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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, name and address all available

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

Animals should not be made to entertain. They should be in the wild where they belong. Keeping them in such restricted and unnatural conditions for the rest of their lives is cruel and inhumane. Animals are highly intelligent species. In the wild they roam for miles everyday. It is disgusting that humans should be allowed to make them work in loud, chaotic environments and then to stay in cramped and confined conditions. Are we not civilised human beings that respect the law of nature?!

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

Watching animals being forced to entertain humans makes children learn about animals in an unnatural environment. Children will therefore see animals as objects. They cannot respect the animals beauty or intelligence as they do not see the animal for what it is, but just for what it can do.

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

I have explained above. Ghandi once said - 'the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged on the way animals are treated.' Tigers, elephants, horses etc are all species that must be respected in their own right. The travelling environment is noisy and chaotic - this is a complete contrast to how these animals live in the wild.

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?
No

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

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?
Increase

41. Comments

There are many animals lovers across the globe that respect and admire animals for what they are and who they should be allowed to be. In the UK and other places in the world, many of us do not want to go to the circus because we do not want to be seen to paying for a form of animal cruelty. If animals were banned from circuses then it would be an innocent form of entertain where people CHOOSE that as their job. Animals do not choose it. They are forced to endure it.

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

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

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

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

- Don't know
- TV - drama
 - Don't know
 - TV - documentary
 - Don't know
 - TV - childrens
 - Don't know

Advertising - TV

- Positive impact

Advertising - other

- Positive 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

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

I have clearly explained my reasons in other questions.

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?
No

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?
No

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