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## 2. Title

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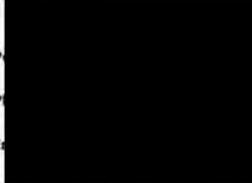
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## 9. Permissions - I am responding as

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)

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

I believe that these performances do compromise respect for the animals. Manoeuvres such as elephants standing on their front legs only are wholly unnatural to the animals. From evidence I've read, these moves appear only to be possible due to repeated training where the animal is forced and threatened to perform such acts. The animal is therefore not respected in its own right but rather for performing cruel and difficult moves in a stressful environment.

## 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

Animals are seen for what they can do rather than children seeing them in a more natural way. The relationship between humans and animals can be very therapeutic and meaningful however the animals here are objectified. Animals in circuses could teach children that animals simply exist for our use no matter the consequence to the animals' wellbeing.

## 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. Many other countries have already banned wild animals in circuses and I believe that Scotland also has the kindness and decency towards fellow creatures to lead the way in the UK and implement a wild animal ban too.

## 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

There is no way they can display natural behaviour when they have to train, travel so much, be housed for far too many hours in small cages while the circus tent is erected and perform in a noisy and stressful environment. They would be hyper-vigilant, stressed and unable to relax at all. They also would not have any permanent space to establish themselves 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

There is nothing natural about wild animals travelling about in cages and performing for noisy crowds. I absolutely believe there is no way to lessen the damage to these creatures and they should be allowed to live the rest of their lives in sanctuaries to at least let them live in dignity and peace. They deserve at least that.

## 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

No. It is an unnatural and stressful environment for the animals. It is also very difficult to police. It relies on the honesty and kindness of animal trainers within the circuses- a quality that evidence suggests is not always present.

## 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

There are no benefits. Many years ago I witnessed a ringmaster violently whipping a horse. All it made me feel was extremely sad that some people would abuse their position of power against such majestic creatures. To me it just provides the opportunity to see animals who are unhappy. There are other ways to see animals in a natural environment.

## 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

## 34. Comments

We need to lead the way in showing compassion to animals.

## 38. Don't Know

Don't know

## 39. Comments

To be honest I've seen an increase in human only circuses- which is great to see.

## 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 for one am happy to go to a human only circus- but never one with animals. I think people in general are more aware of animal welfare and would be more at ease not watching animals that are unhappy or suffering.

## 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?

Don't know

## 43. Comments

- I think they would realise the wave of change and eventually convert to not using wild animals.
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 other circuses have their own audiences.
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  
I think people would feel more comfortable not witnessing wild animals perform.
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  
It might make film makers follow suit and not exploit wild animals in filming.
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  
Because it is cruel and unethical. We are better than that and should show compassion to other living creatures.
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  
Wild animals travelling around is a cruel and difficult life.
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  
Because otherwise there will be loopholes and a ban could mean nothing if people find their way round to letting animals back in circuses.
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  
I think they all should be banned but I find the lives of elephants and big cats in the particularly cruel.
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  
There should be a deadline date set for animals to be rehomed in appropriate sanctuaries.
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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