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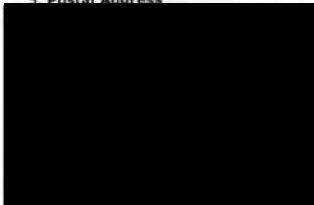
3. Surname

Brady

4. Forename

Linda

5. Postal Address



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

Animals live on this earth as is their right to do so. They are not ours for entertainment. The human race has long since abused animals without, it seems to me, realising that they are intelligent mammals just as we are. I often wonder how we would feel if a 'superior being' came along and made us jump through hoops and accept such cruel treatment, how would we react!

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

Children and young people learn from their elders how to treat others whether animal or human. We should teach our young people that all animals are intelligent and know pain, loss and fear. If parents or schools are allowed to take children to these circuses it is endorsing the cruelty and yet making it appear acceptable which, of course, it isn't. This is the 21st century and it is about time this practise was brought to an end.

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

No, I don't believe that this is possible as the animals would still be caged, tethered and trawled around the country in unsuitable conditions. It is time for an end to this cruel practise.

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

Tigers - All compromised
Elephants - All compromised
Bears - All compromised
Horses - All compromised
Monkeys - All compromised
GET THE PICTURE YET?

All animals belong in their own environment. It is NOT possible for travelling circuses to recreate any animals natural environment. Sanctuaries have a hard enough time trying to achieve this.

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

How on earth would they be able to facilitate the natural behaviour of wild animals within a travelling circus?????

Animals prowl, hunt, play, fight and mate in their own environment! Do travelling circuses truly think they can achieve this? MADNESS!

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

Simply - 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

30. Comments

It is a cruel practise. It is time for change. Ask Sea World how they are getting on with the drop in attendance following all the adverse publicity they are receiving.

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

No, It is time to change the way the World views the treatment of animals.

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

There is NO benefit in travelling circuses. They exploit pain and suffering in the name of entertainment. Animals were NOT put on this earth to entertain us.

36. Number in last 5 years

2?

37. Number in last 12 months

2?

39. Comments

My husband and I were truly shocked to hear that travelling circuses are still in circulation. I believed that animals had been protected years ago. I am appalled by this news and will campaign with any group to stop it continuing.

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**

I would hope that monetary concerns were last on the agenda. The owners of circuses should not be allowed to treat wild animals in this way for personal gain. Time to change.

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**

If they changed and athletes, dancers, cyclists, gymnasts etc took on the roll of entertaining the public then yes I do think that circuses would still visit Scotland. Why not let Scotland lead the way and take credit for stopping abuse of wild 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**

If ALL circuses were known to NOT have animals in their 'care' then I believe that many people would go to see a circus. The people taking part would be doing so of their own intelligent choice AND getting a wage for doing so. They would not lock humans in cages and tether them so WHY are they able to do so to animals. Time for change!

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

Other

- No impact

Other

- No impact

Other

- No impact

49. **Comments**

I say this because film makers, TV drama, TV documentary, TV childrens, Advertising -TV, Advertising -other - should NOT be using these animals in their industry. If they do, they are condoning the misguided practise of travelling or static circus. Animals are not here for our entertainment! They are intelligent. They feel pain, loss and fear. They play and learn - They are mammals, we are mammals!

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**

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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**

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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**

Because it is the 21st century. Read my previous comments!! Travelling circuses cannot recreate the environment of wild animals whether they originated in this country or abroad. Stop the abuse and mistreatment of animals who have no voice other than intelligent human beings. Let the intelligent humans make the right decision and educate those that would carry on this practise.

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**

All wild animals need to be protected from these people. Free the animals to sanctuaries who care about them and have their rights in mind. Educate those that would carry on this appalling practise.

61. **Comments**

Ask Peta, Peta2, Sea Shepherd, Greenpeace etc etc about why the use of wild animals in travelling circuses should be banned from Scotland. They know and could help you make the right, educated decision.

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**

I consider myself to be intelligent enough to know right from wrong. I am willing to learn as I go through life and as I learn I adapt my understanding of the world and what happens in it. I have been a vegetarian for 43 years and recently changed to vegan because of the abject cruelty in this world.

64. **Consultation Question 23: Do you consider that you had sufficient time to respond to the consultation?**

Yes

65. **Comments**

Plenty!

66. **Consultation Question 24: Do you have any other comments on the way this consultation has been conducted?**

No

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