

Inspection Report

Section 1:

Name of applicant or current licence holder:

Name of circus:

Location of circus

 Postcode

Tel no. Fax no.

Name of Inspector	Name of Accompanying Officer	Name(s) of Circus Representative
<input type="text" value="[Redacted]"/>	<input type="text" value="[Redacted]"/>	Carol McManus
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Date and start time of inspection:

Date and finish time of inspection:

Preamble to Inspector's Report*

The circus has a current license in place and so was touring and performing legally. The circus has been on the current site for the winter period but resumed performances a week ago. The site is on a car park at a garden centre set well back from the public highway in a secure fenced site. The animal tents have been erected on the car park but there is a small paddock behind the tents to allow daily turnout. The positioning of the animal accommodation prevented public viewing or access. The animals inspected were 2 Reindeer, 2 Bactrian Camels and a single Zebra

*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).

<p>(1) Staff Is unsupervised access to licensed animals restricted to authorised persons?</p>	<p>Yes - the list of authorised persons was inspected and a Category A supervisor is on site at all times.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(2) Healthcare Do all licensed animals appear to be in good health?</p>	<p>Yes all the animals were in excellent health. A change in diet has improved the general condition of the reindeer since my last inspection a year ago. The zebra had a small, unremarkable graze on his hind leg which had been appropriately treated with antiseptic The reindeers were in hard antler and had received testosterone injections to encourage shedding in November</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(3) Environment Are areas used by licensed animals operated in a way that provides good welfare? Are areas a suitable size? Are areas in good condition and free from hazards? Are areas sufficiently secure? Are areas suited to the social, behavioural and environmental needs of the animals? Do animals have sufficient access to exercise and enrichment? Are areas hygienic and clean? Do areas have a suitable floor? Are environmental factors managed, including shelter from the elements? Is due regard had for species specific guidance?</p>	<p>The housing of the animals exceeded the size requirements set out in the standards. The purpose designed animal tents were erected as in previous inspections. The camels were observed in the small paddock which was adequately and securely fenced. The zebra and reindeer had pens with outdoor access. Old christmas trees had been provided for enrichment to the reindeer and camels. All animals had thick straw beds and sawdust on the floors. Good quality meadow hay was being fed along with vegetables and concentrate feed. All areas were well maintained, safe and hygienic.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(4) Diet Is food stored properly? Is food prepared properly?</p>	<p>Meadow hay is provided either in haynets and racks on on the clean dry floor for the reindeer so they don't get their antlers caught. Concentrate food is stored in sealed barrels inside the feed room in one of the lorries.</p>	<p>Green</p>

<p>(5) Display, training and performance</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 performance risk assessments are in place and up to date. All animals are fit for the tasks expected of them. As the male camel is in musth he is currently not being used in the performance and is not giving rides. One reindeer is more aggressive than normal following his routine testosterone injection and he is also not being used in the show.</p> <p>The zebra and other reindeer are seen in a parade at the beginning of the show and walk one lap of the ring being led by an appropriately trained handler. They have individually made halters .</p> <p>The female camel is used for rides before the show and at the interval. She is handled by appropriately trained staff and has a standard headcollar.</p> <p>There are announcements advising of safety during the performance.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(6) Breeding</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 reindeer are castrated. There is a single zebra. The camels have lived together for many years and have never reproduced.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(7) Transport</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>All animals were fit to travel. The vehicles were inspected. The vehicle which the zebra travels in (with the horses and ponies) has been refurbished and fitted with new rubber flooring.</p>	<p>Green</p>

Issue	Comments/clarification	Level of Compliance (P/A/G)
<p>(1) Tour itinerary</p> <p>Confirm that the inspectorate was informed of the correct current and future location of the licensed travelling circus.</p>	<p>The tour itinerary was reviewed and correct to date.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(2) List of licensed animals</p> <p>Confirm that every animal present which is covered by the licence is uniquely identified</p>	<p>All licensed animals identification was confirmed</p>	<p>Green</p>

<p>(3) List of current location of licensed animals</p> <p>Confirm that the whereabouts of all animals covered by a licence</p>	<p>All licensed animals were on site</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(4) Individual records</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 present and correct</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(5) Care Plans</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) assessment of welfare risks (b) behavioural and environmental enrichment (c) breeding (d) dietary requirements (e) preventative medicine (f) retirement <p>(These sections may be cross referenced to avoid duplication of recording)</p>	<p>The care plans are comprehensive documents and updated regularly.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(6) Daily Records</p> <p>Do the Daily Records record include all factors relevant to welfare of the licensed animals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Diet (b) Training, including results of checks carried out after activities (c) Environment (d) General Observations 	<p>Daily records are completed and retained with appropriate observations</p>	<p>Green</p>

<p>(7) List of authorised persons</p> <p>Confirm that only persons that have appropriate qualifications, experience or supervision are permitted to access and care for the licensed animals</p>	<p>The list of authorised persons has been updated for the forthcoming season. All staff have appropriate experience for the level of access to the wild animals.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(8) List of authorised persons on duty</p> <p>Confirm that someone is in overall charge of the animals at all times.</p> <p>Do circus staff know who is currently on duty and how to contact them urgently?</p>	<p>This is in place in the circus office vehicle</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(9) Journey plans</p> <p>Confirm that sufficient planning is being done before embarking on a journey.</p> <p>Are plans updated with important details about the actual journey afterwards?</p> <p>Is a contingency plan in place for each journey?</p> <p>Does a suitable person travel with the animal?</p>	<p>The journey plans from last year were reviewed and all the necessary information is being recorded. All journeys were well planned and no issues with length of journey or safety issues were identified.</p> <p>Contingency plans are in place. The circus travels together so sufficient animal handlers are available should there be a problem.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(10) Veterinary Care</p> <p>Are the lead vet and the circus in good communication?</p> <p>Is the lead vet providing continuity of care, veterinary oversight and advice on Care Plans?</p> <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>	<p>Veterinary care provided is to a high standard. The animals all receive regular anti-parasite treatments (both endo and exo) foot trimming for the reindeer and donkey is carried out when necessary. The elderly zebra has had his teeth rasped during the year. All animals are in good body condition with healthy coats.</p> <p>The male camel had a eye infection during the summer this required long and intensive treatment but is now completely healed with no scarring or other effects seen at visual examination. This is recorded fully in his records.</p> <p>The zebra is now 30 years old which is extremely old but he is in excellent condition . He shows no weight loss, eats well and is very relaxed and calm.</p> <p>The lead vet has visited and is due to visit again in the next few weeks. A number of routine visits and treatment visits by vets on tour have been undertaken this year and are recorded both by the circus and the vet.</p> <p>A new secure drug cabinet has been fitted and all drugs are now kept in this cabinet which is securely fixed inside the feed and tack room in the lorry.</p>	<p>Green</p>

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**

The animals all appeared in excellent condition at inspection. No contraventions of the licensing requirements were identified. The animals are used very minimally in the circus performance and all tasks are managed safely with due regard to animal welfare and well-being.

Section 3: Inspectors Recommendation to Defra

Having inspected (name of circus)

Circus Mondao

operated by (name of operator).

Carol McManus

on: 18th February 2015

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 concern regarding welfare of the wild animals in the circus at this inspection.

I recommend that the license is continued.

{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:

[Redacted Signature]

Dated:

18th February 2015

Section 4: Decision

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

- ~~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 if different from recommendation

Signed:

S. G. Ellis

Dated:

09/03/15

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

Information supplied on this form will be used by Defra to monitor the implementation of the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations. The information will be held on a central database at Defra and will be used to issue relevant guidance and information to travelling circuses. The information will also be used as a resource to develop relevant training and guidance for the Secretary of State's Circus Inspectors and to field circus related questions and issues addressed from time to time by Non Governmental Organisations, members of the public, Members of Parliament, Government Ministers, other Government Departments. Defra may be required to release information, including personal data and commercial information, on request under the Environmental Information Regulation, the Code of practice on Access to Government Information or the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, Defra will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998.



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Food & Rural Affairs

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Date: 9 March 2015

Dear Ms Macmanus

Application for a licence under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012

As you know, following your application for a renewed licence under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012, an inspection took place on 18 February 2015.

Decision of the Circus Licensing Panel

In summary, the Inspector found that your circus was complying with the circus licensing regime and found no issues which would, in his opinion, prevent the renewal of your licence.

The inspector's findings have been considered by a panel of officials on behalf of the Secretary of State, who have recommended that a licence be issued to you for the period of twelve months from 13 March 2015. A copy of the licence is enclosed with this letter.

A copy of the inspection report is also attached for your information. As you are aware, where an inspection report has been used in deciding the status of a licence, and no further matters are pending, it is our policy to release the report in response to any Freedom of Information request.

Further inspections

During the twelve-month period of your licence, there will be at least two further inspections. An inspector will be in touch with you during the year to arrange at least one of these inspections. There will also be at least one inspection that will be arranged without your prior knowledge. During these unannounced inspections, you will be expected to cooperate fully with the inspector as you would for any announced inspection. The inspector will provide identification on request and you will be able to contact us on the above

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number (during office hours) to confirm the identity of the inspector should you wish. A refusal to allow an inspector to inspect premises during one of these unannounced inspections would be treated as a failed inspection which could result in your licence being suspended or revoked.

As has been indicated previously, you will also be charged for the costs of these further inspection visits, once they have taken place.

Should you have any queries about the terms of your licence, or any other aspect of these regulations or any other animal welfare issues, please contact us at the address or number above.

S. C. Ellis.

(Issued on behalf of the Secretary of State)



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**WELFARE OF WILD ANIMALS IN TRAVELLING CIRCUSES (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2012**

LICENCE TO OPERATE A TRAVELLING CIRCUS USING WILD ANIMALS

The Secretary of State being the appropriate national authority responsible for licensing the use of wild animals in travelling circuses hereby licenses

Name of licence applicant: CAROL MACMANUS

Office held: PROPRIETOR

To operate the travelling circus using wild animals known as: CIRCUS MONDAO

This licence is issued in accordance with the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 for a period of one year and shall remain in force from 13 March 2015 until 12 March 2016, subject to the power of the Secretary of State under the Regulations to suspend, reinstate or revoke the licence.

Issue date: 9 March 2015

Signed:

S. G. Ellis

Name in capitals: SUE ELLIS

Office held: CHAIR, CIRCUS LICENSING PANEL, DEFRA

On behalf of Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs