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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?

No

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)

Animal welfare organisation

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

This is not an appropriate place for an animal especially a wild animal and these circuses expose these animals to risks which are unacceptable all in the name of entertainment. Circuses can include acts which entertain without using live sentient animals which must suffer due to being cooped up in cages and only given exercise when they are performing their unnatural behaviours for profit. It is not right and I hope the government does the right thing and bans it and ensures that all the animals are rehomed in appropriate sanctuaries

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

Of course it is inappropriate to see animals in a setting designed for entertainment animals should be respected as sentient beings and protected not used for entertainment and I don't want my child or any child growing up to think we can use animals as we wish.

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

It doesn't matter which way one looks at it, an animal in a travelling circus is not respected it is a tool for profit and I don't care how much it is stated that they "care" for the animals it is in an unnatural setting and it is cruel full stop. Not to mention the training methods to get an animal to perform.

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 their behaviours are compromised. There is just no way this can be justified

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

No species should be in this setting no matter how much you can "try" to facilitate their natural behaviours - natural behaviour is freedom and liberty and not interacting with humans!

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?

Don't know

41. Comments

This should not be a concern the primary concern is animal welfare not the profits of the 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?

Don't know

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?

Don't know

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?

Don't know

47. Comments

Again, that is not the concern it is only about animal welfare and what is ethically right not about these people's profits

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
 - No Impact
- TV - childrens
 - No Impact
- Advertising - TV
 - No Impact
- Advertising - other
 - No 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

51. Comments
See previous comments

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

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
Elephants tigers lions any animal which should by its nature be in a group with a large territory should NOT be caged or even have to interact with humans

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
See previous comments but I hope that Scotland sets the example for other countries to follow

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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