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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, 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)

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

Humiliating and stupid tricks, completely unnatural

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

Definitely an adverse impact. Children and young people are naturally compassionate, and THIS should be encouraged, not an attitude whereby 'anything goes'.

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

A complete ban is the only answer

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 travelling (and being kept for hours) in a truck be natural?

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

Not with the best will in the world, no.

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

None to animals, and none to humans

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 aren't any benefits.

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

Only a ban will do.

38. Don't Know

Don't know

39. Comments

I know Bobby Roberts is from Scotland

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

People like seeing the amazing acrobatic ability of humans. Human-only circuses are very popular (e.g. Chinese and Moscow, plus Cirque Soleil, etc.)

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 will still enjoy circuses without animals. It can still be a spectacle.

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?

Don't know

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

I can't see that venues gain much from visiting circuses. On the contrary - only bad publicity.

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
 - Don't know
- TV - drama
 - Don't know
- TV - documentary
 - Don't know
- TV - childrens
 - Don't know
- Advertising - TV
 - Don't know
- Advertising - other
 - Don't know
- Other
 - Don't know
- Other
 - Don't know
- Other
 - Don't know

49. Comments

Any entertainment industry is very suspect when it comes to animals being shown. Cruelty is nearly always 'behind the scenes'

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

We are in the 21st century! Time to move on. Time to be thoughtful and compassionate.

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

Not much difference between 'exhibition' and performance. Still involves capture, training, travelling. All wrong.

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

Circus owners will always try to wriggle out of an incomplete ban.

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

The animals still suffer, no matter what breed.

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

Big cats, elephants. But really, a horse suffers just as much.

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

A complete ban will solve questions of which species to choose. Would also save money on inspections and enforcing the law. Circuses have always run rings round inspectors.

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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