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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

I think the use of animals in circuses promotes the idea that animals deserve less respect and that they are simply objects of entertainment.

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

Again, I think that the use of animals in circuses promotes the idea that animals are simply there for our own amusement and are not deserving of the respect that any living creature deserves- particularly with children, who are not as able to critically evaluate their experiences. I also believe that in taking a child or young person to a circus with wild animals demonstrates support of these activities which then encourages and strengthens the idea that animals are merely play things whose lives do not matter.

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 think that banning the use of wild animals would send a strong message to the public and younger generations that animals deserve more than to be treated as lifeless, dispensable props. This message I hope, would promote care, empathy and respect for our planet as a whole too. Finally, I think that by banning the use of wild animals, the demand for trained/trainable animals would reduce which might in turn reduce some of the mistreatment of animals in other parts of the world.

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

Yes. Most animals in their natural lives would roam large territories, (some would) socialise with others, they would hunt, reproduce, teach and learn. These are some of the most basic activities in an animal's life and in a travelling circus, these animals do not have the same opportunities to do this. I think this affects the animal's psychology and may lead to developmental issues.

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

I think it would be incredibly hard to provide these animals with the territorial spaces they require, and also to allow them to fulfil their natural course (socialising, hunting, reproducing etc). Animals in circuses have been brought up in different ways from the 'normal' animal populations so would likely find it very difficult to bond with 'normal' animals, this would affect their ability to socialise, reproduce or learn how to hunt/gather.

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

Unless you could somehow provide open, natural simulation spaces where these animals were free to roam over vast spaces and indulge in what would be deemed a regular life for an animal then I can't see how this could happen. To create such a thing seems incredibly difficult and doesn't address the issue of respect for our planet and other living beings.

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

The only benefit I can consider is that these circuses give children access to animals that they might not ever see otherwise, however I think that this argument is very, very weak/atmost negligible as we have safaris and/or the ability to travel/ plus the internet.

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

No, not at all. The mistreatment of animals can never be justified.

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

36. Number in last 5 years

1

37. Number in last 12 months

0

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

Perhaps a small decrease, maybe, but this might be compensated for by the people who have boycotted the circus for their animal use. However, profiting from the mistreatment of animals is not a valid excuse.

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

I guess it depends on how much their show depended on the use of animals.

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

- Positive impact

TV - drama

- No impact

TV - documentary

- Positive impact

TV - childrens

- Positive 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

51. Comments

For their welfare and for the encouragement of respect for our planet and its creatures amongst the people.

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. Comments

To give a strong and clear message that the mistreatment will not be tolerated and that respect for all living creatures is not debatable.

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

No, mistreatment is not acceptable regardless of how exotic or unusual the species is.

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

As many species as possible but particularly those that are endangered/close to endangered.

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?

Yes

67. Comments

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