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1. Organisation name

Breizh Alpacas

2. Title

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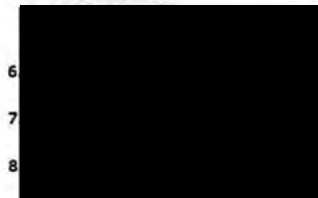
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9. Permissions - I am responding as

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)

Other

16. If 'Other' please specify

I am a Scottish breeder of alpacas, living for the moment in France and backing the 'Yes' campaign

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?

No

18. Comments

I do not believe that the animals are treated with kindness and respect. There are many visually recorded instances of elephants being treated in a cruel manner in order to 'break their spirit'. Many years ago there was also evidence that [redacted] circus treated their animals cruelly. Keeping animals in small cages for long periods on the road cannot be good practice.

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

They encourage children to believe that animals are for their amusement and control, to use as they see fit. This is not respect, but an attitude which will help to accelerate extinctions.

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 - not really. But this is not the point. Children could still be taught respect and care for animals in Primary Schools, but that does not make the plight of wild animals in circuses any more acceptable.

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 in captivity can indulge in their normal, natural behaviours. The only places for wild animals are their natural habitat, or in some cases, zoos which are endeavouring to implement breeding programmes which combat extinctions in the natural world.

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

Not wild animals. It is not natural for them to be coerced into alien behaviours, nor is it natural for them to be closely confined in a vehicle for many hours and weeks at a time. It would be more appropriate, if circuses had to use animals, to use domesticated animals like dogs and horses, which they already do. That is enough, though not ideal considering the long confinements.

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

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

36. Number in last 5 years

Not aware as I do not go to circuses

37. Number in last 12 months

Not aware as I do not go to circuses

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  
Because many people boycott circuses because of their exploitation of wild animals. On the other hand, Crufts has attracted more and more people worldwide since they introduced agility and performance skills.
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 they still have to make a living, and they will have to adapt to using other sets of skills in order to survive.
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?  
No Change
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  
Because they still have to make a living, and they will have to adapt to using other sets of skills in order to survive.
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
- Don't know
- 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  
It is barbaric and cruel. Put yourself in their position - would it be tolerable to be isolated from your kith and kin, copped up in small cages for many weeks a year, and forced to perform unnatural acts in front of large noisy crowds? I thought not.
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  
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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  
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?  
Yes
67. Comments  
How is the consultation going to be used. Is it just an exercise to satisfy the need for consultation or shall the results truly inform the decision?  
p.s. It would be helpful if questions were not repeated.

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