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Inspection Report

Section 1:

Name of applicant or current licence holder:	Carol Macmanus
Name of circus:	Circus Mondao
Location of circus	Highgate Greyhound stadium, Nicholas Lane Rotherham Postcode: S63 9AT
Tel no.	[redacted]
Fax no.	N/A

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

Date and start time of inspection:	18th Oct 2013,14.30hrs	Date and finish time of inspection:	18th Oct 2013. 18.30hrs

Preamble to Inspector's Report*

This visit is an announced touring inspection, carried out by the nominated inspector accompanied by [redacted] Animal health Officer, AHVLA (Leeds).

The Circus Management and staff provided all necessary details and access to areas during the inspection.

The information supplied prior to the inspection was verified and found to be correct.
At the time of the inspection the Circus was located on a grassed area adjacent to the Greyhound Stadium as above. The area was secured and delineated by a fence and fence and ditch on three sides and by the Stadium perimeter at the other . Access to the area could be obtained only at the circus entrance over a small bridge. Caravans and wagons were placed around the perimeter to ensure security on the site.

*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 (R/A/G)
(1) Staff Is unsupervised access to licensed animals restricted to authorised persons?	The staff list indicates the practice for access to and management of, the animals. Most staff have toured with this circus for some years and are familiar with SOPs. At the inspection staff were noted to be appropriately supervised/accompanied for their categorisation.	G
(2) Healthcare Do all licensed animals appear to be in good health?	Yes . On visual examination, all animals appeared in good health.	G
(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?	Outdoor facilities: Yes , regular monitoring and observation takes place. Yes the site is limited but grazing areas etc were adequate. Yes Yes. Yes suitable areas were identified and in use. Yes. Yes Yes outdoor areas were grassed and any poached areas were improved by use of straw bedding etc. Yes. Accessible shelter adjacent. Yes.	G
(4) Diet Is food stored properly? Is food prepared properly?	Food storage is in a dedicated area in one of the circus wagons. Food is stored in vermin proof and water repellant barrels. Standard commercial foodstuffs appropriate for the species kept are supplied and forage of suitable quality is adequately presented. Access to fresh water is always available.	G
(5) Display, training and performance Are the precautions required by the assessment of welfare risks carried out? Are animals fit for the activities expected of them? Are only suitable areas used for display, training and performance?	The inspector observed a typical performance. Zebra and reindeer appear only in the ring "parade" and do not "perform" as such. The camels are used for supervised rides prior to the performance and at the interval. Supervision overall is by two Category "A" personnel , the animals being led by Category"B" handlers. Equipment/tack is of appropriate type and fit. Compliance with the licence conditions of this section was noted.	G

Are display, training and performance correctly staffed? Are items of equipment (including aids, props, costumes, decoration etc) designed, maintained and used appropriately? Are the animals checked after carrying out activities? Are there signage and announcements to inform the public?	Yes Yes . Tack and related equipment is designed and made by a professional saddler. Yes as a standard routine. Yes . Prior to and during the performance.	
(6) Breeding Are the health and welfare needs of animals during all stages of the breeding process met? Is guidance on fitness followed? Is suitable veterinary care provided?	Yes. The camels have been housed together for several years and no breeding behaviour has been recorded. Both appear healthy and there does not appear to be any welfare problem or incompatibility. Zebra and reindeer are all neutered male animals . Yes.	G
(7) Transport Check for evidence of unfit animals being transported. Can you confirm this is not the case? Are transport containers and any fitting (etc) suitable?	Yes. No unfit animals on site. The animal wagons are purpose built and have access ramps leading to the flat bed area which has non slip flooring and appropriate swing partitions allow separation of animals as required. All animals are trained to load quietly and are hand led on halters to their stalls. Yes.	G

Records	**Comments/clarification**	**Level of Compliance (R/A/G)**
(1) Tour itinerary Confirm that the inspectorate was informed of the correct current and future location of the licensed travelling circus.	A written itinerary was supplied which appeared correct and included details of distance and duration of journeys. This location is the penultimate one for this season. the circus will then return to winter quarters. (4th Nov 2013).	G
(2) List of licensed animals Confirm that every animal present which is covered by the licence is uniquely identified	The animals listed were present and identities confirmed	G
(3) List of current location of licensed animals Confirm that the whereabouts of all animals covered by a licence	Alll animals listed were present at the location	G
(4) Individual records 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.	Individual records were available for inspection and information therein appeared up to date and accurate.	G

(5) Care Plans Do Care Plans demonstrate that good welfare standards have been planned for and put into practice? Do they record that the welfare needs of licensed animals are being provided for? (Particular note should be taken of the daily record sheets) Are they reviewed regularly? Group Care Plans and Individual Care Plans should each include sections on: (a) assessment of welfare risks (b) behavioural and environmental enrichment (c) breeding (d) dietary requirements (e) preventative medicine (f) retirement (These sections may be cross referenced to avoid duplication of recording)	Yes.Care plans were present and in use and appeared up to date and accurately recording procedures. Behavioural activity and enrichment was provided for in the care plans and confirmed by observation at the site. Yes. Diet sheets are constructed with appropriate content and the recommendations therein followed. Breeding plans were present but no activity is contemplated at present. Yes. All sections complete. The veterinary programme including preventative medicine is present and records confirm compliance, however the operators must ensure that at least one of the lead veterinary visits takes place at a tour location.	G
(6) Daily Records 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	Yes. Day records are now part of the established routine and SOPs. Clipboards are present within the animal quarters in the Tents and are amended or added to as required throughout the day. The operators have indicated the future possibility of recording much of this information in electronic format for later archiving on computer.	G
(7) List of authorised persons Confirm that only persons that have appropriate qualifications, experience or supervision are permitted to access and care for the licensed animals	The authorised persons list is complete and compliance throughout the period of the inspection was noted	G
(8) List of authorised persons on duty 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?	SOPs for these arrangments are in place and as far as I am aware, are working satisfactorily. Yes.	G

(9) Journey plans 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?	Journey plans and records of subsequent journeys were present and appeared complete. Contingency planning has taken place and is documented and staff are aware of procedures. Yes, where necessary. Wagons are driven only by Category"A" staff, who are assisted /accompanied by at least 2 category"B" staff. Yes . The circus normally travels in one group i.e. in "convoy", which should add another level of safety for contingency action. Yes.	G
(10) Veterinary Care 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? Are routine quarterly visits carried out by veterinary surgeons? 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? Are general healthcare and treatments properly administered?	Yes.At the time of this inspection , Veterinary visits had taken place: 1. Visit to treat chronic hock injury in Zebra. 2. Visit to microchip reindeer. Yes , but see note at end. Yes. See note at end. Routine anthelminthic treatment has taken place. The veterinary activities are recorded on the animal's record sheets and confirmed by veterinary correspondence. Yes.	G.

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 management and staff appear to be making a genuine effort to fully comply with the current requirements and are receptive to constructive advice to ensure ongoing compliance.
Records appear up to date , clearly completed and safely stored. General management and staff competence appears good.
There is a genuine interest by operators and staff to ensure the welfare of all the animals in the circus is catered for to a high standard and that this is maintained.

The need for retension of day records will produce a potential problem of bulk storage, the operators are aware of this and are investigating the possibility of retension in electronic format.

There was some confusion with regard to at least one visit by the lead vet to a tour site. This had taken place in the early part of the season, but was before the licence had been confirmed. A subsequent lead vet visit has not yet taken place. This was drawn to the attention of the operators who confirmed that this error would be corrected.

Although this inspection is not primarily concerned with public H&S issues I suggested to the operators that prior to the opening of the post performance animal "zoo", an announcement be made to the public, to ensure the safe supervision of their children within that area. I also suggested, the possibility of the provision of hand disinfection spray on exit from the area, or a notice directing the public to the adjacent toilet/hand washing facilities.

Section 3: Inspectors Recommendation to Defra

Having inspected (name of circus) Circus Mondao

operated by (name of operator). Carol Macmanus

on: 17th October 2013

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.

Current compliance is satisfactory. Record keeping appears accurate and complete.
No animal welfare problems are noted at present . The welfare of the ageing animals is closely monitored and ongoing Veterinary care appears prompt and to a high standard.

Under "Recommendation" below, it is not possible to strike out worded areas in the electronic format , so the recommendation " THAT THE CIRCUS CONTINUE TO BE LICENSED " is made in this section.

{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] Dated: 20th October 2013.

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: 8/11/2013

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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8 November 2013

Dear Ms Macmanus

Routine inspection under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012

As you know, an announced inspection of your travelling circus took place on 18 October 2013 under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations).

In summary, the Inspector found that, aside from some confusion over the required visits by the lead vet, your circus was complying with the circus licensing regime and no welfare concerns regarding the then six licensed animals were identified. The competence of management and staff appears good and they appear to be making a genuine effort to fully comply with the current requirements and are receptive to constructive advice to ensure on-going compliance. Records appear to be up to date, clearly completed and safely stored.

The Inspector's findings have been considered by a panel of officials on behalf of the Secretary of State, who were satisfied that at the time of the visit the conditions of the Regulations appeared to be being complied with and who have recommended that your current licence is allowed to continue.

The Panel did note the comment by the Inspector that there had been some confusion about the need for at least one visit by your lead vet to a tour site. Whilst a visit had taken place in the early part of the touring season, this was before the licence had been confirmed. A subsequent lead vet visit had not taken place at the time of the inspection. I understand that you confirmed to the inspector that this error would be corrected. You are reminded that guidance on the regulations (Page 14) states "The lead vet must carry out at least two of the routine visits. At least one of these should take place at the winter quarters for the circus animals and at least one at a tour site to inspect all the animals and advise on the conditions whilst on tour." I understand that your touring season has now finished but that you will arrange for a lead vet visit as soon as possible now the animals

have returned to their winter quarters. I would be grateful if you could confirm to AHVLA SSC as soon as possible that the lead vet visit has taken place.

In addition to the above, we acknowledge receipt of your email of 29 October containing the news about your Zebra Sinbad (micro-chip number 941000014389467). We would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the vet's report, including details of when Sinbad was examined and put to sleep (if different), as soon as you receive it.

Further Inspections

This inspection completes the schedule of inspections planned for your circus this year. However, I would remind you that the Secretary of State retains the power to undertake further announced or unannounced inspections during the remaining period of your licence. Additional inspections may also be required in response to changes in your stock list, any complaints received or concerns raised about the wild animals in your circus.

You will usually be charged for the costs of any further inspection visits, once they have taken place.

Licence Renewal

Your current licence is due to expire on 12 March 2014. If you wish to continue touring England with wild animals after 12 March we would advise you to renew your licence in good time, ideally before the start of your next touring season. As with your original application it could take up to 6 weeks to issue a renewal, assuming that the paperwork is in order and a visit can be arranged. A fee of £389.36 must still be paid when applying for a renewal.

S. G. Ellis.

(Issued on behalf of the Secretary of State)

[redacted]

29 October 2013.

Veterinary Report re: Sinbad, 26 year-old Zebra gelding, microchip number 941000014389467.

Owner: Carol MacManus, [redacted]
Lead Veterinarian: [redacted]
Attending Veterinarian: [redacted].
Location: Circus Mondao, Dronfield, Sheffield.

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Sinbad was first presented at approximately 11.00 on the morning of the above date for an episode of colic. Previous history included two episodes of colic over the past two years; these resolved spontaneously after passing abnormally large faecal balls. He also had reduced functional vision bilaterally and scars on both hind limbs due previous injuries. On the morning of presentation a large faecal ball covered in mucous had been passed but the zebra remained quiet, flicking his tail.

On physical examination Sinbad was bright alert and responsive, his heart rate (HR) was 60 beats per minute and respiratory rate (RR)12 breaths per minute. Gut sounds were absent in the dorsal quadrants and reduced in the ventral quadrants. He was not amenable to assessment of mucous membrane colour and capillary refill time. Using 3 milligrams (mg) of detomidine (Equimidine) and 5mg of butorphanol (Torbugesic), Sinbad was sedated intra-venously (IV) and I also administered 80mg hyoscine butylbromide (Buscopan) in order to facilitate rectal examination and naso-gastric intubation. 350mg of flunixin meglumine were also given IV at this stage. Rectal examination was only possible as far as the pelvic brim. Another large faecal ball was removed from the rectum and a gas-distended viscus was palpable at the pelvic brim; assumed to be large colon. There was no reflux of stomach contents on naso-gastric intubation.

My assessment was that the clinical signs of colic were due to the gas distension felt on rectal examination, possibly due to obstruction or displacement of the large intestines. I delivered 3 litres of water, in which approximately 100 grammes (g) of magnesium sulphate and 100g of sodium chloride were dissolved, via the naso-gastric tube. I instructed the owner to starve Sinbad overnight, to walk him in hand, and, if improved the following morning, to let him graze grass and give small amounts of soaked hay.

At 21.00 the same day I re-visited Sinbad due to lack of improvement. He had been seen lying down and rolling. He was bright alert responsive, his HR was 60 and RR 20, gut sounds as before. Abdominal distension was also apparent. Referral to a hospital for surgery was discussed, however this route was not pursued and the decision was made to keep him comfortable in the hope that the gas distension would resolve. 350mg of flunixin were given IV.

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Sinbad was assessed again at 04.00. He had become quiet but remained alert, his HR was 72, RR 32, abdominal distension more pronounced, with no change in gut sounds. 350mg flunixin and 75mg xylazine (Chanazine) were administered IV to provide analgesia. There was no reflux on naso-gastric intubation.

At 08.00 he appeared brighter and more comfortable, however his HR had risen to 68 and RR 20, with increased abdominal distension. Gut sounds remained absent dorsally and reduced ventrally. No faeces had been passed since initial examination. A further 350mg flunixin were given and 75mg xylazine IV to enable naso-gastric intubation; 6 litres of water were delivered. The plan was made to continue with less regular analgesia and no sedation if possible. The Lead Veterinarian was contacted to inform him of the situation.

At 18.00 there were signs that Sinbad had been rolling again. HR was 72, RR 32 with respiratory effort, and further abdominal distension was evident. 350mg flunixin were administered IV. After discussion with the owner it was decided that if no improvement was apparent in 14 hours then euthanasia would be strongly considered.

29/10/2013

On examination at 08.00 the zebra was quiet, HR 80, RR 32 with significant respiratory effort and severe abdominal distension. Auscultation of the lung fields was abnormal with crackles throughout. Considering the continued decline in clinical condition and evident physiological compromise it was decided to euthanase Sinbad. This was performed via a cannula in the left jugular vein with 30 millilitres of Somulose (secobarbital sodium and cinchocaine hydrochloride).

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information. My mobile phone number is [redacted].

Kind regards,

[redacted].

Directors: [redacted]

Circus Mondao inspection of 12th November 2013, including 1 zebra, 2 reindeer and 2 camels.

To whom it may concern,

I inspected the above animals on 29th January 2013.

Unfortunately, one of the zebra, (Simba), was euthanased on 29th October 2013 due to intractable colic. I have a full copy of the clinical notes from the attending veterinary surgeon.

With the exception of the female camel, the remaining animals were in good physical condition. At the time of this visit, the female camel was a little underweight, but was not exhibiting any outward signs of disease. She was bright and alert and eating normally. There was no evidence of diarrhoea and a faecal sample was taken to assess the worming status of this animal. There was no evidence of a worm problem. A decision was taken at this point to increase the food offered and monitor her weight both visually and by physically measuring her girth with a measuring tape. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Accommodation was of a high standard, clean, well ventilated and comfortable.

It is clear that my recommendations as per my previous report dated 29th January 2013 have been implemented. I have copies of the proposed arrangements should any of these animals require isolation and there is now a specific medicines book relating to all medicine usage. I have asked that the person administering the medicine should also sign in the relevant column in this book.

We had a brief look at the small amount of medicines currently held and none were out of date. There was evidence of a modified sharps bin in use.

Yours Faithfully,

[redacted]