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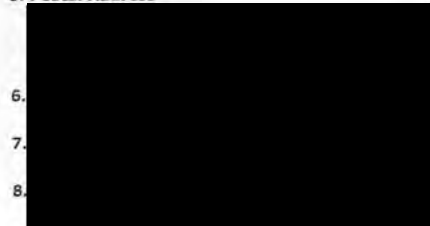
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9. Permissions - I am responding as

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)

Advertising/entertainment industry

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

Absolutely! Animals are not machines, they are sentient creatures capable of thought, knowledge, pain, and emotions. Being paraded for the entertainment of humans is debasing and immoral, particularly when those animals appreciate that their forced behaviour is not their natural behaviour.

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 learn by example. The clear and obvious lack of respect and care is highlighted and emphasised by the use of animals in circuses, compounding the concept that animals are there to be used and abused by people, with no consequences. Educate children to care about the planet and all it's lifeforms and we stand a chance of having a habitable environment for centuries to come.

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

I don't see how it can. Their use and living/travelling conditions are rather delimiting in terms of positive examples of how to care for animals, but their very presence is tantamount to condoning cruelty.

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

Wild animals are essentially always going to be wild or at least, feral to some degree. Caging them is detrimental to their natural behaviours, so is dressing them in clothing, strapping them down, tying them up, and beating them with whips. How is that natural? Their natural behaviour is to run away from cruelty or to fight their attackers - both of which they would be euthanized for.

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

No (see earlier comment). Current legislation makes this impossible, together with social attitudes and the idea of 'risk'.

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

That would be rather missing the point! The concerns ARE the use of wild animals in circuses - their mistreatment, the cruel training methods, the lack of freedom, lack of dignity, health and welfare issues, incarceration-induced stereotypical behaviours and engendered aggression, largely cultivated by the circuses themselves. The mere presence of these poor animals would negate all the concerns being raised.

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

We know so much about animals in their natural habitats these days. What we see in circuses - these poor dejected creatures - are not typical examples of wild animals. Keep such creatures where they are meant to be - in the 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

There are no benefits unless you're talking about the money in the circus owner's pocket! What benefit is there to the public - none! They are a fleeting glimpse of a jaded caricature of the creatures they SHOULD be, quickly forgotten but with a lasting example that life is cheap and disposable.

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

See my earlier comments

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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?
No change

41. Comments

I would hope that people were savvy enough to see the cruelty, neglect and deprivation behind the scenes and not want to go to such spectacles anyway.
One can hope anyway...

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

That's their trade, they will continue to ply it.

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

Surely they would be relatively similar in content?

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

See earlier comment

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

49. Comments

I imagine a change in legislation would cause other professions to reconsider how they treat and exhibit animals. At the very least, it would send a message to those industries that cruelty and exploitation will not be tolerated in today's society.

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's exploitative, degrading, inhumane and cruel. Ban it now.

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

Yes, see previous comment.

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 one animals is any better than any other, therefore their suffering should be categorised as lesser or greater than another and therefore more acceptable.

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

How would people react if they were plucked from their natural habitat and daily life, stuck in a cage and paraded for the jeering public, forced to do tricks, kept in cramped and terrible conditions and to be considered as worthless and inconsequential?

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?

Yes

59. Comments

There should be an outright ban, but in the event of a partial ban, the most commonly found animals should be protected - elephants, big cat breeds and bears.

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

A little repetitive though

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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