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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)

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

The training of wild animals is always cruel and the conditions they are kept is also cruel and unusual

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

It encourages children to view animals as no more than a means of entertainment.

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

The whole enclosed in captivity and exhibited for entertainment is degrading and shows a complete lack of respect.

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

They are by definition "wild animals" it is possible that performing ants would not be bothered by circus conditions but for all other animals the cages are far too small and conditions are very cramped. Many animals are also abused in circuses.

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

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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

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

Can familiarize people with animals, but under less than ideal conditions. Show's people what cruelty is.

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 are wild. It is hard enough to give them a reasonable existence in a large well funded zoo, it is impossible in a cramped circus existence.

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

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

It depends on the response of the circus. The cirque-du-soleil has no animals and makes a killing.

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

People would still come to 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?

Increase

45. Comments

If there is a ban then circus visits will by definition increase for those without animals!

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

People would still come to the circus to see the performances if they are good. There is plenty of ways to entertain people without resorting to animal tricks.

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

- No impact

TV - childrens

- No 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

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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

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

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

Tiger, Lion, Elephant, all apes and chimpanzees. Any endangered species.

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?

No

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