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13. The name and address of your organisation WILL BE made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site). Are you content for your response to be made available

Yes

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)

Other

16. If 'Other' please specify

Wildlife/Animal movement

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

Using animals in circuses encourage people, and young people, to treat animals as objects without feeling that can be used. Whereas, we should be accepting and respecting animals for the beings they are!

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

Same as above comment.

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. Animals should not be forced, or coerced into performing for humans. They should be treated with dignity and respect.

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

It's unnatural for any animal to be away from their natural environment. It constrains them to a life of imprisonment. These animals should be left in their own environments. And, were animals cannot be reintroduced into their natural habitats, they should be looked after properly, and with respect.

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

As any animal would not be so familiar with humans, as they are within a circus environment.

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

The only 'benefits' are the ones given to the humans involved. Circuses strip away the dignity, and moral right of animals. You cannot treat animals as objects with any beneficial to them, as they are just used, and cruelly treated.

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

0

37. Number in last 12 months

0

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

Surely the fact that animals can feel pain and suffering, and experience all the emotions that humans experience, is more than enough to put them ahead of any financial gain. I think so.

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

Because it is a way of life for them. Plus, more people might be open to visiting circuses because circuses do not use animals any more. Circuses would be void of cruelty when the use of animals is banned in circuses. And, they would attract people who would never have visited them before, because of their inherent cruelty.

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

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?

Don't know

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

People would be entertained in a humane way, without exploitation, and cruelty. Plus, people would invest more in other forms of entertainment, such as tv and films. We would be a more attractive country to tourist, setting the bar as a country one which is beautiful, without cruelty.

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

YES!! As, I've stated, circuses are inherently cruel in the way they treat animals. Circuses make animals perform tricks by using such means as electrocuting animals, and whipping them, what if this was you that could feel this pain?

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

For the same reason 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

55. Comments

Yes, because all animals have the same value. And, all humans and animals have the same value - as there is no difference in the way that humans and animals feel pain!

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?

Don't know

59. Comments

Don't know, because I'm not really understanding this question.

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

Yes, make Scotland a more compassionate place for animals and humans. Give animals the respect and dignity they deserve: make it illegal to use them as any form of entertainment!

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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