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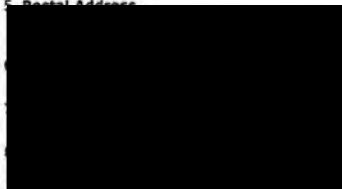
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9. Permissions - I am responding as

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

It stops them from showing their natural behaviour, they are kept in small cramped conditions that are cruel, they are not allowed to interact with their own species and are forced through the threat of violence and pain to perform in ways that are unnatural to them. They have been beaten and bullied into submission, to break their spirit in order for morally bereft people to profit from their suffering and constant fear.

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

Anyone taking children to see the torture of these poor animals is showing them that it is acceptable to inflict pain and suffering on animals. Children learn by example, they are therefore learning a really bad message that animals are here for our amusement which is outrageous.

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

No animals trapped and chained in confined spaces are able to undertake any of their natural behaviours.

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

All the conditions these animals are kept in and the amount of travelling they have to do prevent them from their 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

All animals circuses must be banned now, it is animal cruelty and a civilised society will not tolerate it.

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

Zero benefits, major detriment to the animals and all the people who witness their suffering.

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

Definitely not, these animals have been subjected to severe and prolonged cruelty to force them to perform in a way that is completely alien to them.

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

Severe moral damage is done to adults and children who are desensitised to animal suffering by the viewing of this shocking spectacle.

36. Number in last 5 years

10

37. Number in last 12 months

4

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

They would not have the food and transport costs if they just had a human circus.

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

Because these people do not have proper jobs and pay taxes like the rest of us, they would still wish to remain under the radar.

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

If all circuses were based on human talent and not animal suffering I think more people would see it as an acceptable form of entertainment.

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

Human circuses would be more acceptable.

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

Other

- Positive impact

Other

- Positive impact

49. Comments

It would be less acceptable to exploit animals.

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

Yes it is cruel, barbaric and extremely old fashioned.

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

The people of Scotland should show they will not tolerated animal cruelty for the sake of entertainment.

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

It is unnecessary and sickingly cruel.

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, all circus animal are beaten to force them to perform, that is unacceptable.

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 people who wish to force animals to perform demeaning and degrading tricks do not have the welfare of any of the animals in mind only profiting from their misery, they should not be allowed to be in charge of any animals, ever.

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 an entertainment from the dark ages and should be banned like bear baiting, cock fighting and fox hunting. If Scotland wishes to be viewed as an enlightened country this is the thing to do.

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

Yes

63. Comments

Although thought some of the questions repeated.

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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