

# Inspection Report

## Section 1:

Name of applicant or current licence holder:

Name of circus:

Location of circus

Tel no.  Fax no.

Name of Inspector	Name of Accompanying Officer	Name(s) of Circus Representative
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Carol Macmanus
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Date and start time of inspection:

Date and finish time of inspection:

### Preamble to Inspector's Report\*

Circus Mondao is a family run circus holding 2 reindeer, 2 camels and 2 zebra.

The circus did not return to winter quarters this year but has not yet started performances. It has been at the current site since November 2012 and no animals have been transported, trained or performed between then and the inspection date.

Performances will start on the 13<sup>th</sup> February but the exotic animals will not be in the performance or on display.

\*This might include general background of the circus (type of animals, number of animals and information obtained from the stock list and the other required forms supplied by Inspectorate at Bristol) and any relevant information gathered prior to the inspection

Information and guidance about the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 is available at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/circuses/>

## Section 2: Findings at Inspection

Level of compliance should be included in report using a RAG rating - Green – full compliance/minor breach (no action required)/ Amber – breach identified (remedial action recommended) / Red – significant breach (action required).

Standards and Conditions	Comments/clarification	Level of Compliance (RAG)
<p><b>(1) Staff</b></p> <p>Is unsupervised access to licensed animals restricted to authorised persons?</p>	<p>Access to animals is appropriate and as described on the staff list. The animals are supervised at all times to ensure no unauthorised access is possible.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(2) Healthcare</b></p> <p>Do all licensed animals appear to be in good health?</p>	<p>The camels and zebra appeared to be in good health on visual inspection. The female camel has been treated for allergic disease during the summer months but there was no evidence of this at this inspection.</p> <p>The reindeer are castrated animals and therefore do not naturally shed their antlers. The antlers become brittle and deformed therefore standard practice is to treat them with hormone injections to encourage the antlers to shed. The hormone injections cause behavioral changes in the animals and can incite aggression. This has occurred in the two reindeer who fought overnight the night before the inspection. The animals therefore have broken antlers. The animals were immediately separated and will not be re-introduced until the antlers have shed which will occur in the next week or two. This issue is NOT specific to circuses and is seen commonly in zoos and other facilities. The situation is being managed completely appropriately by the circus and the animals welfare is not significantly compromised. The situation has been discussed with the licensee and in the future the animals will be separated when the hormones are administered and not reintroduced until after the antlers have dropped. This change in management has been recorded in the care plans.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p><b>(3) Environment</b></p> <p>Are areas used by licensed animals operated in a way that provides good welfare?</p> <p>Are areas a suitable size?</p> <p>Are areas in good condition and free from hazards?</p> <p>Are areas sufficiently secure?</p> <p>Are areas suited to the social, behavioural and environmental needs of the animals?</p> <p>Do animals have sufficient access to exercise and enrichment?</p> <p>Are areas hygienic and clean?</p> <p>Do areas have a suitable floor?</p> <p>Are environmental factors managed, including shelter from</p>	<p>Indoor Enclosures:</p> <p>The indoor enclosures all meet the size requirements as set out in the guidance. They are fit for purpose and hazard free. A combination of sawdust and straw is used as bedding all of which was clean and hygienic. The marquee are secured so even if the animals escape their individual stalls they cannot escape from the marquee. The reindeer had been provided with a fir tree to rub their antlers on and all animals had received various root vegetables as enrichment.</p> <p>Outdoor Enclosures:</p> <p>During the inspection the camels were out in a small post and rail fenced paddock which was poached but not deep mud. The animals have been allowed access to a large field at times but this was restricted due to the poor weather and slippery muddy conditions as the animals were often reluctant to go out when it was inclement and the licensees were concerned about foot rot and mud fever. This is not a circus specific issues and has been a problem faced by all stock owners this winter.</p>	<p>G</p>

<p>the elements?</p> <p>Is due regard had for species specific guidance?</p>		
<p><b>(4) Diet</b></p> <p>Is food stored properly?</p> <p>Is food prepared properly?</p>	<p>The food is all stored in a specific food room in one of the main circus lorries. The different foods are stored in sealed waterproof and vermin proof barrels. Feed lists are displayed on the wall showing which animals receive which food. As these animals are all hoofstock they are fed commercial food which is appropriate. All forage was of high quality and presented appropriately. Fresh water was available at all times.</p>	G
<p><b>(5) Display, training and performance</b></p> <p>Are the precautions required by the assessment of welfare risks carried out?</p> <p>Are animals fit for the activities expected of them?</p> <p>Are only suitable areas used for display, training and performance?</p> <p>Are display, training and performance correctly staffed?</p> <p>Are items of equipment (including aids, props, costumes, decoration etc) designed, maintained and used appropriately?</p> <p>Are the animals checked after carrying out activities?</p> <p>Are there signage and announcements to inform the public?</p>	<p>The animals that come under this license are not undergoing training during the winter period. In the show the reindeer and zebra will only be walked around the ring on halters and not perform in any other way. They will be led by category A or B staff. The halters and headcollars were inspected and were all suitable and fitted correctly. The camels will also be led around the ring but in addition will offer camel rides during the interval. This activity is specifically addressed in the risk assessment.</p> <p>The ring was inspected and no issues were identified.</p>	G
<p><b>(6) Breeding</b></p> <p>Are the health and welfare needs of animals during all stages of the breeding process met?</p> <p>Is guidance on fitness followed?</p> <p>Is suitable veterinary care provided?</p>	<p>The zebra and reindeer are all castrated males and therefore no breeding is possible. The camels have lived together for 5 years and have never bred and show no breeding behavior. The cause of the infertility has not been investigated but is not a welfare concern.</p>	G
<p><b>(7) Transport</b></p> <p>Check for evidence of unfit animals being transported. Can you confirm this is not the case?</p> <p>Are transport containers and any fitting (etc) suitable?</p>	<p>No animals were being transported at the time of the inspection. The trailers were inspected and are purpose built with non-slip floors, suitable partitioning and safe ramps. The animals are all halter trained and are individually led up the ramps.</p>	G

Records	Comments/Justification	Level of Compliance (NA/G)
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<p><b>(1) Tour itinerary</b></p> <p>Confirm that the inspectorate was informed of the correct current and future location of the licensed travelling circus.</p>	<p>A tour itinerary was shown for the first few moves and a journey plan has been prepared to the first new site.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(2) List of licensed animals</b></p> <p>Confirm that every animal present which is covered by the licence is uniquely identified</p>	<p>The reindeer are eartagged and the correct numbers were verified.</p> <p>The zebra are microchipped and the chips were confirmed after a great deal of difficulty due to the poor quality of the chip reader.</p> <p>The camels are microchipped and the licensee has documentary evidence that the chips were present and read in 2009 when the animals were vaccinated against Bluetongue. However the reader that the inspector had available was not able to read the microchips in these animals. This is likely due to the camels thick coats and not knowing the precise location of the chips. In the zebra it took a great deal of scanning before the reader could find the chips that are brand new chips in animals with a very short coat. Both myself and [REDACTED] who has treated the camels in a private capacity are happy to confirm that these animals are the animals in the circus in 2012. This situation is a problem for the inspectorate and not the fault of the circus. The female camel is definitely the same animal that was seen on my previous visit as she had shorter hair in the precise location of her allergic reaction that was being treated during the summer.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p><b>(3) List of current location of licensed animals</b></p> <p>Confirm that the whereabouts of all animals covered by a licence</p>	<p>All six animals on the license were present.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(4) Individual records</b></p> <p>Confirm that a single source of information about an animal's signalment (age, breed, sex, etc) health and welfare history; including all relevant clinical, health and behavioural data is quickly available at the present location of the animal.</p>	<p>All individual records were in place and in use.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(5) Care Plans</b></p> <p>Do Care Plans demonstrate that good welfare standards have been planned for and put into practice?</p> <p>Do they record that the welfare needs of licensed animals are being provided for? (Particular note should be taken of the daily record sheets)</p> <p>Are they reviewed regularly?</p> <p>Group Care Plans and Individual Care Plans should each include sections on:</p> <p>(a) assessment of welfare risks</p> <p>(b) behavioural and</p>	<p>The care plans are complete and in use. These include enrichment and behavior plans with implementation evident on inspection of the site. The breeding plans and retirement plans are included and appropriate.</p> <p>The reindeer care plan has been modified in line with my recommendations since the inspection.</p> <p>Full diet sheets are provided and implemented as described. This was checked with the diet sheets in the feed room.</p> <p>The preventative medicine programmes are in place. There is a particular useful document detailing management of isolation of the animals if they were infected with an infectious disease.</p> <p>The welfare risk assessments submitted on application</p>	<p>Green</p>

<p>environmental enrichment (c) breeding (d) dietary requirements (e) preventative medicine (f) retirement (These sections may be cross referenced to avoid duplication of recording)</p>	<p>were not appropriate but following discussions during the inspection a new document has been developed and sent to the inspectorate office which DOES meet the requirements of the licensing regime and covers all significant potential risks in a suitable format. All risks are being appropriately mitigated.</p>	
<p><b>(6) Daily Records</b> Do the Daily Records record include all factors relevant to welfare of the licensed animals (a) Diet (b) Training, including results of checks carried out after activities (c) Environment (d) General Observations</p>	<p>The daily records were in place and established as routine. These are kept on clipboards in the animal marquees and so can be added to throughout the day.</p>	G
<p><b>(7) List of authorised persons</b> Confirm that only persons that have appropriate qualifications, experience or supervision are permitted to access and care for the licensed animals</p>	<p>This is in place. The document will be amended slightly as an error on the document but NOT in practice states that Category B persons can supervise other category B persons. In practice this is not correct and a Category A person is always on site and in charge of the animals. A modified document has now been received by the office.</p>	Green
<p><b>(8) List of authorised persons on duty</b> Confirm that someone is in overall charge of the animals at all times. Do circus staff know who is currently on duty and how to contact them urgently?</p>	<p>This is on display in the office doorway with all contact details.</p>	Green
<p><b>(9) Journey plans</b> Confirm that sufficient planning is being done before embarking on a journey. Are plans updated with important details about the actual journey afterwards? Is a contingency plan in place for each journey? Does a suitable person travel with the animal?</p>	<p>The journey plan for the first move has been completed and meet the requirements.  The contingency plan for transport was discussed and since the inspection a new document has been produced</p>	Green
<p><b>(10) Veterinary Care</b> Are the lead vet and the circus in good communication? Is the lead vet providing continuity of care, veterinary oversight and advice on Care Plans?</p>	<p>The lead vet had provided a detailed letter by email (to be forwarded to the inspectorate office) detailing his recent advice to the circus and instructions to implement the licensing requirements. He had ensured that drug storage and drug recording systems were in place. He had visited the circus recently but the date was not specifically recorded on the letter - I have asked this to be stated clearly.</p>	Green

<p>Are routine quarterly visits carried out by veterinary surgeons?</p> <p>Does the lead vet attend at least two of the inspections (of which one of which must be at a tour site and one at winter quarters?</p> <p>Are general healthcare and treatments properly administered?</p>		
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**THE FOLLOWING SPACE IS PROVIDED FOR:**

- **ADDITIONAL NOTES AND COMMENTS ON THE ANSWERS TO THE EARLIER QUESTIONS**
- **ANY GENERAL REMARKS WHICH THE INSPECTOR MAY WISH TO RECORD**

Circus Mondeo have submitted a range of additional and modified documents to me following discussions at the inspection and I am now content that the new information meets the standards required. I have requested this is all copied to the inspectorate. The list is

1. Signed finalised letter from lead vet
2. Modified reindeer care plans
3. Modified welfare risk assessments
4. Journey contingency plan
5. Journey plan to Kings Lynn

I therefore consider that the circus complies with all conditions of the regulation and recommend that a license is issued.

**Section 3: Inspectors Recommendation to Defra**

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Having inspected (name of circus)

operated by (name of operator).

on:

**Summarise the potential impact of the issues found on the welfare of the wild animals in this travelling circus, noting the involvement of any other authority.**

I found no issues of welfare concern that should prevent this circus from being licensed. The licensee has a good understanding of the necessary standards required and has implemented processes in order to meet these standards in all areas.

{This text will be transferred to the letter sent to the circus after the inspection}

**Recommendation:**

- Licence awarded / Continue to be licensed
- Documentary evidence to demonstrate improvements to be provided
- Early visit recommended to confirm that action taken
- Licence refused / suspended

*(Please delete as necessary)*

Signed:

Dated:



**Section 4: Decision**

**The Circus Licensing Panel, on behalf of the Secretary of State, makes the following decision:**

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- It is recommended that a licence be refused/suspended
- It is recommended that the above circus be licensed in accordance with the Regulations

*(delete as necessary)*

**Explanatory note if decision is different from recommendation**

Signed:

Dated:

The Inspector should complete sections 1-3 and submit the signed form to the Wildlife Licensing and Registration Team, who will keep one copy and pass one to DEFRA. DEFRA will return a copy of the form with section 4 completed to WLRT.

## **The Data Protection Act 1998**

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25/2/13

MONDAO CIRCUS

This is to confirm that on the above date I visited Mondao circus, situated at Knights Farm Shop, Knights Roundabout, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

Accompanied by [REDACTED] MRCVS, I arrived at 12.50 & departed at 14.05hrs.

I read the microchip nos. of two bactrian camels & verified them to be as documented viz.

"Kashmere" (male) 981000100056068

"Sabia" (female) 981000100056149

A visual check found the two camels to be in good condition with the exception that the white one, "Sabia" had mange-like lesions on both hind legs below hock level. An inspection of the on-site health records showed that appropriate medication had been administered.

[REDACTED] MRCVS