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Yes

12. Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

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

Animal ARE NOT here for our convenience or pleasure. To subject any animal to act differently from their usual behaviour or to use them, in any way, is unforgivable. Wild animals should be in wild doing their "wild thing".

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

Education is primal. We cannot allow children or young people (or adults) to believe that it is the right thing to abuse animals. If we do not change our attitude and the attitude of others then things DO NOT change. We have to show children and young people the RIGHT WAY and then educate EVERYONE on how to be respectful and responsible towards animals.

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, circuses or ANY animal travelling shows should be banned FOREVER.

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

How can they have a "natural" life when the animals are tormented, beaten, starved all for a show to a human audience. There is NOTHING that can be termed "natural" in a circus et al.

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?

All

26. Comments

NO, of course not. The humans that run these circuses have absolutely no idea on how to be respectful or have responsible attitudes towards to animal; when they are only interested in money. Not only that, they have NO EXPERIENCE.

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?

No

30. Comments

How can anyone equate "benefits" and "travelling circus"?

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

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

36. Number in last 5 years

Several in Stranraer, Scotland

37. Number in last 12 months

2 in Stranraer, Scotland

39. Comments

Every year we have circuses and funfairs in Stranraer, Scotland. I believe we have a few here because there is not much to do here; and when children see the BIG billboards with animals and clowns they're excited. Regards the funfairs I looked around the place and found goats, Llamas and loads of dogs. I asked them what they were going to do with the animals, they replied "none of your business, **ck off! I did report to SSPCA but man wouldn't give me his name, it went no further"

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?

Don't know

41. Comments

I've put "I don't know" because it's irrelevant. The effect is that these people will NOT loose money because they can get more humans involved, doing death-defying feats or anything in that genre.

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

Yes, of course they can. They can still get their precious money from other acts. Perhaps putting a bit more thought into their circus. Get more funny performances.....

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

Because they can do the same as the other animal-free circus's. They manage and still make money and horrendous amounts of animals will be saved.

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

As above they can still make the same money without the animal misery.

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

49. Comments

How can it have an impact on other industries. Animals should NOT be used in any circumstances for industry. The only thing I would say is that by using television we can educate children and young people on how to treat animals. AND for them NOT to be used in circuses.

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 should be banned EVERYWHERE. There is no room for wild animals to be used for our entertainment.

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?

No

55. Comments

NO, it should be an outright BAN. What good is a blanket ban some human will only abuse it, just like the animals.

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

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?

No

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

67. Comments

ONLY. I am very happy to complete this questionnaire as I feel very strongly about the abuse of animals in world-wide societies.

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