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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)

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

It is not a natural environment for the animals, they are often kept in poor conditions and it's exploitation of the animals involved promoting trade of those WILD animals, which is immoral and cruel.

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

People grow up believing what they see to be 'normal' and acceptable, if animals are treated with respect and cared for, children are more likely to grow up with that attitude. However, if they see animals being abused and exploited, they will perceive that as normal and acceptable when it isn't, it's cruel and inhumane.

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

This needs to be enforced in law, otherwise unscrupulous people will continue to exploit animals for their own gain, which is immoral.

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

If a WILD animal is not in it's NATURAL environment, how can it behave in a natural way when it's forced to behave in ways that humans demand? It is not possible, it is cruel and exploitative.

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

WILD animals kept in an artificial environment have no opportunity to behave in a natural way when humans impose their will on them, it's ridiculous to imply otherwise.

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

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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

WILD animals should be in the WILD, not caged, not constricted, not exploited or abused for human 'entertainment' which is inhumane and cruel.

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 should be in the WILD, not caged, not constricted, not exploited or abused for human 'entertainment' which is inhumane and cruel.

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

A ban needs to be enforced in law. WILD animals need our protection from unscrupulous people motivated by money.

36. Number in last 5 years

not sure

37. Number in last 12 months

not sure

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?

Don't know

41. Comments

I'm concerned with the welfare of the animals and feel the circus business should move with the times. If they are clever, they will adapt and find other ways to entertain audiences.

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

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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

45. Comments

I think maybe forward thinking circus companies would do well to entertain audiences with more human clever tricks than exploiting 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?

Increase

47. Comments

I think they may be better supported as the majority of people do not like to see animals being maltreated or exploited.

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

Other

- Positive impact

Other

- Positive impact

Other

- Positive impact

49. Comments

Animal welfare is a good indicator of the way a society treats it's fellow human beings including children, so it can only be a good thing culturally.

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

WILD animals should be in the wild, not trained to do daft tricks for humans just to make money, it's immoral and inhumane.

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 should be in the wild, not trained to do daft tricks for humans just to make money, it's immoral and inhumane.

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

WILD animals should be in the wild, not trained to do daft tricks for humans just to make money, it's immoral and inhumane.

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

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59. Comments

All species, but if any are endangered, that's appalling and should be heavily penalised.

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

I think so.

64. Consultation Question 23: Do you consider that you had sufficient time to respond to the consultation?

Don't know

65. Comments

I suppose so.

66. Consultation Question 24: Do you have any other comments on the way this consultation has been conducted?

No

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