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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?

No

18. Comments

Wild animal's natural habitats cannot be replaced by cages or enclosures- no matter how expensive they may be, or how natural it looks.

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?

No

20. Comments

Many youngsters believe that the circus is a fantastic thing, and their innocent minds make them believe the animals are loved to bits. They do not realise many are abused, and this is not a natural thing for them.

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

Animals are not here for entertainment. They are here as part of a very delicate food web. The more wild animals that are prevented from being free and wild, when used for circuses, the more fragile the web becomes.

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

Elephants don't naturally throw balls around a tent. Tigers don't naturally jump through rings of fire. Monkeys, the nearest matching DNA being closest to man, is made to jump around doing ridiculous tricks. They cannot have natural behaviors if they are hit and whipped to train them to do something, and are never given the ability to hunt.

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

Because the circuses travel, there is no permanent residence for the animals; many mammals, such as tigers and lions, are extremely territorial. They become confused by the endless different homes, and can never live in more than a pop up fenced enclosure.

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

Animals belong in the wild, being free to balance the food chain, and hide from mankind if that is their instinct.

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?

Yes

30. Comments

Thankfully, animals I'm circuses are decreasing, which creates a more popular demand for animal circus tickets. This then encourages circuses to believe it is okay to steal wild animals from their homes for entertainment.

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

A wild animals wellbeing is compromised when they are surrounded by humans in a tiny arena, and unable to escape to their real homes.

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

Wild animals should be WILD. They should be treated as wild animals, and not be treated as a pet. Wild animals seek love, if ever, from fellow siblings and others of the same species. We are not their friends. We should be caring for them. If anything money should be put into conservation and protection for them. Not making them pets.

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?

No change

41. Comments

Since there are such a rare amount of wild animal circuses, most people choose to go to circuses full of clowns and acrobats. These kind of circuses should

definitely be promoted, because there are some fantastic acrobats out there. For young people to visit these types of circuses, they will be inspired, and this could encourage them to be fit and healthy so they can be just like them. This could even reduce the UK children obesity levels!

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

Scotland is known for its natural beauty- it's Scotsman, and it's hills and landscape. What circus would not want to come to a Scottish landscape and promote the scottish culture through fantastic bagpipe players in a circus surrounded by beautiful landscapes?

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

These circuses will be more advertised, and increase their incomes. They will thrive.

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

If anything, most venues do not accommodate for wild animals. Non wild animals circuses would increase, meaning that venues would become cheaper.

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

- Positive impact
- TV - drama
- Positive impact
- TV - documentary
- Positive impact
- TV - childrens
- Positive impact
- Advertising - TV
- Positive impact
- Advertising - other
- Positive impact
- Other
- Positive impact
- Other
- Positive impact
- Other
- Positive impact

49. Comments

Rare footage of wild circus animals would become amazing, and documentaries would thrive off the ability to prove that animals are protected, and deserve to be wild.

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