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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 are chained up or left for hours in cages, which is not natural and this impacts on their behaviour and quality of life. Animals are not put on this earth as some form of cheap entertainment, they should be left alone in the wild and viewed on organised trips. Animals are forced to "act" by abuse and beaten if they do not do what the owner wants.

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

People see an animal and want one without any idea of the cost and do not know how to look after them, then when they get fed up with them they abandon them. People see animals in circuses and think it is easy to train them and do not have the respect wild animals deserve

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 do not belong in circuses, they belong in their natural habitat, which humans should maintain and not destroy.

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

Being in a cage does not encourage natural behaviour, animals become stressed and live shorter lives, performing under duress, this is completely unnatural and should be banned. Animals need their own habitat to graze and hunt in.

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 natural for animals to have to perform when a human requests it, they should be free to play, hunt and sleep when they want to.

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

The welfare of wild animals is compromised when they are in circuses, there is no one to look out for them except their trainers and they only want them to perform to make money.

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

No benefits to the animals and only financial benefit to the circus owners who do not give the animals what they really need - a natural life.

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

Being made to perform is not beneficial to the animals. Nothing can justify the abuse these poor creatures experience at the hands of man.

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

A total ban on animals is needed, being kept in a cage for hours on end is inhumane and having to travel miles from one place to another cannot be doing the animals any good.

36. Number in last 5 years

1

37. Number in last 12 months

0

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 would be more likely to visit a circus which does not have animals, and the circuses could provide proper family entertainment with other acts.

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

They still want to make money, so will still visit as many venues as possible.

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

The public do not want to see unhappy animals made to perform tricks, this is not entertainment any more, it is sad and not acceptable.

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

People want to be entertained by clowns, high wire acts, fire eating etc... there is no animal suffering involved in these acts. The people involved can walk away or say no if they don't want to do something, animals in circuses do not have that privilege.

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

It would have a positive impact, showing that the days of parading unhappy wild animals around are at last over.

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 unethical to snatch wild animals away from their families, force them to do unnatural things, such as performing in circuses, making them die younger and abandoning them when they are no longer making the "owners" money.

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

There is no place in Scotland or anywhere else for circuses that use wild animals to perform tricks, this is not what they were put on this earth to do.

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

No wild animal should be removed from it's natural habitat and forced to perform for so called entertainment, it is abuse and must be banned.

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

It is unnatural and wild animals deserve more respect from humans.

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 animals feel fear when they are taken from their families, the same as humans, alot of them feel similar emotions to humans. No animal should be made to perform for the entertainment of 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

No animals should be made to perform, this is not entertainment of any form, it is abuse and the way that trainers get the animals to perform is by beating, starving and breaking down the animal's spirit so that it is no longer a wild animal, this is a disgusting way to treat any creature. A total ban on wild animals in circuses is the only way to stop the abuse.

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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