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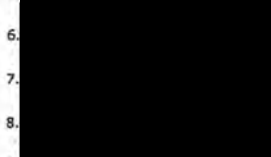
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9. Permissions - I am responding as

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 in circuses are housed and trained cruelly. Being chained up and only let out to perform is not a good quality of life for the animals.

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

Kids see animals as purely entertainment in circuses. They do not understand that the animals have lost their freedom or been bred into a world of imprisonment. Youths need to learn to look after animals.

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

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

None of the travelling animals can do what is natural in the wild. They are imprisoned and in most cases taken away from their home and families. They can't eat, exercise, interact how and when they want to.

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

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

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

Money to the circus owners and staff. I can think of no other benefits.

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

The negative far outweighs any benefits. Why not consider circuses without animal performers instead.

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

38. Don't Know

Don't know

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

Decrease to begin with, but circuses need to evolve and realise that the public don't want to be entertained at the cost of animals welfare. There are heaps of amazing circuses without animals.

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

If they were interested in entertaining the public they would do whatever it takes to meet the requirements and respect the bans.

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?

Increase

45. Comments

Non-animal circuses would be more popular

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

Temporary decrease in the transition phase, but venues may need to broaden their shows and research non-animal alternatives. Sometimes doing the right thing can be hard, and the hard way always ends up being better and more rewarding in the long term.

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
- Other
 - Positive impact

49. **Comments**

Animal sanctuaries and safaris may get busier as people want to see wild animals. Animal documentaries could be in higher demand.

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**

They are becoming less popular as more of the public are aware of what goes on behind the scenes. It would also set a good example for the rest of the world, and as I have Scottish background I would be proud to tell everyone I know of how Scotland is leading the way.

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**

Same as above.

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**

Wild animals, no matter how large, small, cute etc. deserve to be forced to entertain so that people can profit from 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?**

No

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**

All wild animals. Any animal who had to be captured from the wild or bred to be an entertainer should be banned.

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**

Good on Scotland for considering the ban. I wish you all the best and hope to hear about the ban on the news. What a newsworthy story that would be.

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

Don't know

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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