture, and Britian includes Scotland. They are a pat of societys memory bank and people will want their own children to have the experience of circuses as thy did when they were children. If you ban circus you are destroying a part of your own culture, and it will be the thin end of the wdge with the animal rights fanatics. There is a huge difference between animal wilefare(zoos, most vets and circuses) and animal rights(fanatics, [redacted] money gatherers and urban [redacted])

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

Yes

63. Comments

I am a fifty one year old British citizen ,not a cretin!!!!

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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