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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)

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

Forcing animals to perform in a way that is totally unnatural to them violates their rights and animals should be given equal respect.

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

Absolutley! If parents are taking their children to see animals perform in a circus then unfortunately children will see these animals in the same way their parents do. Purely as entertainment! They will not see the cruelty and abuse inflicted on these animals to makes them perform in the way they do. Children learn a lot from their parents but sometimes its the adults who need to learn first so that they make sure their children grow up with respect and compassion for all 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

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

Of course. How can animals behave naturally when we take them away from their natural environment and families, place them in an alien environment and then torture them until they do what is being asked of them? The fear, mental abuse and imprisonment they suffer is the result of wanton human greed.

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

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

Their is no benefit to the animals but plenty of monetary benefit to the circus owner and local councils. And what happens when an animal manages to escape and either hurts or kills a human being or is running around the streets terrified out of its mind? Well of course it gets shot because it was a 'dangerous animal on the loose'.

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

How can an animal or human being feel it is helping their 'well- being' when they are imprisoned, frightened and hurt?

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

39. Comments

I cannot answer this question but am surprised that Scotland has allowed any at all.

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

More and more people are becoming aware of the cruelty synonymous with these types of circus. Word gets around once people know of the cruelty behind the scenes and I am personally aware of friends and family who will not take their children to a circus that involves animals. They want their children to grow up with love and respect for animals and they feel in return it will make them into better people.

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?

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Yes

43. **Comments**

Of course. People love good entertainment and there are many shows nowadays that use only human entertainment which is spectacular.

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**

When I visit circus entertainment the shows are always full. Parents and their children have had a good time without feeling that their money has helped continue the cycle of animal abuse.

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**

Why should it have any effect? People and children love to laugh and be wowed.

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

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**

Humans use animals purely for business ventures and it is shameful the suffering we cause another species for our own gain.

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**

As above.

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?**

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

61. **Comments**

I have already given my reasons in previous questions.

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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