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Yes

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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

Animals are not born to perform, they are not ours for entertainment. They need their own, natural life without humans training them, often using physically damaging techniques, to do tricks! It is emotionally damaging for the animal too and utterly disrespectful.

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

It is up to us to educate children that animal welfare is important and animals have their own place in the world. If you took children behind the scene and showed elephants being stabbed with bullhooks and separated from their offspring - I'm sure those children would go home and have nightmares. You can't make it right by showing it as none harmful to the animal just because children think the animal is clever by doing those tricks, if they knew the facts they would think the opposite!

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

An animal was not created to be taken from its natural habitat to travel like a gypsy, or to be 'forced' to perform! That causes the animal stress as it can't live its life as it's natural instinct tells it too!

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

All animals have instinct and have their own needs, they are all entitled to their freedom and be what what were born to be.

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

It is totally impossible to truly give a natural habitat to any animal when travelling, they have a greater awareness of their surrounding than humans, and we do not understand just how strong that is but it's greater than ours, so we cannot ignore their needs to be left alone just because they cannot speak.

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

There is only one way to give the animals 100%, to give them what they need and that's to be left to live 'their life' as nature intended among their own habitat and wildlife.

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

It's pure greed and a money making exercise from the circus! I would never take a child to see a circus with animals in, it maintains cruelty and that should not be supported in this day and age!

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

Animals need peace, a crowd of people will not give them that, they need to be safe and unhurt, training cruelty will not give them that, they need to be allowed to be and treat their off-spring as nature intended, circuses will not allow that!... Animals DO NOT BENEFIT from being in circuses anyway at all.

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

Animals were not born to entertain, so the only way out of this is to ban animals being forced to entertain and living in smaller, un-natural surrounding!

38. Don't Know

Don't know

39. Comments

Even one visit is too many, as they still have the animal in captivity, training it and not allowing the animal to just be itself and live by its own instinct.

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 more people would attend as they would not be paying for this unfair treatment of animals to go on. It is not up to animals that are enslaved to provide a living for people or entertainment.

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**

Yes I think circuses will still come but they will have to diversify and bring themselves more up to date with the times. Animal welfare must come first and children are more advanced now too. Look at Cirque Du Soll they are superb and they include children which inspires them. This is achieved without the abuse 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?**

Increase

45. **Comments**

Other businesses have to work on level playing fields, why not circuses - they can't use animals against their will by forcing them - just because it may bring in them extra money, that's not putting the animals welfare first and that's what this is all about!

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

47. **Comments**

If they cut out the use of animals their outgoing costs would go down anyway, as they would cut down on space, and feed costs etc. but again the most important issue is the animals natural needs.

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

- No impact

Advertising - other

- No impact

49. **Comments**

With today's advanced technology in television they can graphically create animals with amazing detail. They don't need to use real animals anymore.

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**

It is impossible to provide the animal with its natural habitat, the space it needs, and allowing the animals to live as nature intended. It's thoroughly outdated and we should learn to appreciate animals for the amazing creatures that they 'naturally' are.

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**

It is impossible to provide the animal with its natural habitat, the space it needs, and allowing the animals to live as nature intended. It's thoroughly outdated and we should learn to appreciate animals for the amazing creatures that they 'naturally' are.

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**

All animals have their own natural instinct, and needs, humans should not interfere and allow animals to have a natural life!

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**

Some of your questions imply that some animals might be used! All animals have minds, needs, sense fear, need their own habitat. So ALL animals should be banned.

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**

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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 should be implemented as soon as possible, and maybe circuses could educate children why the ban has happened, so they can see why animals are to be respected and so the children can learn how animals should be respected and allowed to live naturally.

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

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