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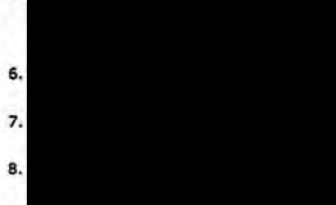
3. Surname

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Stephanie

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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)

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

Because they shouldn't have to perform to entertain us and they are usually trained in horrific ways that cause pain and suffering. Wild animals should be left in the wild or at least be able to live and act as they would in the wild.

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

Because they are taught that it is okay to make animals do things they don't want to do and laugh at them. They are taught that it doesn't matter if animals are used for entertainment and they are taught that wild animals don't need to be in the wild. It is teaching them that it is okay to take a wild animals from the wild and from their families to hurt them and train them to do things which are unnatural for them to 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

22. Comments

No, because using wild animals in circuses would still mean taking them from the wild and making them do unnatural things which they wouldn't do in the wild. It would still mean training them in horrific ways that cause pain and suffering.

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 in circuses are made to not undertake natural behaviours. For example elephants are social animals which stay in their family groups and love to sandbathe, they cannot do this in a circus environment. Tigers hunt for their food but cannot do this in a circus. All are made to do unnatural behaviour like perform in front of people which is definitely not natural for them and is not respectful of them.

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 not possible to let animals do their natural behaviours in circuses. For example elephants are social animals which stay in their family groups and love to sandbathe, they cannot do this in a circus environment. Tigers hunt for their food but cannot do this in a circus. All are made to do unnatural behaviour like perform in front of people which is definitely not natural for them and is not respectful of them.

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, because they still cannot do their natural behaviours and are still made to do unnatural things like perform and are trained in horrific ways that cause pain and suffering.

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

I don't see any benefits whatsoever in taking a wild animals from is natural wild life and training it with pain and suffering to do unnatural things like perform in front of people. Wild animals often have too much of it and snap and end up killing someone. This is because it is unnatural and they are wild.

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

Wild animals belong in the wild or somewhere where they can still do their natural wild behaviours. Not in an environment where they perform for people and are hurt. There are no benefits of having wild animals in circuses.

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 are no benefits of having wild animals in circuses. And wild animals belong in the wild.

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See all above answers, I have already covered this question in the questions above.

38. Don't Know

Don't know

39. Comments

The number should be zero!

I will definitely not be visiting Scotland until this issue is resolved and I will convince other people not to as well.

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 believe the circuses profits would increase because people don't go to circuses to see the animals, they go to see all the acts and if wild animals were not longer used, people who were against the use of wild animals would also support them and pay to go.

Whilst wild animals are being used, people like me who are against them will not be paying to see this torture, but if circuses ban the use of wild animals we would fully support them and be able to enjoy the other acts. Therefore profits would rise.

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 would still want to travel to Scotland to perform and hopefully it would make them question the use of wild animals in their circuses.

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

45. Comments

I don't believe there would be a change in profits because people would still support them and go to see them, but they would also support and see other circuses too.

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

47. Comments

I believe it would increase because more people would support them without the wild animals being used.

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

Other

- No impact

Other

- No impact

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

Because of the reasons I have already outlined.

Wild animals belong in the wild. They need to be able to do their natural behaviours instead of unnatural behaviours like performing for people. They are trained in horrific inhumane ways causing pain and suffering.

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

Because of the reasons I have already outlined.

Wild animals belong in the wild. They need to be able to do their natural behaviours instead of unnatural behaviours like performing for people. They are trained in horrific inhumane ways causing pain and suffering.

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

Because of the reasons I have already outlined.

Wild animals belong in the wild. They need to be able to do their natural behaviours instead of unnatural behaviours like performing for people. They are trained in horrific inhumane ways causing pain and suffering.

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

I think all wild animals should be banned from circus use.

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

I strongly believe that all wild animals should be protected and banned from circus use.

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

63. Comments

I think it was prepared in a way to fully get my points and views across and made me think more about separate aspects of it.

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