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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

16. If 'Other' please specify

with considerable knowledge about animals especially bears

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

This process is degrading for the animals and causes them to live un-natural lives and to be prevented from leading the natural life these creatures should be free to live

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

It gives young people a distorted vision of how animals behave and live.

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

Any use of animals in circuses involves some degree of training and conditioning and deprives the animals forever of their freedom and right to live in a natural environment.

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

No animal in this type of environment is free to behave naturally in its natural environment and encountering others of its own or other native species. Any animal involved in this way of life is deprived forever of a natural life because, if turned loose after a life in a circus the animal would not have all of its natural behaviours to protect and guide it in the changed environment

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

Involving any animal in this life style is demeaning to the animal - it is being used for human profit - there is no benefit to 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

28. Comments

There is no way in which wild animals can live naturally in this artificially tamed and trained environment

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

30. Comments

Any benefits are human profit. There is no benefit to the animals.

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

32. Comments

Captivity is captivity and and form of training an animal amounts to brainwashing.

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

34. Comments

No, circuses have plenty of interesting acts to offer without depriving animals of their freedom and natural way of loife.

38. Don't Know

Don't know

39. Comments

Any number of times is too many

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?

Increase

41. Comments

It would have the potential to improve as a growing number of people now stay away from circuses because the animals are included.

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

They might find their popularity increased.

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

45. **Comments**

Whatever effect this has on the revenue is not a justification for using wild animals in this way.

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?**

Increase

47. **Comments**

Whatever effect this has on the revenue is not a justification for using wild animals in this way.

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

- Positive impact

TV - childrens

- Positive impact

Advertising - TV

- Positive impact

Advertising - other

- Positive impact

49. **Comments**

More and more people are interested to see

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**

It should be banned anywhere

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**

It is neither good for the animals nor for the public who are gaining a false impression of the behaviour of these animals.

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**

Why should any one type of animal be singled out for this type of mistreatment?

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**

Animals not natively domesticated in British Islands should be the more protected from working in travelling circuses. You are condemning the animals to an unnatural life.

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, all big cats, bears of all species, giraffes other wild animals not native to this country and who are forced into unnatural ways of life for human pleasure. Humans should know better and be more responsible.

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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