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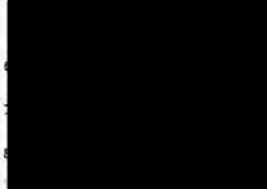
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9. Permissions - I am responding as

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?

Yes

18. Comments

Wild animals cannot behave naturally when being constantly transported and made to perform. They therefore suffer mentally and physically as a result. I believe that such treatment of wild animals is outdated and archaic.

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

I believe showing children and young people that it is acceptable to treat animals in this fashion is wrong. It leads them to believe that it is OK to dominate animals and make them suffer simply for entertainment. It fosters a lack of compassion.

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

There is no way that animals can be used in this way humanely.

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 can display natural behaviour in an environment where the animal is regularly transported.

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

Within a constant environment of being caged, transported and made to perform, I don't see how any animal can be allowed to show natural behaviour.

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

Animals should not have to endure any transport, caging and performing simply for entertainment.

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

I can think of no benefits to people or 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

There can be no benefit in keeping animals performing in a travelling circus. It provides no educational value and is not fair on the animal as they are made to travel/perform whether they like it or not.

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

Wild animals have to endure extremes in their environment and treatment, from being confined for very long periods of time, to enduring long training sessions and performances. Only a complete ban can ensure that they do not suffer because of these conditions.

38. Don't Know

Don't know

39. Comments

Until a few years ago I was unaware that circuses were still allowed to use wild animals in Scotland. I was surprised and disappointed to find out that no law had already been passed to prevent this.

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

I think circuses would be more acceptable across the board if they did not use performing animals. Many now see the use of animals as cruel and outdated.

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

The circuses would still want to perform and do business.

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

I cannot see that this would have any effect on those already not using animals. I think people generally now find animal free circuses more acceptable.

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

I think a lot of people are put off by the idea of seeing performing animals now, so if circuses are animal free I think more people would be likely to visit them.

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

- Positive impact

TV - documentary

- Positive impact

TV - childrens

- Positive impact

Advertising - TV

- Positive impact

Advertising - other

- Positive impact

Other

- Positive impact

49. Comments

Banning the use of wild animals in circuses can only be a positive step as the welfare of these animals would no longer be compromised. Any effect on other industries should be taken in this context:

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

The welfare needs of wild animals cannot be met in the environment of a travelling circus. Animals suffer mentally and physically as a result of these conditions and it sets a bad example to children and young 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

53. Comments

Even if not made to perform, animals still suffer from long periods of confinement and travelling in very small containers.

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

No wild animal can be kept adequately in these conditions.

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 animal should be made to endure travelling circus conditions as they cannot display any natural behaviour and suffer mentally and physically as a result of this.

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 species should be made to suffer conditions in a travelling circus. Only a complete ban should be applied.

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

Only a complete ban will stop the suffering of animals kept in travelling circuses.

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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