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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

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?

Yes

18. Comments

No wild animal should be forced to survive in a cage, forced to do unnatural tricks, and live without any of the things that would be considered natural to its wild existence. There can be no respect in coercion, blackmail and fear - there is only slavery.

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

Cruelty is not entertainment and we should not be bringing up our children to believe that it is. Respect for others who are different and that includes other species is a fundamental step in our evolution. Showing children a wild creature who has been turned into a cowering slave is just not acceptable.

It has also been shown that children who do not learn that cruelty towards animals is unacceptable are much more likely to accept cruelty to other humans. Society has a duty to teach and evoke more compassion into our young ones not less.

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

No. You cannot resolve the lack of respect for animals without addressing the issue of wild animals in circuses.

Allowing wild animals to be trained to entertain humans is as outdated in 2014 as bear baiting or public hangings. It is unacceptable to force wild animals into captivity for the purpose of entertaining humans. The practice is barbaric

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

Wild animals cannot possibly undertake their natural behaviours - to roam freely, to mate, to socialise with the members of their own groups, to hunt, to graze, to keep and protect their own young - none of these things can be done in a travelling circus where animals are imprisoned in cages, spend hours travelling and are training and punished for failure using incredibly cruel methods.

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 that natural behaviours can be facilitated. For elephants as an example it would involve acres of land to facilitate large family groups travelling miles every day. For lions and tigers it would involve the ability to hunt over several acres. And for all these animals it would necessarily the ability to choose their own mates and keep their offspring with them until such time as is natural for them to be independent.

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

Absolutely not.

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

No benefits whatsoever. It is a barbaric entertainment which should have been consigned to the last century.

It is a cruelty that children should not be subjected to in the 21st century and does society much harm in perpetuating a lack of respect for animals.

Wild animals for circuses must either be bred from captive animals with all the inherent cruelty that that entails - or they must be taken from the wild - with both mothers and babies screaming in emotional agony as the baby is ripped from its mother. No civilised legislator can possibly condone such agony.

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

I can see no benefits. I can see no benefits that justify such cruelty

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

I can see no benefits. There is no justifiable compromise. Wild animals do not belong in circuses. They belong in the wild.

There must be a ban on wild animals in circuses. So many countries have no brought in legislation to ban wild animals in circuses, we lag so far behind on this issue.

38. Don't Know

Don't know

39. Comments

I don't know. However I do know that the public are becoming aware of the cruelty involved in circuses that travel with animals and are refusing to take their children. Human only circuses are doing extremely well by comparison

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

Human only circus are becoming the ethical way to visit a circus and are doing better than many of the unethical circuses

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

Kids love clowns

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

45. Comments

It shouldn't make any difference. It will depend on all sorts of factors such as the type of show, the acts within the show etc.

46. 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

- Positive impact

Advertising - TV

- Positive 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

51. Comments

Because it is barbaric and uncivilised in 2014 to force wild animals to do stupid tricks, live and travel, in small cages often in solitary confinement. Cruelty is not and should not be entertaining and to portray it as such to our children is not good for them or society as a whole

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

answer as above q16

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

there are no wild animals that should be excluded because the concerns apply to them all

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

The concerns apply to all wild animals

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

The concerns apply to all wild animals

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

It is imperative that a blanket ban on ALL wild animals is achieved to bring Scotland in line with so many other countries who have achieved a ban

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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